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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It's always a pleasure to return to the school in September and to see familiar and new faces amongst staff and students. Students are happy and staff are smiling – it's going to be a good year full of positive activities at North Island Secondary School!

NEW STAFF

Mr. Jay Dixon is our new Vice-Principal. He comes to us from Port Hardy Secondary School where, as Vice-Principal, he made a positive difference for students. We're very happy to have him here at NISS. We're also happy to welcome back Mrs. Barb Gagnon, who has returned to her position as Special Education Worker after being away on leave.

PEANUT ALLERGY ALERT!!

This year we have students and staff at North Island Secondary School with severe allergies. To prevent any life-threatening situations, we are asking parents and students to avoid bringing peanut products to school.

Thank you for your help with this safety issue.

PROVINCIAL COMPUTER PROGRAM GLITCHES

Thank you to all of the students, parents, guardians and staff who have patiently been waiting for the new provincial

school database system to function as it should. Schools around the province are experiencing frozen screens and blocked access that takes hours to resolve. Changes to timetables, student attendance, student registrations, etc. are taking hours and sometimes days to do.

The company responsible for the computer program is working hard to fix the problems. Hopefully they'll get things running properly soon.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

We all strive to provide your children at NISS with an education that is relevant and enriching. It's difficult for students to be successful in their classes if they arrive after the class has begun, leave class early or leave the school before the end of the day. We need your help to keep your children actively involved in their learning. Please join us in expecting all NISS youth to attend all classes on time and to participate in all learning activities five days a week to the best of their abilities. It's always disappointing to witness a capable student struggling just to pass because he/she is absent for much of the teaching and learning in the classroom.

NISS WEBSITE

Our website is currently under construction and has not been updated. We hope to have this corrected in the next few weeks.

ATHLETICS

The following activities are taking place in the gym:

BADMINTON: Monday and Wednesday nights 6-9 p.m. - everyone welcome

SENIOR BOYS SOCCER: Monday and Wednesday - 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: Tuesday and Thursday - 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday 3:30 - 5 p.m.

GYMNASTICS: Tuesday and Thursday 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. weight training.

If anyone in the community is interested in helping out with any sports, please contact either Mr. Mork, Mrs. Deadman or Mr. Dixon.

CONCESSION

We are looking for volunteers to help in our concession which we would like to re-open again this year. Please contact Mrs. Deadman if you can help - even for a few hours once per week.

COOKIE DAY

Cookies are sold every Thursday during the first break (10:12 - 10:22). They are \$1.00 each.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 20(Monday)

District In-Service Day for school staff.

No school for students

September 23 Meet the Teacher Night

September 23 School Pictures

October 11 Thanksgiving holiday

October 18 Interim Report Cards Mailed Home

October 22 Provincial Pro D day for school staff.

No school for students.

SOUP DAY

Soup Day will be starting up again in the next few weeks. Any donations to this program would be gratefully accepted.

HOT DOG DAY

Hotdogs (\$1.50) and Chocolate Milk (\$2.00) are sold at lunchtime every Friday.

ATTENDANCE

Our automated phone system to contact parents via email or phone shall be up and running in the next few days. If you have an email address which we do not have on file, please contact Mrs. Farrant at the school with this address. We have found that sending out absence messages via email is a much more reliable method of reaching parents.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

We are holding our Meet the Teacher night on September 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. This is an informal evening which gives parents a chance to meet the teachers and see the school. We hope to see you there.

