



NANAIMO DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Learning with Purpose
Striving for Excellence
Growing through Community

At NDSS, our mission is to inspire all to be curious, have confidence, use imagination and persevere in their learning journey.

Principal's Message: January 30, 2023

Dear NDSS Islander Community,

The School District is working hard to address our capacity concerns while we continue to hope for a new school building. There are several proposals for consideration that you should be aware of. This is an important opportunity for you to make your voices heard by emailing or by using the Thought Exchange process referenced below.

I believe that it is especially important for the board to hear the thoughts of students, who these proposed changes will affect most directly. Please encourage your student to take time to read the information booklet and engage in this process.

Below is a message from the District:

On January 25, 2023, the Board of Education directed staff to initiate a consultation process to address capacity and safety issues at NDSS. The Board would like to receive input from staff and the community to ensure its decisions are driven by appropriate data and meaningful feedback. The Board invites you to read the [Ensuring Capacity and Safety - Nanaimo District Secondary School information booklet](#) where you will find background information, the consultation plan and timeline as well as the five potential scenarios. Feel free to comment on one or all scenarios or add your own. You can either email a response or choose a more engaging approach by filling out the [Thought Exchange](#).

Full details and above links can also be [found here](#).

Feedback will be received until February 28, with a report coming back to the Board in March.

Course Selection

Course selection for current grade 9-11 must be completed on <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspn/logon.do>

by Friday, February 3, 2023.

We will be calling down Grade 8 classes to complete their course selection between Wednesday, February 8 to Monday, February 13, 2023. Grade 8 course selection will be open on the MyEd Portal starting on Wednesday, February 8 and will close on Friday, February 17, 2023.

NDSS Term 2 Newsletter

Subsequent newsletters and important information will be sent electronically.

Please ensure that we have your correct email address.

ADMINISTRATION

Principal Ms. Jane Reynolds Grade 12
Vice Principal Mr. Shawn Shahi Grade 8-11 A-Hil
Vice Principal Ms. Katie Marren Grade 8-11 Hin-Nor
Vice Principal Ms. Shelley Gvojich Grade 8-11 Not-Z

COUNSELLOR STUDENT ALLOCATION

Ms. Fellows A-Chen (Francophone)
Mr. Giske Chesire-Hills
Ms. Arnold Hinton-McArthur
Ms. Tolsma McAstoker-Shiell
Ms. Smith Shorroch-Zult

CHILD AND YOUTHCARE WORKER CYCW

Georgia Barron A-Legg
Shannon Riley Leguyder- Z

***Homework club:** T/W/Th after school 3-4pm in room 130, 2 teachers available to help (double check info with Ms. Heather Arnold)

***Math Support:** Ms. Carol Funk has a chart with all the math teachers' office hours

***FREE Eng/Math tutoring by Literacy Central Vancouver Island:**

Programs: The program provides literacy services to adults between Nanoose and Ladysmith.

We offer free one-to-one and small group tutoring to anyone the age of 15 and older who wishes to improve their basic English, math and/or computer skills. ESL assistance is provided to Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents. We also have a Family Literacy program supporting parents with their literacy skills.

Tutors and their learners meet for up to three hours per week at a time and public location convenient to both. Tutoring is not permitted in private homes

<https://www.literacycentralvi.org/volunteer.php?s=0>

[Literacy Central Vancouver Island](#)

Tutor Programs. History: The tutor program is a partnership between Vancouver Island University and Literacy Central Vancouver Island (LCVI- formerly Literacy Nanaimo). The original program began at VIU (formerly Malaspina College) in 1989. We opened our downtown office two years later and we have enjoyed a fruitful partnership ever since.

www.literacycentralvi.org

Grad Corner

Student Grad Planning—join the grad google classroom (code—ryfzazm)



Grad Fees of \$90 must be paid before you receive tickets for commencement in June. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please speak with your counsellor.

