



*Nanaimo District Secondary School*  
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Dear NDSS Students and Families,

Here is the weekly update for Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The Province of B.C. has [announced](#) that it will follow the lead of the federal government and observe the national day of mourning to commemorate the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

**Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools will be closed this Monday, September 19, 2022.**

### **Student Life:**

- Grade assemblies to discuss how students can access student, conduct expectations, extra-curricular opportunities, and grade specific information are being held this week as follows:
  - Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>
    - GRADE 12- 10:40 AM
    - Grade 11- 12:55 PM
  - Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>
    - GRADE 10- 9:20 AM
    - GRADE 9- 10:55 AM
    - GRADE 8- 12:55 pm
- Grade 8 girls volleyball tryouts will be happening Thursday, September 15 at 3:15 in the gym
- Please remind your student to download the NDSS App- This tool is helpful to ALL students for communication, announcements, and scheduling. There is a quick instruction sheet here: <https://docs.myschoolday.app/MySchoolDay1Page-app.pdf>
- For more information, students and parents can follow us on **Instagram @ndssislanders** and **@ndss.sports** as well as on **Facebook @Nanaimo District Secondary School**.
- Terry Fox Run- this will be on September 21<sup>st</sup> before lunch More information to come. This is our school website for collecting donations: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/NanaimoDistrictSecondary>.

### **Parents and Guardians:**

**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@gamil.com](mailto:NDSSPACCHAIR@gamil.com)  
PAC Agendas and minutes will be posted on the PAC corner section of our website.

**PERMISSION FORMS:** The new NLPS web application to request, receive and view consent from families is expected to be released by Friday this week (Sep 9).

Once the app is released, office/clerical staff can begin using the app to send out consent requests to parents & guardians and view the responses for every student in their school. Teachers will use the app to view consent responses for students in their class(es). The user guides will explain everything.

Instructions for the application will be distributed by IT to school office and admin staff this week.

**\*NOTES\*:**

- **MyEd Student Information Verification forms are not contained in the new app this year and will still need to be printed/sent home for parents & guardians to update and return to school.**
- **Please ensure your students have current email addresses of their Primary contacts (1&2) in MyEd, as these are the ones used by the digital consent forms app.**

## Health and Safety

### Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> - EARTHQUAKE DRILL DAY

Earthquake Drill #1: 10:05am, D Block

Earthquake Drill #2 with Evacuation: 2:45pm, dismiss from field, B block

(students bring everything with them from class)



### Wednesday, September 21st - LOCKDOWN DRILL DAY

Lockdown Drill #1: 10:05am, A Block

Lockdown Drill #2: 1:45pm, C Block

### Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> - FIRE DRILL DAY



Fire Drill #1: 9:25am, D Block

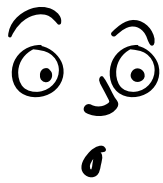
Fire Drill #2: 1:45pm, A block - dismiss from field  
(students bring everything with them from class)



**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, B 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, C 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