

Dear NDSS Parents, Guardians and Students,

Here is the weekly information update for Wednesday, April 27, 2022

MyEd ACCESS

- MyEd Parent Portal has been restricted until approximately 2:00pm, on Wed, May 4 when report cards are released. This allows NDSS teachers time to input and publish interim report card marks and comments to the portal in the next few days.
- Prior to May 4th, students who login to their portal accounts within this timeframe will not have access to the Transcript side tab, and therefore, will not be able to view any of their report card marks or comments.
- Semester 2 interim report cards will be released in the [MyEd Family Portals](#) between 2:00-4:00pm on Wednesday, May 4th.

INFORMATION FOR GRADS

- The Graduation [cap and gown ordering site](#) is up and running and June 2022 grads have until May 15th to order their cap, gown, and v-stole. More information & instructions are on the [Grad Page of the NDSS website](#) and in the Grad Newsletter.
- [Grad fees must be paid by June 1st](#) in order to attend the Graduation Ceremony at VIC and to pick up your cap & gown when they arrive. Please contact me at liana.appelt@sd68.bc.ca if our Grad Fees cause undue hardship for your family.
- To clarify, NDSS Grad Fees are completely unrelated to "Prom Fee's". Prom is not a school sanctioned event nor are any NDSS staff involved in the planning. Prom is a parent-run initiative and none of the NLPS secondary schools are involved.

STUDENT CONDUCT REMINDER

- NDSS Administration and Staff are aware of several unsanctioned graduation traditions that typically occur outside of school hours. Some of the activities that grads have organized in the past have involved play/fake weapons such as water guns.
- It is important that we remind our 'soon to be grads' that our NDSS Student Code of Conduct is always in effect, regardless of whether an unapproved activity occurs inside the building, surrounding areas or in the student or staff parking lots.
- We want to ensure that fun & safe grad activities that occur outside of school hours do not encourage bringing items or acting in ways that breach our [NLPS Code of Conduct](#). Water guns are not permitted anywhere on school grounds.
- Our NDSS Student Code of Conduct is on page 9 of our Student Handbook which is posted on our website and the School App: <https://nd.schools.sd68.bc.ca/documents/2021/08/ndss-student-handbook-2021-2022.pdf/>

FOCUS FOR MAY

- NDSS School has three initiatives related to [Student Mental Health & Wellness](#) that will occur throughout the month of May.
- Each is described in the Term 4 Newsletter and all staff and students will be directly involved with at least one, hopefully more, of the various components for the next few weeks. The newsletter was sent with this email is posted on our website.
- A reminder to students that the [NDSS School App](#) 'My School Day' has a recent update that includes a sm. 'helping hands' icon at the bottom right of the menu option below the daily calendar where Mental Health supports & services are listed.

UPDATES FOR STUDENTS

- The library is hosting the gr. 10 & 12 Literacy and Numeracy assessments all week. Next week, the library will return to regular hours for students to use this space before and after school and at lunch. Thank you for not interrupting these tests.
- Any students interested in joining ND's brand new 'Belly Dancing Club' are encouraged to go to room 203 (dance studio) on Mondays at lunch in the dance studio. All are welcome. See Ramona in the counselling office if you have questions.

Liana Appelt
Principal, NDSS