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Dear NDSS Parents, Guardians and Students,

Here is the weekly information update for Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022

NDSS SHORT STAFFED TODAY

- Our front office is short staffed today and replacements were unavailable for planned absences due to the on-going needs.
- Several of our amazing teachers have volunteered to come to assist our clerical staff to answer phones throughout the day as they are available and able. I am so thankful for our great team who work together during these types of situations.
- If you need to call the main line today, we appreciate your patience as the person who answers the phone may be inexperienced in responding to the types of question you have. We anticipate returning to normal staffing levels tomorrow.
- Parent can help us allocate our available resources to primarily address the needs of student's today by delaying any non-urgent phone calls to the main office. Instead, we ask that you email any questions you may have to: info.nd@sd68.bc.ca

LAST CALL TO BOOK P/T CALLS

- Parent/Teacher interviews are tomorrow, **Thursday, March 3rd from 3:30-6:30pm**. The format is a 5 min phone call.
- Our online booking system to schedule a P/T call time with your teen(s) teacher (s) is open until 12pm tomorrow, Mar 3.
- Please use this link to sign up: <https://ndss.schoolappointments.com/admin/> and provide a current phone number.
- Some teachers, particularly our French Immersion team, are already completely booked. If a teacher you would like to speak with has no spots left, [please email them](#) to schedule a 5 min call at a time at a later date that works for both of you.

GRADUATION UPDATE

- NLPS Secondary Principals have all agreed to pause planning and discussion pertaining to June 2022 grad until mid-April.
- This is to wait and see if scheduled BC Ministry of Health updates will include information that may guide our available options. Families of grade 12's can anticipate receiving some concrete information by end the of April at the very latest.
- What know is that NDSS graduation celebrations (*format, location, and size TBD*) will occur between June 27-29th. We may have several sm. convocations here at the school or a larger, whole group, processional style ceremony off site. Stay tuned.
- In the meantime, our grad committee would like to purchase NDSS swag gifts for our graduates as is our tradition regardless of format. Funds for these gifts are part of grad fees. We encourage you to **pay these fees now** as only 50% have to date.

OTHER INFORMATION

- **PAC meeting** is tonight, in-person, from 7:00-8:00pm in our library. *All parents* are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- NDSS has not yet received our shipment of rapid tests for students from the Ministry. We will let you know when we do.
- Applications for available spots in our NLPS Academies (*sports & music*) are now closed. The lottery process is taking place at the district level this week. Families who have applied for spaces can anticipate hearing back in the coming weeks.
- Next week (*March 7-11*) is the final 5 days of classes prior to our scheduled 2-week spring break for all NLPS schools. The first day of classes after this pause of instruction is Mon, Mar 28 @ 8:30am. All school staff will be off work during this time.

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