



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

Here is the weekly update for Wednesday, October 5th, 2022.

First, a huge thank you to those parents, guardians, and students who came out last week for our Meet the Teacher event. We believe that close to 1000 people attended. I am very excited to work on building relationships with our community with events such as these and appreciate your feedback. If you have any suggestions on what we could do better next time, please email me directly at:

[jane.reynolds@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:jane.reynolds@sd68.bc.ca)

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> - **Canadian Universities Event** -Grade 11 and 12 students are invited to attend the Canadian Universities Event at Dover Bay Secondary on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Over fifty Canadian Post-Secondary Institutions will be there for students to ask questions and explore their post-secondary options. Any interested students can see Mr Rinald in room 130 to register and get a permission form. We will travel by bus and be away for afternoon classes.
- 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/>

## **STUDENTS:**

Students who volunteer their time at our school are encouraged to submit their service hours to Mrs. Marriott each month. Club meetings: sports event set up, score keeping or refereeing; school events; tours; etc. are examples of activities that qualify as service hours. Activities required for course credit (like Yearbook class, Cafeteria lunch service) are not eligible as volunteer hours. Students can pick up a form from Mrs. Marriott in room 250 or request it by email ([Samantha.marriott@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:Samantha.marriott@sd68.bc.ca)).

**Please see the attached documents for additional youth services and opportunities!!!**

## **PARENTS AND GUARDIANS:**

### **Financial Assistance for Sports**

Hello parents and guardians,

Welcome back to another school year! My name is Michelle Swecera, the Community Schools Coordinator at NDSS including its family of schools. I am here to support and connect our school, students, and their families with our community.

Below you will find online links to Canadian Tire Jumpstart and KidSport Canada. Each organization offers individual grant opportunities for families needing additional funds so their child can participate in recreational activities or organized sports. <https://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/pages/individual-child-grants> <https://kidsportcanada.ca/british-columbia/nanaimo/>

If you have questions or need support with the application, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. We can schedule a chat over the phone or meet at the school in person. My hours are Monday to Thursday 8-4pm & Fridays 8-2pm.

Michelle Swecera | Community Schools Coordinator  
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## **PERMISSION FORMS:**

### **E-Consent Forms**

Previously, 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/>

## RESOURCES FOR GRADE 12 STUDENTS

### Grade 11/12s- BC Transcripts

- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcriptsand-certificates/order-a-high-school-transcript-or-certificate>

- You NEED your PEN number (find it on any report cards)



#### Register for a Basic BCeID

Online ID for secure access to B.C. government services.

Register ▶

#### StudentTranscripts

#### Log in to StudentTranscripts Services (STS) with BCeID

Access STS with Basic BCeID for exam results & transcripts/certificates

Log in ▶

# VIU Advisor for NDSS students

VIU Educational Advising

**Jamie Wood**

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More grade 12 resources!

Grad Google Classroom:

**ryfzazm**

Awards/Scholarships:

**7yo4tsp**

#### Loran Scholarship

- We believe that integrity, courage, grit and personal autonomy are better indicators of overall potential than standard academic measures. To discover these traits, we administer the most comprehensive and thorough scholarship selection process in Canada. Tenable at 25 partner universities, the Loran Award is valued at \$100,000 over four years, including mentorship, funding for summer internships and participation in an extensive network of past and present scholars.
- This is now self-directed. The application is due **October 12th, 2022**(5 pm PT), including the reference from a teacher, community member, or someone else who is familiar with your activities.

I hope that you all have a fantastic week ahead!

Sincerely,

Jane

Jane Reynolds

Principal, NDSS