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### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Local scholarship packages will be mailed out to Grade 12 students on Feb. 20th. This package will contain a list of available scholarships and general instructions for applying. Students are encouraged to apply to all scholarship they may be eligible for. Don't assume that the scholarships are exclusively for the top academic students -- ANY graduate planning to further his/her education can apply.

We would like to encourage students to turn in the applications to the school office before the deadline of April 4, 2012 at 4:00 PM. There will be no extensions of the deadline. When students bring in their applications, they must bring in the list of scholarships as well. One of the secretaries will go through the student's package of applications and have the student initial the list for the ones they have brought in. This list is then kept in the office as a record of what was handed in. Please do not bring in applications in envelopes as they will have to be taken out.

It's very important that students writing provincial exams arrive on time on the right day. The Ministry of Education sets the dates and times of the provincial exams and any students who aren't on time to write the exam will have to wait until the next writing period to take the exam. The next writing period will be 2 - 3 months away.

New timetables will be issued to students at the end of January. These will reflect any changes that are made as a result of semester one classes.

### **PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEWS**

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for Monday February 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the school library.

PAC is looking for more parents to volunteer at the concession. If you are interested please contact Pita Rosback at 250 956 3775 or Sandy Walton at 250 956 4885

### **BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

The breakfast program will continue in second semester on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Thank you to the Black Bear Resort for donating bagels and bread and the Port McNeill Rotary Club for volunteering on Monday mornings. If you are interested in helping with this program or have a food donation, please contact Mr. Bramham or Mr. Dixon. With more volunteer support we could see this program run each day of the week.

## **SEMESTER ONE EXAM SCHEDULE**

### **Monday January 23rd**

9:00 - 12:00 A Block in-class exams

1:00-4:00 B Block in class-exams

### **Tuesday January 24th**

9:00-12:00 C Block in-class exams

1:00-4:00 D Block in-class exams

### **Wednesday January 25th**

Provincial English 10-9:00—11:00

Provincial Social Studies 11-1:00—3:00

### **Thursday January 26th**

Provincial English 12 9:00—11:00

Provincial Communications 12 1:00—3:00

Provincial Science 10 1:00—3:00

### **Friday January 27th**

Provincial Foundations/Pre-Calculus Math 10  
9:00—11:00

## **BUS SCHEDULE FOR EXAM WEEK**

Monday, January 23rd - All buses on regular schedule

Tuesday, January 24th - All buses on regular schedule

Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>-Woss and Sointula buses cancelled, all other routes on regular schedule

Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>-Woss bus cancelled, all other routes on schedule

Friday, January 27th -Alert Bay, Sointula, Port Alice and Woss buses cancelled. Hyde Creek/Nimpkish Heights on regular schedule.

Students writing exams will be offered transportation assistance for cancelled buses.

## **ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS**

This month's edition of the NISS News is being sent out by email as well as via Canada Post. We will be moving towards an electronic newsletter in the future.

## **GRAD PHOTOS**

Lifetouch will be doing Grad 2012 photos in the Multi Purpose room on February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Sign up sheets will be posted in the office this week.

## **FOODS PROGRAM**

The Foods Program would appreciate any unwanted IGA stamps to use towards replacing damaged knives and adding a set of seven cleavers to our collection. The stamps can be left in Ms. McCrae's box in the office or brought to the Foods room.

## **GUITAR CLASS**

Mrs. Beatty's Guitar class will be holding a final performance on the evening of Thursday, January 19th at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome; admission by donation.

## **STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

The grade on grade competition continues. Students were asked to wear their grade colours on Friday the 13th to earn grade points.

## SOCIALS 10



Ms. Casson's Socials 10 students learn that collaboration works well and that learning can be fun.

## NISS GRAD CLOSET

Do you have any gently used gowns just hanging in your closet taking up space?

Consider supporting the 'Grad Closet'. We have a variety of dresses that are available to NISS and PHSS Grads.

This is a terrific way to save money and reuse those beautiful gowns! Please contact Jacqui Engel at NISS for a private viewing of the gowns. If you find a suitable dress, it is yours to keep. Donations are gratefully accepted.

## GRAD 2012 INFORMATION

Island Foods and the Liquor Store are both accepting recyclables to raise funds for Dry Grad 2012. They will be accepting contributions now through May 2012. Just mention that your returns are for NISS Dry Grad.

The next Student Meeting will be Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at lunch in Room 201. The next Parent & Student Meeting will be Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30pm in the library.

The students, parents, and staff at NISS would like to thank the many people in the community who stepped forward to express their support for keeping the school leaving ceremony in the Chilton Arena. After a great deal of discussion with students and parents, the school has decided to go ahead with June 2nd school leaving ceremony in the arena.

As the smallest grade 12 class in decades, the approximately forty four students and their parents will need your continued support with setting up and decorating for this grand celebration. The school has also been assured that with the venue remaining in the arena that every effort will be made by those in the community to ensure that despite not being on school property, the event will be a school and family oriented event. We wish to make this an enjoyable experience for all.

Please continue to visit our website at [www.niss.sd85.bc.ca](http://www.niss.sd85.bc.ca) and follow our monthly newsletters for further updates.

## GRADE 9 VACCINES

Grade 9 students who did not receive their tetanus booster can contact the Health Unit at 250-956-4711.



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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| <b>Jan 23-24</b>  | <b>In-Class Exams</b>                            |
| <b>Jan 25 -27</b> | <b>Provincial Exams</b>                          |
| <b>Jan 30</b>     | <b>Semester Two Starts</b>                       |
| <b>Feb 17</b>     | <b>District In-Service/Pro D Day</b>             |
| <b>Feb 20</b>     | <b>Scholarship packages to be mailed out</b>     |
| <b>Mar 19-23</b>  | <b>Spring Break</b>                              |
| <b>Apr 4</b>      | <b>Scholarship applications due by 4:00 p.m.</b> |

**Our central focus is to enable all learners to fulfill their potential.**

