

Wednesday, November 29th, 2023

Dear families and students,

UPCOMING DATES:

Wednesday, December 6th: Dry Grad Committee meeting @ Wellington Secondary School

The Nanaimo Dry Grad committee is holding its next meeting, 6pm at Wellington Secondary School. We have a core committee, but we need a few more volunteers to make the event happen.

More information will be posted soon on the Dry Grad's website: <http://www.nanaimodrygrad.com/>

Enquiries about the event or ways to support it can be sent to info@nanaimodrygrad.com

Thanks,

Mike Mooney Dry Grad secretary

info@nanaimodrygrad.com

Thursday, December 7th: NDSS Parent Night! Please join us from 6:30pm – 8:30pm.

Enjoy some coffee, snacks, and treats and connect with other families from NDSS. Attend two (2) information sessions from several community agencies. Then join the fair and learn about the other community partners available in our region. We will start and end the evening in the large cafeteria! Door prizes will also be given out at this event!

We have Literacy Central Vancouver Island, NARSF, CTC, WorkBC, Foodshare Nanaimo, and many others ready to share information about their programs and offerings for students and their families.

If you are planning to attend, please complete the [google form](#) or call the school 250-740-2000.

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED POSTER AND COME OUT TO JOIN US!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

REMINDER that report cards were published last week. Please login and check your student's report card!

EDAS

Everybody Deserves A Smile (EDAS) is back in the district again, and as usual, the NDSS Student Council will be leading our portion of it. We will be having a competition between all A Block classes again this year. Starting **this Friday, December 1st**, we are collecting items such as gently-used clothing, toques, gloves, scarves, socks, and toiletries for the local homeless population and less fortunate over the holidays. Please ask the students of your A Block class to bring items to donate to the cause. Donation collection and the

competition will conclude on Tuesday, December 19th. The class that collects the most donations will win a pizza party. Thanks in advance for your participation!

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

To register: 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)
store.passionsports.ca

Have a great week, everyone!

Sincerely,
Jane Reynolds – Principal
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