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Dear NDSS Students and Families,

Here is the weekly update for Wednesday, September 21st, 2022.

Our school had a successful Terry Fox Run/Walk today and has currently raised \$859.15. We will still be accepting online donations at <https://schools.terryfox.ca/NanaimoDistrictSecondary> until the end of the week. Thank you to everyone who donated!

### Parents and Guardians:

#### **MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT:**

September 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 pm. Come out and connect with the school staff in our first in person Meet the Teacher night. STAY TUNES FOR MORE DETAILS- Email to come out on Friday. Please ensure that you bring your student with you, so they can tour you around the building, or download the NDSS App and ask your student for their schedule and room numbers so that you are able to enter the information for yourself.

#### **Format:**

BBQ out front 5:15-5:45

5:45- 6:15 Grade group meetings

- Grade 8/9 parents in the gym- how to access support, code of conduct
- Grade 10 parents in the small gym- information on the graduation program
- Grade 11 parents in the large cafeteria- Information on CTC and planning for graduation
- Grade 12 parents in the library

6:30- 7:30 Block Rotation- families will be able to meet their student's teachers for some information on the course, how to connect in the case of an absence, and other important details.

## **PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

Our First PAC meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm in the library. Please come out and join us, as we would love to have a diverse group to represent our student population. You can email the PAC chair if you have any questions at [NDSSPACCHAIR@gmail.com](mailto:NDSSPACCHAIR@gmail.com) PAC Agendas and minutes will be posted on the PAC corner section of our website.

## **PERMISSION FORMS:**

### **E-Consent Forms**

Today you received three emails with consent forms for your student(s). Student Information Consent Form, Cloud Consent Form, and Student Emergency Release Form. **Please check your junk email as they may have ended up in that folder.** The link will expire within 60 days, please do this at your earliest convenience.

### **We have had the following issues come up:**

If you click the link and it shows only a “submit” button without the form, you will need to copy and paste the link into a browser, and this should then bring up the form. Some email addresses have securities in place, which is why the link won’t work. Some of the emails the link is not clickable so you will need to copy and paste into a browser.

If you noticed your information on the Emergency Release Form is incorrect, please fill out your updated information on the Student Verification Form that came home and send back to the school. We are working our way through updating this information. Our system pulls “home phone” first so please make sure to have the correct number in this field.

**If you do not fill out these forms, it can jeopardize your students learning as this gives consent for technology use.**

This is a new initiative this year and the district is working through any glitches as they arise.

Our new NLPS **eConsent** web application for schools to manage annual parent/guardian consent forms is now available for all schools for immediate use. Check out the new [eConsent help site](#). It contains User Guides for the School Office and for Teachers.

<https://www.sd68.bc.ca/information-technology/econsent/>

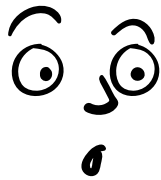
**Health and Safety**

The week of September 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> will be **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK** at NDSS. Staff and students will be practicing a variety of pre-scheduled, required drills during this week so that we are well prepared and know what to do in the event of an actual emergency.

**Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> - COMBO DAY (Hold and Secure; Shelter in Place; Mystery Drill in the afternoon)**

Teacher Explanation in class, 8:45am, C Block

- This will be announced on the P.A., and the whole school does this at the same time.
- Teachers review *Hold and Secure* and *Shelter in Place* using the classroom poster “NLPS Emergency Procedures”. This poster is red, black, and orange, and should be in every classroom. If you need one, please contact Shawn S or Katie M as soon as possible. This will be announced over the P.A., so please be ready to participate.



**MYSTERY DRILL – 12:45pm, B Block**

Be prepared for anything, stay equipped, and we'll see what happens!



**Career Opportunities and Training:**

The CTC is hosting a Careers Transition evening at VIU Oct 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 PM. The presentations is aimed at parents/gradians and students that want to learn more about options in employment training and career development.

There will be presentations from, the CTC, ITA, VIU, WorkBC, and STEP BC.

Information will support: (Youth = age 15-29)

- current grade 9 – 12 students looking to transition to Work, Trades, Certificates, or academic university programs
- Youth that have left school before graduating and looking for options
- Graduated youth that have not found their fit.
- Youth with disabilities trying to enter the job market.

There is more information on our website <https://www.ctc-careerpaths.ca/parent-evening-forum/>

I hope that you all have a fantastic week ahead!

Sincerely,

Jane

Jane Reynolds

Principal, NDSS