



WELLINGTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Important Dates

Tuesday, December 20th

Band Winter Concert—7pm

Friday, December 23rd

Last day of school before Winter Vacation

Monday, January 9th

School Reopens

January 9-13th

Grad Photos

January 12-14th

Wellington Wildcats Superball Basketball
Tourney

Friday, January 27th

End of Semester 1

Principal's Message

Hello Wellington Community!

The Holidays are (already) upon us, and we have all certainly earned some restful family time. Our staff and students are continuing to work diligently with the new BC Curriculum at grades 8 and 9, and just starting work on introducing elements of the new grade 10-12 Curriculum. Much of that new curriculum is currently in the development stage, and we will see much more of it next school year. I encourage you (strongly) to visit the Ministry of Education website to get more details on those changes:

www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca/

Course selection for the 2017/18 school year will occur in January/February. You should expect Program Guides and course selection sheets to be available as we return from the Holiday. I will post them on our new school website. <http://we.schools.sd68.bc.ca/> Please take some time to discuss course and program options with your child before submitting requests for next year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me,

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Mr. Chad Lintott, Principal



What's Happening at Wellington...

BAND

WINTER CONCERT

Our Winter Concert will be on Tuesday, December 20th at 7 PM. All bands will be performing this evening.

Admission is by donation.

FUNDRAISING

1) Reminder of the Wellington Band Gift Wrap Services at North Nanaimo Town Centre.

2) Jazz Fest 2016 is March 10 the Port Theatre will involve all grade 9-12 jazz bands. Tickets are \$12 and are available for purchase through band students or through the Port Theatre Box Office - please quote Well If purchasing through the box office. They make great Christmas gifts.

3) Lions Christmas Tree Pick-up is Sunday, January 9th. We're looking for parents with trucks to drive and students to help. A sign-up sheet will be passed out to Students.

Congratulations to Patrick Thompson who is a finalist for the Fraser MacPherson scholarship audition which will occur on December 28th. Good Luck Patrick



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Please remember donations for our school hamper running from Dec. 1st - Dec. 16th. Each day is a specific food item- Prize goes to the class with the most food collected.

Dec. 1st - Rice

Dec. 2nd - Tea/coffee

Dec. 5th - Spaghetti Sauce

Dec. 6th - Elbow macaroni or spaghetti

Dec. 7th - Chunky Soup

Dec. 8th - Tomato's / or tomato sauce

Dec. 9th - 1- Litre containers of Orange or apple juice

Dec. 12th - Cans of fruit

Dec. 13th - Cans of chicken noodle/ vegetable soup

Dec. 14th - Cans of protein- Tuna, salmon, chicken, turkey, ham...etc

Dec. 15th - Cans of whole kernel corn

Dec. 16th - Individual Juice boxes



COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

December 15—Scholarship meeting at lunch in the library, student resumes also due that day

December 8—If grade 12 students need help filling out their Post Secondary Institute Selection online graduation, please come to F107 at lunch for help.

WILDCAT THEATRE NEWS

November 24-26th, 18 students traveled to Campbell River to attend the North Island Drama Festival. The students spent the two and a half days attending workshops during the days and watching one act plays in the evenings (9 in total). We spend the previous 7 weeks rehearsing and preparing our entry for the festival. It is a one act play titled Check Please Take 2, which the students performed on the Friday evening to rave reviews and an outstanding reception from the other 200 drama students in attendance. Although we didn't get chosen to represent our zone at the BC festival in the Spring, our students received five awards for the production.

- Outstanding achievement in costumes
- Outstanding achievement in props
- Outstanding integration of set materials
- Outstanding comedic ensemble work

Honorable mention- Acting- Darrian Gaetz

We are very proud of the achievements and success that these students have had and are looking forward to a public performance later in January at a "coffee and dessert night", where we will have songs and a presentation of this award winning play, and a look forward to our Spring Musical Theatre production of The Wizard Of Oz.



FOOD SAFE

FOOD SAFE, 8:30 – 3:00 pm, Wednesday, Dec. 14, Room F101, Cost: \$40

FOODSAFE Level 1 is a food-handling, sanitation and work-safety course designed for frontline food-service workers such as cooks, servers, bus-persons, dishwashers and deli workers. The course covers important food safety and worker safety information on food-borne illness, receiving and storing food, preparing food, serving food, cleaning and sanitizing. Please sign-up and bring payment to the main office.

FOOD SAFE course discount - \$20!

The district Work Experience program received a corporate donation for certification training. Students that are enrolled in Work Experience can receive a discount for Food Safe (only pay \$20). Register for Work Experience online: www.ctc-careerpaths.ca. Roxanne Boyko (WEX Instructor) will be available for questions in room F101, Thursday, Dec. 8, 11:00-11:30 am or contact Roxanne Boyko at rboyko@sd68bc.ca, 250-713-4581.

WEIGHT ROOM

The weight room at Wellington is fully equipped with cardio equipment and weight machines. It is open 5 days a week after school with teacher supervision.

Mondays: Opens at 3:00pm after early dismissal for anyone interested

Tuesdays & Thursdays: Girls only



CAREER TECHNICAL CENTRE (CTC) NEWS

The Career “Transition” Centre (CTC) is a District School/Program(s) that supports student transition from high school to (1) work (direct), (2) work (apprenticeship), (3) trades programs, (4) certificate programs or (5) university courses. See our website for more details and to apply online: www.ctc-careerpaths.ca. For general inquiries please call 250-740-2013.

