



Nanaimo District Secondary School

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Dear NDSS Parents, Guardians and Students,

Here is the weekly information update for Wednesday, May 4th, 2022

NO SCHOOL

- An important reminder that there is no school for students tomorrow, Thursday May 5th and Friday May 6th as these are district wide Professional Development Days. Regular instruction resumes on Monday, May 9th at 8:30am.

INTERIM REPORT CARDS

- Semester two interim report cards will be released today in both student and parent [MyEd portals](#) between 2:00-5:00pm.
- Full MyEd portal access will be restored when interim report cards become visible.
- For questions or concerns pertaining to report cards, please emailed the course teacher. The email addresses of NDSS staff members are on our website in alphabetical order at: <https://nd.schools.sd68.bc.ca/our-school/staff-directory/>

MENTAL HEALTH FOCUS

- This morning, teachers kicked off our focus for May on Mental Health with a short, [student created video](#) in their block-A classes. For more information on this initiative, please read Kate Findlay's write up on p. 2 of our [Term 4 newsletter](#).
- Next Tuesday, May 10th, in addition to watching a 2nd Mental Health Video Moment, gr. 8-10 students will participate in an interactive and informative [White Hatter](#) session on the topic of *Internet Safety and Digital Literacy*.
- Then, on Thursday May 12, during their double block-B class, gr. 11-12's will participate in a different White Hatter session entitled, 'How Teens Can [Leverage the Internet & Social Media](#) to Create Opportunities'.

GRAD UPDATES

- The deadline to order a cap and gown for the NDSS June convocation is **Sunday, May 15, 2022**. For those who have yet to order, we urge our grads to order convocation garments online as soon as possible at: <https://www.buildagrad.com/ndss>
- Students who have applied to VIU are encouraged to connect with Advising at 250.740.6410 or email advising@viu.ca.
- The NDSS Grad website page has the most up to date information for all things related to convocation 2022: <https://sites.google.com/learn68.ca/ndss-grad/home>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Valedictorian nomination forms for the class of 2022 are in the office. To nominate somebody, please come and pick up a form. Completed student nomination forms must be submitted into the main office by 2:00 pm on Friday, May 13th.
- Students, do you have a job interview, special event or celebration coming up that you need an outfit for? Or do you simply enjoy all thing fashion? If yes, then join Ms. Appelt's new *Fashion Club* meeting in Ms. Funk's rm. 220 every Tues., at lunch.
- Our NDSS May PAC meeting is tonight from 7:00-8:00pm in our Library Learning Commons. All are welcome to attend and the agenda for this evening is posted on the [PAC page](#) of our school website.

Liana Appelt
Principal, NDSS