



WELLINGTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Greetings Wellington Community,

This week marks the end of our first semester and the mid-point of the 2016-17 school year. We are about to begin the course selection process for next year, and you will be receiving information very soon regarding that process and the available program choices.

Our teachers continue to work diligently on developing new course material for the upcoming changes to the BC curriculum, as well as new assessment and reporting guidelines. It is, to say the least, a very busy and challenging time for our staff as they guide our students through these significant changes. Again, I encourage you to visit the Ministry of Education website to stay informed and provide feedback.

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>

A reminder that semester two will begin on Monday, January 30th and I wish all of our students a successful and engaging start to their new courses.

Sincerely,

Mr. Chad Lintott, principal

PRINCIPAL

Mr. Chad Lintott

VICE PRINCIPALS

Mr. Scott Christianson

Mrs. Nicol Suhr

Important Dates

January 9-13th

Grad Photos

January 12-14th

Wellington Wildcats Superball Basketball
Tourney

January 24th

Last day of Term 2

January 24-26th

Provincial Exams

Friday, January 27th

End of Semester 1

Monday, January 30th

Start of Semester 2



What's Happening at Wellington...

INTERNATIONAL



The following students will be heading home in a couple of weeks and we thank them for choosing Wellington, and for teaching us something about their home country that we can now share with others. Good-bye to: Gabriela Cardoso, Diego Cidreira, Luisa de Castro, Bruna de Oliveira, Aaron Gropp, Isabela Herbst, Maxime Jacquot, Alex Mende, Julia Muniz, Tarek Mues, Frederike Pelzer, Milene Ramos, Rona Reinbothe, Frederico Roveri, Ana Schwabedal, Georg Schwabedal, Giovana Souza, and Maria Tonsic. We will be welcoming 18 new international students for our second semester at Wellington! We will be off to the Rocky Mountains field trip soon!

ATHLETICS

We are about at the mid-way point for our basketball season. All of our teams are getting ready for playoffs, and we are busy every weekend playing in tournaments. Our senior girls and boys just ended their annual Superball tournament, and we had a lot of excellent support from our staff and students. 60 students came to watch the senior boys game from Uplands, and 80 kids came from Rock City to cheer our team on! The boys and the girls both played Barsby in front of the school on Friday and both teams won! It was an outstanding example of school spirit at Wellington on Friday. Thank you to all of our coaches, parents and athletes for their on-going support of our Athletics program. Go Cats!

BAND

The upcoming months are very busy for the band program! Senior students and the Grade 10 Jazz Band will be attending the Surrey Envisions Jazz Festival in February. Special congratulations goes out to Kaiden Vichert, Patrick Thompson and Peter Kang who will be representing Wellington as part of the Envisions Jazz Festival Rep Band. The majority of the jazz band students will also be travelling to the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in Moscow, Idaho from February 22 - 26. There will be a mandatory parent/student meeting on February 7 at 7 PM in the Learning Commons - at this time the itinerary and medical forms will be discussed and filled out.



On March 10, all jazz band students will be involved in Jazz Fest at the Port Theatre. Tickets for this event are \$12 each and can be purchased from the band or the Port Theatre. This year we will be featuring Nanaimo's own Ingrid Jensen on trumpet. Be sure to quote WELL if purchasing from the Port Theatre

Upcoming events:

West Coast Jazz Festival VIU – all jazz bands and combos – May 2 and 3rd-

Jazz Combo Night – St. Andrews Church – all jazz combos- April 25th 7 PM

Vancouver Island Concert Band Festival – April 4th – Port Alberni – Grade 8 and Sr. Concert Band

MusicFest Canada Toronto – May 16 -20 – Sr. Students

SKILLS FOR LIFE

We know it's late, but the Skills for Life class just received their beautiful colour published Christmas Cards from the Elite Publishing. Ms. Hartig will display them at the staff meeting. Anyone who would like to buy a set, or several, will need to pay \$10/set and the money will go towards a trip Ms. Hartig taking the student's on to Victoria in June. The \$10 is for 6 cards illustrated by different Wellington SFL students. If you'd like to look sooner, they are in Ms. Hartig's classroom to view and purchase as well.