Yearbooks can be purchased for \$60

Grad Rehearsal - June 28—1:00 pm. Vancouver Island Convention Center

Grad Commencement - June 29—9:30 am. Doors open at 9

Grad spirit wear is now available for purchase on the online cashless system.

THE BREAKFAST PROGRAM

This service began the beginning of October with the help from volunteer students and teachers.

The program is located in the small cafeteria from 8:00 to 8:25 M-F.

Come and enjoy a warm bagel/muffin/fruit etc.



Breakfast is the most important meal of the day!

STUDENT FEES

It is not too late to take care of your school fees. Student activity fees are essential for all students to pay, as the funds are used to support a variety of school-based events. Please pay fees as soon as possible on our [online cashless system](#) if you have not already done so!

\$20.00 Student activity fee

\$90.00 Grad

\$60.00 Yearbook

DON'T MISS OUT ON A YEARBOOK!

Do not wait until the last minute to purchase your yearbook, they must be ordered early so we can anticipate demand!

CLASS OF 2023

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON RUNNING ON AN EFFICIENT PHOTO DAY AND WISH TO PROVIDE EACH GRAD WITH THE BEST EXPERIENCE POSSIBLE. IT IS RECOMMENDED TO ARRIVE 10 MINS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED TIME.

PLEASE COME PREPARED, SHIRT, TIE, OR SCOOP NECK SHIRT

YOUR PROOFS WILL BE READY TO VIEW ONLINE APPROX. 5-7 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER PHOTO DAY. YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL CONTAINING A LINK TO YOUR PERSONAL GALLERY.

ALL ORDERS WILL BE SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO YOUR ADDRESS, EXPECT THEM TO ARRIVE APPROXIMATELY 2-3 WEEKS AFTER ORDERING. ORDERS WILL BE SHIPPED TO CANADIAN LOCATIONS ONLY

OUR STUDIO PROVIDES PROFESSIONAL GRAD CAPS AND GOWNS FOR USE DURING YOUR PORTRAIT SESSION.

GRAD SESSIONS ARE FOR CAP AND GOWN ONLY. FRIENDS, FAMILY AND PERSONAL ITEM PORTRAITS CAN BE BOOKED AT A LATER DATE THROUGH THE STUDIO.

www.conceptphoto.ca

YOUTH WELLNESS CENTRE

Nanaimo Aquatic Centre
741 Third St
Nanaimo, BC
V9R 7B2



Mental Health Support

Birth Control
Emergency contraception (Plan B)
STI testing and treatment
Pregnancy testing and referrals

Gender Identity Support
Relationship support

Substance Use

Physical Health
Healthy lifestyle

Phone: 250-755-3333

Cell: 250-619-0651

Tuesday and Thursday

10-4

Wednesday 3-6

Let's give a nice welcome to our new staff:

Mr. Aaron Potivin

Mr. Brett Synnott

Ms. Alysha Agius

Ms. Sarah Elson-Haugan

Ms. Hailey Boast

Mr. Ben Fast

A heartfelt goodbye and happy retirement to:

Mr. Gunnar Myhrer
(you'll be missed)



Ms. Sunny Parsons

Ms. Katya MacDonald

Mr. Benoit Crucifix

Teachers on leave:

Mr. Dan Parker

Mr. Tony Bryce

Looking for a Transcript?

Visit [The Ministry of Education](#) online for the most up to date information.

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

ndsspacchair@gmail.com

Stay involved! The NDSS PAC meets the first Monday of the month from 7:00-8:30 pm in the library.

Your input and creative ideas are welcomed.

We look forward to seeing you there.



MY SCHOOL DAY APP

Stay current on this FREE school app. Enter in your schedule, appointments, sporting events, etc. Add contacts, teachers and color code important reminders. Stay connected with NDSS!





Get certified for
restaurant work!

Are you hoping to get a job in the food industry?
Do you want **Food Safe** on your Resume?
Increase your employability and get your
Food Safe Certificate now!

