

Dear NDSS Parents, Guardians and Students,

Here is the weekly information update for Wednesday, April 13, 2022

PISA STUDENT ASSESSMENTS

- The International Student Assessment (PISA) measures the skills and knowledge of 15-year-old students in mathematics, science, and reading. More information on PISA is available at <https://www.cmec.ca/251/Overview.html>
- PISA has been conducted every three years since 2000. Approximately 86 countries participate in PISA, including Canada and NDSS has been selected as one of many secondary schools from around the world to participate this year.
- The Ministry has randomly chosen 57 of our gr. 10's to complete the PISA on either April 19 or 20th. The assessments will take place in our library and Ms. Kullman will be emailing the selected students and their parents with more information.

GRAD INFORMATION

- Gr. 12 students and their families will be receiving a grad newsletter via email with confirmed grad details. It will be very important to read the section on ordering grad gowns as the deadline to do so is May 15, 2022. Please pay grad fees.
- Our NDSS website will also have a 'new' page devoted to information pertaining to Graduation. It will be live tomorrow and you will be able find it on the first page of our school site beside the 'News & Calendar' option at the top/center.

HELP! NDSS PARENTS PLEASE COMPLETE

- NDSS has very low rates of parents and/or guardians from our school who have completed the 2022 Ministry of Education Anonymous Learning Survey. A letter sent to families on Jan 31, 2022 from Ms. Shelley Gvojich with details on the survey.
- The information gathered in this survey provides us (school & district) with valuable information that will help us ensure we are attending to what matters most to the students, parents, and teachers at NDSS.
- To complete the survey, go to: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
- Then scroll down past the student 'logon' section to where you will see the parent logon section. It's confusing because there is one log on option that asks for a #. You don't need this. Please use the option to the right called "Direct Access"

Parents

Please complete one survey for each child.
Parents have two options for accessing the survey: either by using a logon provided to you by your school, or by using the Direct (logon-free) Access (please select one of the options below).

With a logon number from your school	Direct Access — no logon number required
Logon # <input type="text"/> Language: English <input type="text"/>	District: 68 Nanaimo-Ladysmith <input type="text"/> School: [Blank] <input type="text"/> Language: English <input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="Log On"/>	<input type="button" value="Log On"/>

UPCOMING NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

- This weekend is the April stat-holiday long weekend. There is no school Friday, April 15th or Monday, April 18th
- Th May 5 and Fr May 6th are Professional Development Days so there is no school for students on these two days.

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