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.

THANKS!

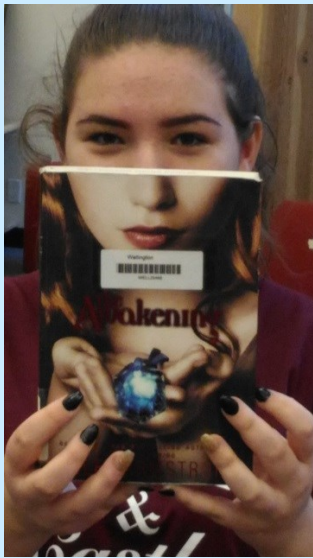
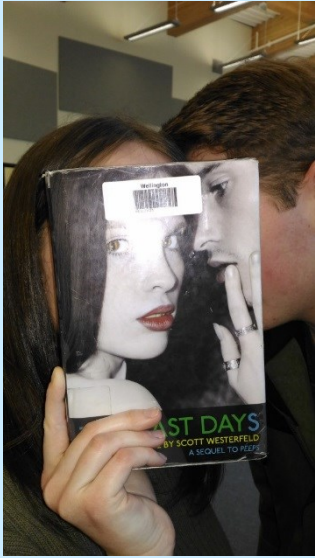
STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council had a very busy December. A HUGE thank you to all staff and students who participated in our Pyjama, Christmas Sweater and Everything Holiday Theme Days; Hot Chocolate and Bake Sales; Candy Grams; Door Decorating Contest; and Hidden Candy Cane Hunt. Congratulations to Ms. Henderson, Mr. Dang and Ms. Anton's classes for earning the top three spots in our door decorating contest."

LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS

That Book Looks Good on You

As a showcase for some great reads, a series of photos, like these, depicting the meshing of people and book covers, can be found on the school website. Click on Library Learning Commons, then News.



Every Day Fiction – Read and/or Publish yours!

READ: from the link at the bottom of the Learning Commons homepage.

WRITE: Every Day Fiction is looking for very short (flash) fiction, of up to 1000 words. There's no such thing as too short – if you can do the job in 50 words, have at it! – but our readers prefer pieces that tell or at least hint at a complete story (some sort of action or tension rising to a moment of climax, and at least a clue toward a resolution, though it doesn't have to be all spelled out).

GO TO: <http://everydayfiction.com/submit-story/>

World Read Aloud Day - Thursday, February 16, 2017

Celebrate World Read Aloud Day by reading aloud and taking action on behalf of the 758 million people who cannot read. We will be planning a Poetry and Reading event for that day...special guest readers, students reading their stories or poetry at lunch, etc. Ask yourself: What stories make you feel confident and proud to be you? When did reading give you the courage to stand up for something you believe in? What role models have you met through reading?

Student Art Our Library has been beautified by creative and colourful student works, murals, and Aboriginal art. Come in and discover the beauty.

Reminders It is the end of the first semester, so please return your textbooks for finished courses, ASAP, as next semester's students will need those texts! Also, please renew your fiction and non-fiction every two weeks, and magazines every two days.

Also remember to treat those Laptops and Chromebooks gently, and to return them at the end of the block. Those devices get so much use!

Canada 150

From Macleans magazine, a look at some of the events planned for Canada's 150th Birthday:

<http://www.macleans.ca/news/canada/how-you-can-celebrate-canadas-150th/>

For how to be involved, students and their families should search the event that interests them.

PAC NEWS

Quick Message:

Thank you to all of the parents who took the time to come out to our January 9th PAC meeting; especially considering that it was the first day back from Spring Break.

Discussion points:

Next PAC Meeting - Monday February 6 (due to Family Day and Valentines Day conflicts)

If you haven't taken a look at the NEW Wellington Website please do.

