

Wednesday, November 22nd, 2023

Dear families and students,

### UPCOMING DATES:

- LIVING Library - November 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all volunteers! Over 30 members of the Nanaimo area will be coming into the library and sharing part of their life story with our students.
  - Some topics being covered are:
    - Mindset of an athlete
    - Homelessness & substance use
    - Art therapy
    - Sailing around the world
    - Adoption
    - LGBTQ+
    - Indigenous Elders
  
- Today, Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> - Mid term Report cards released in MyEd.
  - Kindly note that if your student has a blank on their learning update, this may be due to your student dropping that course before this reporting period. Due to clerical difficulties not all dropped course sections have been processed to date. Your student may also have a blank on their learning update because they are a member of a learning group in the school that does not report grades in this learning quarter. Please contact our Nanaimo District Secondary Records Clerk [ND-RecordsClerk@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:ND-RecordsClerk@sd68.bc.ca) should you have any questions.
  
- Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> - Early Dismissal
  
- Parent/Teacher Interviews - Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. From 5-7 pm in person. Staff have voted in favour of having interviews without appointments this year to see if this increases parent contact. Staff will be in the main building, cafeteria, and library. Please see the attached for teacher locations. The list will also be posted near the office and outside the cafeteria.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### **Youth Advocacy Group**

Hello students and staff of NDSS, the Youth Advocacy Group is providing anonymous feedback boxes for everybody's use. Located in the Library and the Aboriginal Education Room, *Charles and Chelsea the Chat Boxes* are to be used for all questions, comments, and concerns. These handwritten comments will then be read by administration and will be dealt with accordingly. If you have suggestions on how we can make

NDSS better, we would love to have those as well. Please remember to be school appropriate and kind when using Charles and Chelsea.

### **Skills Quest for Young Adults (SQYA)**

Skills Quest for Young Adults is a free online training program, focusing on the 9 Skills for Success recently identified by the Government of Canada as required by today's employers and essential in the workplace. Enjoy 6 weeks of online, self-paced training, which focuses on key personal employability skills such as Communication, Collaboration, Digital Skills, Creativity and more. You'll also gain Job Search skills and tools including Resumes, Cover Letters and Interview know-hows, all with support from our team. The 6-week online training portion is followed by 12 weeks of one-on-one assistance as you look for employment or focus on education.

#### **Eligibility requirements**

- Ages 16-29 at the time of intake
- Living in communities from South to Central Vancouver Island
- Unemployed, employed part-time or precariously employed
- Legally entitled to work in Canada
- Not currently participating in another provincial government-funded employment program.
- Ready, willing and able to work
- We pay \$300 per week up to 6 weeks based on active participation!

For more information contact us at:

Email: [sqya@ethoscmg.com](mailto:sqya@ethoscmg.com)

To register: [www.sqya.ethoscmg.com](http://www.sqya.ethoscmg.com)

**Roger Leroux**

**Program Manager – Skills Quest for Success!**

### **NDSS Swag**

NDSS Athletics has partnered with Passion Sports to create an online store. If you are in the need of NDSS swag and would like to support NDSS athletics, check out the link below to order some gear. The link will also be on the NDSS Athletic website and social media. You can also ask Graham Giske for the link anytime.

\$2.00 from each purchase will go to NDSS Athletics.

<https://store.passionsports.ca/NDSSAS/shop/home>



[NDSS Athletic Store](https://store.passionsports.ca/NDSSAS/shop/home)

store.passionsports.ca

Have a great week, everyone!

Sincerely,

Jane Reynolds – Principal

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