

Dear NDSS Parents, Guardians and Students,

Here is the weekly information update for Wednesday, March 30th, 2022

RE-SCHEDULED PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENTS

- The postponed January 2022 Gr. 10 & 12 Literacy & Numeracy Assessments are now scheduled from April 25-29, 2022.
- The Gr. 12 French Immersion Assessments for 2022 have been cancelled by the Ministry. This decision will not affect [graduation requirements](#) for our immersion students who are expected to earn a dual dogwood diploma this coming June.
- Gr. 10's & 12's who are taking English courses this semester will be writing their Lit. assessment during regular class time.
- Gr. 12's who haven't yet completed the Lit. 10 or Math 10 Assessments or Lit 12 (*and are not currently taking English 12*), can find out their test date/time/location beside their name & last name initial on a list to be posted next Monday, April 4th
- The posted list of names & assessment date will be on the white board located across from the office in the main entrance.

CONVOCATION INFORMATION

- Recently updates from the PHO provided the NDSS Grad Committee confidence to confirm some of our June convocation plans that were tentatively booked earlier this year in hopeful anticipation of the next steps in lifting covid-19 restrictions.
- Our grads can expect to attend a convocation rehearsal at the Vancouver Island Conference Center on Tues, June 28th.
- Families of our June 2022 Grads can plan on attending the NDSS Convocation on Wednesday June 29th at the Vancouver Island Conference Center. More details will be sent directly to families of Gr., 12's in the coming weeks/months.
- The times and format of the grad rehearsal & ceremony will be shared after the next PHO update anticipated for April 7th.
- It would be very much appreciated if parents/guardians of our Gr. 12's could ensure that their Grad fees are now paid via our [online payment system](#). Please email me, [Liana Appelt](#), if this year's Grad fee poses a financial hardship for your family.

STUDENT HELP NEEDED

- Student volunteers are needed as ambassadors/leaders for several school orientation events scheduled in mid-April. This includes visits to our elementary feeder schools, a Gr. 7's tours of ND during a regular day and a parent information evening.
- If you are a student interested in helping with one or more of the upcoming NDSS orientation events, please sign up in the counselling area by Friday, April 1st @ 2pm. Preference is our students sign up for the elementary school they attended.
- There will be a meeting sometime next week to discuss expectations and responsibilities of students who want to volunteer.

COVID-19 UPDATE

- Since the return to school after spring break, student and staff in BC are [no longer required](#) to wear a mask unless they are returning from outside of Canada. In this case, staff and students must wear a mask for [14 days after arrival from travel](#).
- Mask requirements for those arriving from international travel is part of a Federal Government Order in place until tomorrow.
- Students and staff who traveled outside of Canada over spring break are asked to follow this order by wear a mask in schools for 14 days or until the order expires on Thursday, March 31 at midnight. Thank you for your understanding.

OTHER INFORMATION

- Our next, in-person, NDSS [PAC meeting](#) is on Wednesday, April 6th from 7:00-8:00pm in our library learning commons.
- NLPS has a newly updated COVID-19 Communicable Disease Plan at: <https://www.sd68.bc.ca/document/46674/>
- [Nanaimo Arts Council](#) is hosting an Island Short Fiction Contest. There is no fee entry fee for youth (13-18). NDSS Students are encouraged to write their submission in word, [then upload online](#) by the contest deadline of midnight on April 30, 2022.

Liana Appelt
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