

Dear NDSS Parents, Guardians and Students,

Here is the weekly information update for Wednesday, February 23, 2022

### PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

- Second semester parent/teacher (P/T) interviews are **next Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30-6:30pm**. These March P/T meetings will be phone calls scheduled in 10-min increments so we can accommodate as many interviews as possible.
- To provide time for teachers to prepare for P/T phone calls, **students will be dismissed at 1:50pm on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**
- NDSS will be using a booking platform system called 'School Appointments' to schedule these phone calls.
- Starting this coming Friday at 12pm, NDSS parents and guardians can [register](#) and then sign up for a 10 min time slot with our teachers using this link: <https://ndss.schoolappointments.com/admin/>. Please provide a current phone number.
- Step by step instructions were sent as an attachment with this Wed. email update to help navigate the registration process.
- Registration for P/T phone calls will open Friday, February 25 at noon and close on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon.

### NDSS SAFETY PLAN UPDATE

- On Friday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, the Ministry of Education provided information to districts information on the lifting of the [Dec 2021 Addendum](#) - Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings. Details are in the next section.
- Considering recent announcements, NDSS is returning to our regular lunch time bell schedule and end times. This means that all students will have the same lunch and end of day times as per our pre-Jan 2022 [bell schedule on our site](#).
- NDSS will also be unlocking one of the doors located at the main entrance of the school at 7:30am as was our practice pre-pandemic. Students who early are welcome to work in the cafeteria or head to the library when it opens at 8:00am.

### SPECTATORS & GUESTS UPDATE

- School events which include inviting guests (*e.g., parents, volunteers*) or occur between sites (*e.g., a music festival, sports game, or tournament*), indoor capacity should not exceed 50 people or 50% of operating capacity (*whichever is greater*).
- Spectators (*e.g., parents, caregivers, peers*), may be present for gatherings and events (*e.g., attend performance club theatre productions, inter-school sports games and tournaments, etc.*) within the 50% operating capacity limits.
- Visitors to schools are no longer limited to those supporting activities of direct benefit to student learning and wellbeing

### RAPID TESTS FOR STUDENTS

- The Ministry is providing one box of five rapid tests for each student. We are expecting our allocation to arrive here at NDSS any day now as some other NLPS schools already have. NDSS will distribute the boxes during scheduled classes.
- [Guidance for parents](#) on how to help their child use these rapid- tests at home is inside the box and the link below provides information on when to use them. We will send out an update to parents as to when to expect the tests to be sent home.
- [http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID-19\\_Tests/POC\\_screening/RapidTestInstructions\\_Artron.pdf](http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID-19_Tests/POC_screening/RapidTestInstructions_Artron.pdf)

### OTHER INFORMATION ITEMS

- [The Nanaimo Maple Sugar Festival](#) needs volunteers!! NDSS students are encouraged to fill in the [volunteer registration form](#) on their site and email it to [afn@francophonenanaimo.org](mailto:afn@francophonenanaimo.org). This festival takes place from March 25-27, 2022.
- Our next [PAC meeting](#) will be in-person in our NDSS library next Wednesday on March 2nd at 7:00pm.
- **Grad fees are due** and can paid via our [online payment system](#). We know our 2022 grads are eager to receive information related to graduation. Please be patient as we work with other NLPS secondaries to create plans. More info coming soon.