



Nanaimo District Secondary School

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Dear NDSS Students and Families,

Here is the weekly update for Wednesday, January 18th, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SPIRIT WEAR:

Did you miss ordering Spirit Wear in the fall? Good news, Spirit wear is available to order again. Orders can be placed on the School Cash Online system until **February 3**

SCHOLARSHIPS:

On Monday January 16th the Nanaimo Ladysmith Schools Foundation Scholarship application opened. Tomorrow, Thursday January 19th, there will be a scholarship meeting afterschool in the library for grade 12 students applying to the NLSF scholarships. We suggest that all students complete the bursary form on the NLSF application. Many of the awards cannot be given without this information. This form is not public and will only help the advisor to better advocate for your child. Applications are due February 24th. Visit <https://www.nlsf.ca/> or for more information see Mrs. Pyne or Mrs. Kullman.

COURSE SELECTION:

Earlier today, (grade 9-11) students watched a course selection video in their A-block class that outlined several important items to consider for this year's course selection. If your teen wasn't at school today, they can watch the video at home as it is posted on our [NDSS school website](#). The online course selection will be available to grade 9, 10 and 11 students and parents on the [MyEd Portal](#) beginning on **Thurs, January 19 to Fri, February 3, 2022**. Please see the attachments to this email for more information.

Gr. 8 students will be called down to the NDSS library/computer lab from Wed, Feb 8th to Mon, Feb 13th, so they can be guided through the MyEd process for course selection using a school computer.

Please check our course offerings here: <https://nd.schools.sd68.bc.ca/students-parents/course-selection/>



LAST CHANCE!!!!

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts - The NDSS athletic leadership class is holding a fundraiser to help support our school athletics afford things like new uniforms as well as make it much more affordable for everyone to play. Order by **Jan 31st**. <https://nlps.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/10500/267/False/True>

PAC OPPORTUNITIES

Hello NDSS parents and guardians! I'd like to encourage you to join us for our monthly PAC meetings. If you are new to NDSS or are still feeling burnt out from elementary school PAC involvement, please know that it is different in high school! We do not fundraise, and our meetings typically run for no more than an hour. The highlight of the meeting is hearing the report from our principal which keeps us informed of the day-to-day operations of the school. There are also opportunities to provide feedback as a parent group to our admin team. Our primary focus, other than providing feedback and advocacy, is to manage the gaming funds given to us by the province. We are the stewards of this money and decide regularly on how to divide this up as fairly as possible to the students at NDSS. Currently, our PAC has openings on the executive for secretary and vice chair but we won't pressure you to take on these roles. At this point, we would just love for people to attend meetings to make sure that more voices are contributing to our decisions. It is important for me to highlight that the current executive is made of parents with students in grade 11 and 12. Without new people coming on board with younger students, the PAC may eventually fold and this would mean the loss of a large sum of money that goes directly to the students of NDSS.

I invite you to join us at our next meeting, **Monday, February 13th at 7pm in the library**. Mark it in your calendars now and set a reminder! Feel free to email me at ndsspacchair@gmail.com

Sincerely, Jennifer Therriault NDSS PAC Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Thursday, January 19th, **early dismissal** at 1:46 PM- busses have been scheduled
- Provincial Assessments are coming up:
 - We have Numeracy and Literacy Assessments coming up during the week of Monday, January 23 – Friday, January 27
 - These exams are for grades 10, 11 and 12 and must be completed for graduation requirements through the Ministry
 - All lists and schedules are currently posted on the board by the front door
 - If your child is scheduled to write, you will be receiving an email
 - If you have questions, please contact Katie Marren – Vice Principal
katie.marren@sd68.bc.ca

- Grade 9 Immunizations. Your student will have received a paper consent form. These are due back to the main office ASAP! Immunizations will take place at the school on:
 - **Wednesday, Jan 25** Last Names A-K from 9am-12noon (approx)
 - **Thursday, Jan 26** Last Names L-Z from 9am-1pm (approx – a bit of a bigger group)

Friday, January 27th- Semester turn-around day. Students who are missing assignments should be at school to complete

Monday, January 30th- first day of semester two!

I hope that you all have a good week!

Sincerely,

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Jane Reynolds

Principal, NDSS