



North Island Secondary School

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Principal's Message:

The start of a brand new year indicates that we are almost at the midpoint of the school year. The arrival of provincial exams is quickly approaching. Please take careful note of the dates and times for writing the provincial exams (attached). That information comes to us from the Ministry of Education, and schools cannot make any changes to the schedule. If students arrive more than thirty minutes late to write their exam, or if they get the date or time of the exam wrong, they must wait until the next writing period, usually 2-3 months later in the school year, to write the exam. For that reason it is critical that students arrive at the school on the correct day, and at the correct time, to write their grade 10 and grade 12 provincial exams. Courses that have teacher-developed exams will have their exams on Monday Jan. 24th and Tuesday Jan. 25th.

We would like to welcome back Ms. Andrea Williams, as counselor and Ms. Molly Dixon, as Learning Assistance Teacher, who are both returning from maternity leave.

Thank You:

I would like to thank students, parents, staff, and administration for a remarkably positive experience as counselor of North Island Secondary during the past year. Since I am

remaining in School District 85 at Port Hardy Secondary, however, I do anticipate seeing everyone again in the near future. Also, congratulations to Grad 2011 students; best wishes to you as you embark on the next exciting phase in your young lives!

Sincerely,
Mr. Prong

School Closures:

If the weather or power outages cause the Superintendent of Schools to determine that district schools must be closed, parents and students can get information about the closures from the following sources:

School District #85 website - www.sd85.bc.ca
The Port Radio - 1240 AM
North Island Gazette -
www.northislandgazette.com
A Channel Victoria News television
Global BC television
CBC Radio 1 Victoria:
Port Hardy - 95.5 FM
Woss - 92.7 FM
Port McNeill, Alert Bay, Sointula - 105.1 FM
Port Alice - 1170 AM
Holberg - 1490 AM

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

The next PAC meeting will be held
Wednesday, February 2nd at 6:30 pm in the
Library.

NISS Clothing:

Preorders for NISS clothing are now being taken. This will be the last order to go out for this school year. See Ms. Kennedy in Room 101 to place your order.

Orders and payment must be made by February 11, 2011 (Friday). Cash only

Hoodies- \$46.00 Sweatpants- \$40.00

Russell brand clothing. Sample sizes can be tried on at Timberland Sport Centre (S, M, L, XL) Colors: grey, black, navy



Grad 2011:

A recycling account has been set up at Island Foods for Grad. Anyone can go in with recycling and ask for the refund to be applied to the NISS grad account.

Upcoming fundraising plans include a Valentine's Day raffle, helping with Jan 17th District In-Service Day and Oscar Hicks Tournament Concession.

Students are reminded that their \$50.00 Grad fee can be paid at the office.

The Grad Committee is looking for a parent or parents interested in going through the decorations that have been saved from previous years. Please contact Mr. Dixon if you would like to help out.

Full minutes of grad meetings will be posted on NISS website (www.niss.sd85.bc.ca).

The next meeting is Wednesday, January 26th at 6:30 p.m. at NISS.

Grad Closet:

Are you interested in saving money and resources? Are you creative enough to remake a grad dress into your own custom gown? The "Grad Closet" has a limited supply of gently used and new dresses that can be yours to keep. If you are interested please see Jacqui Engel in room 111 for a private viewing of the dresses.

Donations are gratefully accepted and can be dropped off at the school office. Please consider passing along your grad dress for a future graduate to enjoy.

Grad Portraits:

Individual Graduation Portraits will be taken by Lifetouch School Portraits in the Multi-Purpose Room on February 9th, 10th and 11th.

There are sign up sheets posted in the office for students to book a sitting. Gold package (15 poses and one change of clothes) sitting fee is \$25.00 and Silver package (10 poses in grad gown) is \$20.00. Girls are asked to wear a tank type neckline and boys are asked to wear a dress shirt. Please be sure your hands and nails are looking their best as they will show in some poses.

Students Council:

A "White Winter Wonderland" Dance is planned for January 21st from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. Students are asked to wear white.

Students wishing to bring guests or to arrange for a late arrival must get their names on the list in the office for Mr. Dixon's approval by Wednesday January 19th.

Breakfast Program:

Did you know that a breakfast of toast, bagels, juice and healthy snacks is available every Thursday morning in the Multi Purpose room from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.? Currently Mr. Bramham has volunteered to serve the breakfast on Thursdays. We are looking for parents or grandparents who might be interested in helping with the Breakfast Program so that it can be offered more than once per week. Please contact Mr. Dixon if you would like to volunteer. Donations of jellies, jams or honey would be greatly appreciated.



Student Admission Policy:

The school district policy and process for students to attend a non-neighbourhood school has changed. Please note the following application process for students who wish to attend a school other than the one that is closest to their ordinary place of residence.

1. Applications for students to attend a non-neighbourhood school must be submitted to the school no later than February 15th each year. Students residing in Port McNeill wishing to attend Sunset or Cheslakees are exempt. Students living in Port Alice wishing to attend NISS for grade 10 are exempt. Students

already attending a non-neighbourhood school do not need to reapply for subsequent years.

2. Students must be registered at their respective neighbourhood school, the one that is closest to their ordinary place of residence, before applying to enrol at a non-neighbourhood school.

3. The school principal will confirm decisions about registrations at non-neighbourhood schools by October 1st.

4. Students attending a non-neighbourhood school wishing to transfer back to their neighbourhood school should notify the neighbourhood school by February 15th.

For further information please contact your local school for a copy of the Student Admission Policy No. 2-295/R or visit the district website at www.sd85.bc.ca



DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Jan 17: | In-service day (no classes) |
| Jan 21: | Last day of classes
(1 st semester) |
| Jan 24-28 | Provincial exams |
| Jan 24-25 | In class exams |
| Jan 31 | First Day Semester 2 |
| Feb 4 | Report cards mailed home |

Ms. McArthur's Art Class creations



Ms. Kayfetz's English 11 class "A Christmas Carol" dioramas