Office Hours

Parents/students can learn more about our programs, **Tuesdays, 6-6:30 pm, NDSS, Meeting Room A**. Individual, evening appointments can be booked, Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:00 pm, 7:00-7:30 pm or 7:30-8:00 pm. **Please call 250-740-2090 to book an appointment.**

Students can meet with a CTC Coordinator at school. A CTC sign-up sheet is available in the counseling office.

Trades and Applied Skills – Registration is OPEN (18 different programs)

Trades and Applied Skills programs allow high school students to earn high school credit and complete post-secondary training (i.e. foundation + level 1). Tuition costs are covered by the CTC; students pay for other costs such as application fee, student fees, medical, books, tools, etc. Post-secondary partners include VIU, VCC, Camosun and BCIT. To find out more about this program contact Rob Gowan-Smith, rob.gowan-smith@sd68.bc.ca.

Discovery Trades – Registration is OPEN (12 credits – VIU Campus)

Discovery Trades is a 3-month, hands-on “Trades Sampler” offered at VIU. Students attend VIU, Feb-April, and rotate through five trades departments. Students will earn 12 credits (3 x grades 12 elective courses) and complete work-related certifications such as WHMIS, WCB First Aid Level 1, etc. To find out more about this program contact Rob Gowan-Smith, rob.gowan-smith@sd68.bc.ca.

Introduction to Trades – Registration is OPEN (16 credits – CTC Campus)

This is a cohort program that allows students to complete two academic classes (usually Math + English/Communications) and two construction courses. Students will learn about building construction trades such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical and some welding. To find out more about this program contact Rob Gowan-Smith, rob.gowan-smith@sd68.bc.ca.

Dual Credit Enrichment – Registration OPENS April 2017

Grade 11 students that have 3A’s and a B could get a head-start on completing university course(s) during grade 12. Students will earn both high school elective credits and university course credits by attending university during grade 12. There is an **Information Session, Wednesday, Feb. 15, 6:00-7:30 pm, VIU Theatre, Building 310**. To find out more about this program contact Roxanne Boyko, rboyko@sd68.bc.ca, 250-713-4581. (registration OPENS, April 2017)

Work Experience – Registration is OPEN

Students can learn and earn! Students can earn 4 credits (grade 12 elective) by working (volunteer or paid) and completing work-ready assignments or certification training. Students do not need a job to register for work experience. Students must **register online and then arrange to** meet with Roxanne Boyko (see school counselor for sign-up sheet) to complete a school orientation. To find out more about this program, contact Roxanne Boyko, rboyko@sd68.bc.ca, 250-713-4581.

“Volunteer” Work Experience Opportunity - Graphic Design/Computer Drafting/Photo Editing

Students interested in gaining industry related work experience in graphic design can contact Rob Gowan-Smith for more details, rob.gowan-smith@sd68.bc.ca, 250-816-0119.

HOLIDAY CARDS

The Skills for Life students will be selling sets of professionally produced holiday cards created and designed by the students. The sets will be \$10/set and will have at least 5 in each pack. Please leave a note in Dee Hartig’s mailbox, or email me at dhartig@sd68.bc.ca about many you’d like to have.



PAC NEWS



Thanks to all of the parents who came out to our last meeting on November 14th.

We successfully approved funding for the Wellington Band, Athletics and Robotics Departments; along with some funds heading to our 2017 Prom students.

Please join us at our next PAC Meeting on December 12th in the Library at 7pm.

Our Student Counsellor - Shannon McRae will be giving a small presentation on 2017 Scholarship opportunities within SD68.

I highly recommend that those parents who are interested in this discussion attend the meeting to get informed.

Also, you may have noticed that our new Wellington Secondary website is up and running. You will see a menu item on the left hand side of the website indicating the "PAC CORNER"

I will be coordinating with our VP, Scott Christianson to have PAC Meeting Dates as well as Meeting Minutes up on the site in the near future.

Thanks again for all your support. We look forward to seeing you on December 12th.

Ursula Weiss, PAC Chair

chairwellingtonpac@gmail.com

A NEW WAY TO REGISTER FOR SCHOOL

A new convenient and streamlined process to register your child in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools will begin on January 11, 2017.

The following information will help determine if this process will apply to you. If your answer is yes to any of the following questions, you will register through the new online registration process:

- o Is my child new to Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools?
- o Do I have a child that will be turning five years old on or before December 31, 2017?
- o Do I want to register my child in French Immersion?
- o Do I want to register my child in Late French Immersion?
- o Do I want to register my child at Departure Bay Eco-School?
- o Do I want to register my child in secondary academies? (Hockey, Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Lacrosse, Baseball, Performing Arts or Jazz)
- o Do I want to apply for a school transfer request (out-of-catchment)?



Before you begin, you will need the following:

- 1) A valid email address
- 2) Photo or scan showing proof of citizenship (ie. Birth certificate)
- 3) Photo or scan showing proof of Canadian residency (ie. Mortgage or bank statement, utility bill, driver's license, etc.)

Online registration will begin on **Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 8 a.m.** Pacific Standard Time.

Early and Late French Immersion, and Departure Bay Eco-school students will have until **January 31, 2017** to register online. Student selection will once again be determined by lottery, with parents being notified by **Friday, February 3, 2016**.

New Academy, Out-of-Catchment and Out of District student registrations will be prioritized by date and time submitted online. Deadline is **March 31, 2017**.

For more information please visit the district [website](#) or by emailing ereg@sd68.bc.ca.

STUDY BUDDIES

If you need help with your homework, come to C121 after school for some FREE tutoring!

BEGINS: December 5th
Monday: 2:10-3:10
Tuesday-Thursday
3:00-4:00 PM

C121