When: Tuesday February 7th, 2023 (Pro D Day)

Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Where: Chandler Hall, John Barsby Secondary School

Bring: A lunch & water bottle

Cost: \$50

*Subsidy available upon request

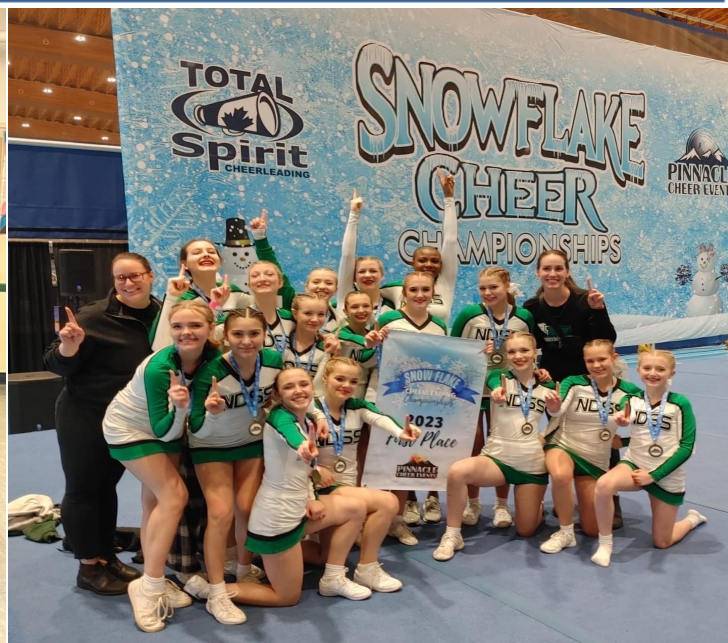
Registration Deadline: Thursday Feb. 2nd

Contact: Community Schools Coordinator, Michelle Swecera

Ph: 250-755-6892 or **Email:** mswecera@sd68.bc.ca



Congratulations to our **NDSS Dance Team** for winning numerous awards at the Vancouver Island One Act Festival for their performance.



Congratulations to our **NDSS Cheer Team** for placing 1st in their first competition of the season.

Nanaimo
Art Gallery

CØD3: YOUTH ART COLLECTIVE

FEB 16 – JUN 15

Calling all young emerging artists, critics, curators and designers! CØD3 is Nanaimo Art Gallery's teen art collective.

15-19 YEAR OLDS | 4-7PM THURSDAYS



More information at
NanaimoArtGallery.ca

The Empty Bowl

Come have a bowl of soup in support of Loaves and Fishes and take home a beautiful pottery bowl.

March 9th, 2023
5:30 - 7:00 pm

Tickets \$20 at the NDSS office

Locally made and donated items will also be available for purchase.

All proceeds donated to Loaves and Fishes



**PROGRAMME
D'ÉCHANGE**
COLOMBIE-BRITANNIQUE • QUÉBEC
FORMAT VIRTUEL



TU ES EN 10^e OU 11^e ANNÉE ?

Viens vivre une expérience en ligne incroyable !



Crée des liens privilégiés avec un.e élève du Québec



Participe à des activités de groupe avec des élèves d'autres provinces qui font aussi l'échange



Aucun frais d'inscription



**APPLIQUE AVANT
LE 9 FÉVRIER 2023**

Plus d'infos sur : www.cjfeb.com/programme-dechange-quebec-c-b/
Des questions ? echangequebec@cjfeb.com



Ministry of
Education



CONSEIL JEUNESSE
FRANCOPHONE
DE LA COLOMBIE-BRITANNIQUE

Canada

Family Affordability Fund

School Districts throughout the province have been given funds to assist families with costs related to inflation. If you are in need, we encourage you to contact the appropriate staff member below for assistance.

Assistance can be in the forms of: • Grocery store gift cards (primarily Walmart and Superstore) • Bus tickets to assist with students getting to school and home • School Fees (grad, field trips, supplies, materials) • Free School breakfast and lunch programs

We know that asking for assistance takes courage and encourage you to reach out if you are in need.