There is a PAC Corner and we will be posting prior to the next PAC Meeting

- Schedule
- Meeting Minutes
- Other News

Please contact the PAC at: chairwellingtonpac@gmail.com



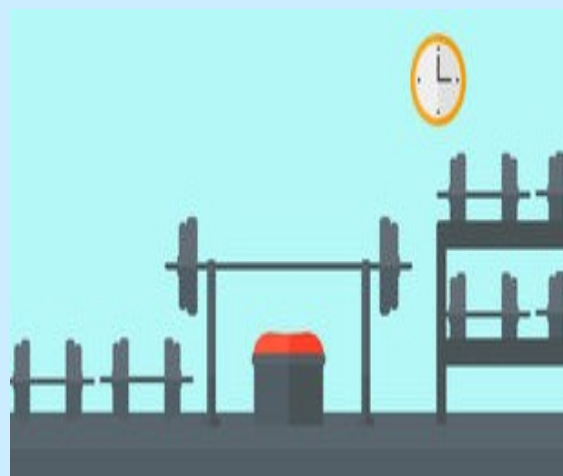
WEIGHT ROOM

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

Wednesdays* and Fridays: Everyone welcome *except the third Wednesday of every month for staff meetings.



NANAIMO DRY GRAD



Nanaimo Dry Grad

Next meeting: Thursday, January 19th 7 PM

Wellington School Library

All welcome!

NDG tickets are \$60 (after March 1st 2017 \$65)

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

Monday, June 26th

Rehearsal 12:00pm Band sound check

12:30pm Rehearsal for all students

Wednesday, June 28th

10:00am Commencement ceremony



WELLINGTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

Course Selection Process for the 2017-2018 School Year

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The course selection process for Wellington Secondary has begun! This week, all secondary students from grade 8-11 met for Course Information Assemblies, where they received a Course Selection Booklet, and they heard from administration, counsellors and classroom teachers on the following subjects:

- New curriculum changes
- New assessment and reporting
- Pre-Graduation programs (Grades 8 and 9) and Graduation Programs (Grades 10-12)
- Graduation Requirements (Grades 10-12)
- New Courses available
- Course Selection Process

We encourage you to speak with your child(ren) and to peruse the booklet. Please feel free to contact us at the school if you have any questions. The intent of providing this information prior to course selection is to allow time for questions and thoughtful consideration of courses for next year. We recommend marking down in the booklet which courses are of interest, as well as prioritizing the courses (Eg. Preference #1, preference #2, etc). **This is helpful as students will have an opportunity to enter in alternates in the event a course is unavailable.**

If you have any questions about new curriculum, assessment, reporting and/or graduation requirements, please see the BC Ministry of Education website: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>

All course selection will be happening for Grade 8-11 students February 1-10. This will be an online process this year, using a student portal system that works directly with our Student Information System, MyEducation BC.

Feb 1-10, students will be called alphabetically to a classroom, where administration and counsellors will assist them in logging into their own personal student portal. In that portal, they will select the courses they need, as well as several alternates for electives. They will be recording these choices on a Course Selection Form, of which a copy will go home, and a copy will be retained with the counsellors for reference.

Please note that the student portal will only be open and accessible to the students for logging in during these course selection sessions. If further changes need to be made, students are to see their counsellor.

Finally, during this session for course selection, we are also assisting students with signing up for their SD68 Google Classroom account, which allows for additional resources and flexibility in their learning. Wellington teachers are regularly using this resource in their classes, and wish to ensure that all students have access.

There are many resources available on the Wellington School website <http://we.schools.sd68.bc.ca/> under "Students and Parents" top tab.

If you have any questions about course selection, please contact the school at 250-758-9191.



VIU is hosting an evening for Parents, Guardians and Families of future VIU students at Wellington Secondary School.

Parents of students of all ages are invited

February 2nd @ 6-8pm

This is an open Q&A to find out more about options and resources available.



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