



## Nanaimo District Secondary School

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Dear NDSS Students and Families,

Here is the weekly update for Wednesday, November 16th, 2022.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>- 3:00 pm Term 1 Report Cards published to MyEd
- Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>- Early Dismissal (2pm) to prepare for Parent Teacher Interviews. More information on how to book an appointment will be coming via email shortly.
- Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>- Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:30-6:30 at the school
- Parent/Teacher Interviews are next **Thursday, November 24/2022 from 4:30-6:30pm.**

These P/T meetings will be scheduled in person, in 7-min increments so we can accommodate as many interviews as possible.

To provide time for teachers to prepare for P/T interviews, students will be dismissed at 1:46pm on Wednesday, November 23/2022

Starting tomorrow morning at 9:00 am, NDSS parents/guardians can register for a 7 min time slot with your students' teachers using this link:

<https://ndss.schoolappointments.com/admin/>

The system will close on Thursday, November 24 at noon.

NDSS will be using a booking platform system called **School Appointments** to schedule these. If you have not used the system before, use (*click here to register*), otherwise continue with your Login. This will ask for your email address and password. If you have forgotten your password, click (*Forgotten Password Recovery*) See below for sample page.

**SCHOOL APPOINTMENTS ON-LINE** English

LOGIN HELP FORGOT PASSWORD REGISTER

Welcome to the on-line parent teacher interview booking system for Nanaimo District Secondary School (School District #68). You will be able to create an account, enter your children and then schedule interview times for you to meet with their teachers.

Appointments scheduling will start at specified times, see the schedule listed below. You will find the system very easy to use and it will take only a few minutes to setup your account, your children and your appointments. To register for an account, click on the "REGISTER" tab above.

On-line appointment booking is not permitted at this time.

**Login**

Email Address:

Password:

Login

[Click Here to Register]

[Forgotten Password Recovery]

### Consent forms:

eConsent is available all year long, consent responses from parents or entered directly by the school office take effect the same day.

Check out the [eConsent help site](#). It contains User Guides for the School Office and for Teachers.

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

### EDAS ( Everyone Deserves a Smile)

This year through NDSS Global Committee, we are participating in a program called Everyone Deserves A Smile (EDAS). Our school will be collecting gloves, scarves, tuques, socks, toothbrushes, and toothpaste to create gift bags for people experiencing homelessness in our community. Officially starting November 14<sup>th</sup>, we will run a competition among A Block classes. The A Block Class with the most donations will win a prize.

### PUBLIC BUS CONCERNS:

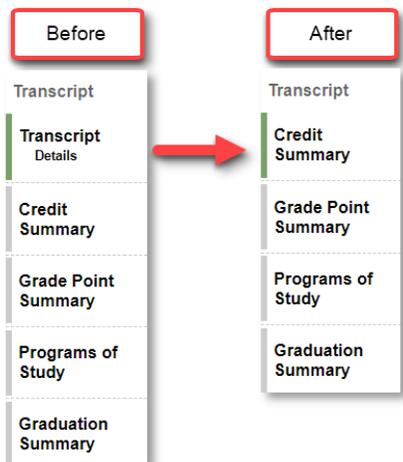
We have had a call from the transit manager sharing concerns around student behaviour at the bus stops across the street after school. We recognize that this area is crowded and have added an additional stop to help with the congestion. Students are reminded that they need to wait calmly on the sidewalk for the bus to arrive.

## REPORTING

In preparation for teaching staff to prepare report cards, visibility to the Transcript (side tab) within MyEducation's **Parent Portal** has been **temporarily restricted** from 7:00am Monday, November 7 until 7:00am, Tuesday, November 22. This means parents who login to their portal accounts within this timeframe will not have access to the **Transcript side tab** (see screen shot below), and therefore, will not be able to view any of their students' marks, competencies or report card comments so as to allow all high schools time to publish their student report cards to the family portal.

The visibility of the transcript side tab for the **Student Portal** remains unchanged in order to allow students access to the Academics tab, which provides views to the Assignments side tab and allows views/access to teachers assigned tasks and assignments/due dates/scores and feedback information.

This is how the Parent/Guardian's view will change when looking at one of their students:



## POST SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS: UVIC

For students that are considering the University of Victoria, I would highly recommend visiting our campus for [Explore UVic](#) on **Saturday, November 26**. The event schedule and registration are available online now! You will find a digital poster attached to help promote the event in your school.

Explore UVic will offer:

- Campus tours and faculty-specific facility tours
- Information sessions for prospective students and parents
- Student experience panels featuring current UVic students
- Sample lectures given by UVic professors
- Information fair with academic programs and student support services

**For those considering a Bachelor of Commerce degree**, UVic’s Peter B. Gustavson School of Business will be holding virtual information sessions every Wednesday evening between now and December 1. Our School of Business will also be hosting some additional virtual workshops that proved extraordinarily popular the last time they were offered:

**“Adulting 101: Personal Finance for Students Planning for College & University”** – Thursday, November 17 at 6:00 p.m. PST.

**“Entrepreneurship 101: What Makes a Good Side-Hustle?”** – Tuesday, November 22 at 6:00 p.m. PST.

Students can visit the [Gustavson School of Business website](#) to register for an info session or workshop and can email [bizrecruit@uvic.ca](mailto:bizrecruit@uvic.ca) with any questions related to these events.

### **FOR GRADE 12 STUDENTS:**

#### **StudentTranscripts Service (STS) – Post-Secondary Institution Selections**

This year’s graduating students can now make their Post-Secondary institution (PSI) selections in the [StudentTranscripts Service](#) (STS). How and when transcript information is sent will depend on the PSI and the options selected in STS. For full details, please visit the [Transcripts and Post-Secondary Selection](#) web page.

Current students can make up to 25 free PSI selections in STS. They are also entitled to order one free printed transcript (by mail) after graduation, which can be sent to any address they choose. All other transcript orders in STS (including [PDF transcripts](#)) are \$10 each.

#### **Important Reminder about Authorizing Select PSIs to Retrieve Transcripts Updates**

If a student’s selected PSI is capable of receiving [ongoing electronic updates](#) (i.e., XML transcripts), the student should choose the second option to “Send my transcript now and allow this Post-Secondary Institution to request transcript updates until the date specified below.” To ensure there are no issues with their PSI application process, it is also recommended that they leave the authorization period set to the default date of one year.

#### **Help Resources**

Detailed STS help videos and documentation are available at [StudentTranscripts Service Help Documentation](#).

#### **Questions?**

Email: [StudentTranscripts@gov.bc.ca](mailto:StudentTranscripts@gov.bc.ca)

I hope that you all have a fantastic week ahead!

Sincerely,

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