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September Start-Up

It's always a pleasure to see staff and students come into the school after summer vacation. Everyone looks relaxed and happy. There's a noticeable buzz of excitement and there are smiles on everyone's face.

I'd like to introduce you to a few staffing changes that have taken place over the summer. Mrs. N. Mitchell has replaced Mrs. A. Williams as our high school counsellor. Ms. Rebecca MacKenzie has replaced Ms. K. Amodeo as one of our Special Education teachers and Ms. D. Greenland has replaced Mrs. Mitchell as the teacher in the Alternate program. The new staff members and the continuing staff members say things are going well and students are doing well.

The last day of the first full week of school, Friday Sept. 9th, surprised us with an earthquake at the end of the lunch break. The procedures that we've practiced over the years were promptly put in place and the time practicing paid off. Students were evacuated and were kept outside until we were able to determine that there was no damage to the building, windows, gas lines, water lines, electrical services and everything else that is inside or outside our school building. After waiting to see if we would be affected by aftershocks, students were led back into the building. Teachers spent some time

debriefing the students and Mrs. Deadman went to classes to explain what took place while everyone was outside. Students appeared to be calm as did the staff. The safety of students was a priority. Congratulations to the students who handled the earthquake in such a calm manner, and thank you to all of the staff members.

Many students and parents are used to school lunch breaks being an hour long, but this isn't the case at NISS. **Our lunch break begins at 11:55 and ends at 12:47.** We've noticed some parents dropping off their sons or daughters after the lunch break at 1:00.

Please take note of the afternoon class start time. We're emphasizing to the students the importance to getting to class on time so that they don't miss part of the lesson. We have included a copy of the bell schedule for your information.

Meet the Teacher Night was postponed and a new date has not yet been determined. Monday, September 19th is a day in session for staff but not for students. We recognize that many of you will be getting this newsletter after Monday, September 19th, so we have been announcing to students that they don't attend school on Monday.

Our newsletter goes out on the 15th of each month, so please note important dates at the end of the newsletter.

As usual, please contact the school about concerns or questions you may have.

Mrs. L. Deadman, Principal

BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ LUNCH

Mr. Dixon will be treating the students and staff to a BBQ lunch on Friday, September 30th.

PARKING PASSES

Students parking vehicles on school property will require a parking pass. A Parking Permit Application must be completed at the office before a parking pass will be issued. A copy of the completed application will be sent home.

SOUP DAY

The Grade 9 Foods class will be preparing a soup lunch on Wednesdays. The lunch will be served in the Multi-purpose room. This is FREE to all students thanks to donations from businesses, individuals and service organizations in our communities.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

A breakfast of toast, bagels, juice and healthy snacks is available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings in the Multi-purpose room from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. This is FREE to all students.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Thursday, September 29th. Package information will be given to students during home room on Friday, September 23rd.

CONCESSION

NISS Café Concession will re-open on Thursday, September 27th and will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays for lunch. Order forms will be available in the office and must be handed into the office by 10:15 for pick up at noon. The menu includes pizza, chicken strips, wraps, veggies and dip and smoothies.

We have attached an order form for your information.

GYM DEPARTMENT

Dear Parents,

In the PE department much is starting the same as usual in the gym. We have a new gym teacher this semester, Mr. Sorenson, who was the boy's rugby coach last year, and will hopefully be again this year. Senior Boys Soccer is starting and we have a tournament in October. Senior Girls Volleyball has also started, and Mrs. Downey is the coach. I will also be opening the gym up at lunch Monday-Thursday for intramurals starting soon. We will start with floor hockey, then soccer, then volleyball, then basketball. The same sports will occur in the second semester.

If you have students who wish to be involved in teams at NISS or would like to be involved in intramural activities, have them see Mr. Mork in the Gym. Also if any parents are capable or interested in helping coach teams, we are always looking for volunteers at NISS because it allows us to offer more teams.

Casey Mork (Gym Dept.)

GRAD 2012 INFORMATION

This year's School Leaving Ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 2nd. The first grad meeting will be on October 20th at 6:30 p.m.

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEWS

PAC is having a meeting on Tuesday, September 20 at 3:30 p.m. regarding concession start up. PAC is looking for volunteers. For more info contact Sandy Walton at 250 902 9721. Regular PAC meetings will start in October - specific dates have not been set.

NISS BELL SCHEDULE

Period 1	8:59 -10:22 a.m.
Break	10:22 - 10:32 a.m.
Period 2	10:32 - 11:55 a.m.
LUNCH	11:55 - 12:47 p.m.
Period 3	12:47 - 1:59 p.m.
Break	1:59 - 2:09 p.m.
Period 4	2:09 - 3:21 p.m.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 19th	In-Service day
Sept. 29th	School Photos
Sept. 30th	Back to School BBQ
Sept. 30th	Interim End
Oct. 7th	Interims Mailed Home
Oct. 10th	Thanksgiving Day
Oct 14th	End of Grade 8 Elective Rotation
Oct. 17th	Grade 8 Elective Rotation Start
Oct. 20th	Grad Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 21st	Pro D Day - no classes