



WELLINGTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Wellington Community,

I hope that you, like me, are really enjoying the Winter weather! It's not that I love the snow so much, but it allows me an opportunity to remind everyone to please practice safe and responsible behavior in the snow. We will continue to do our best to clear every entry and sidewalk, but if you can remind your children to walk safely and wear appropriate footwear, etc.

Mrs. Suhr is working very hard to complete the online course selection process for all grades this week. You were given a paper copy of a course selection form to look over, discuss with your children and return to the school. I trust that you were able to do so. As you know, this process determines the course offerings for 2018-19 and we need to complete it in a timely manner. If you have any course selection-related questions, please do not hesitate to call your counselor or administrator for help.

We are now several weeks into the transition to the MyEdBC Parent Portal and I want to thank you for your patience and participation as we pilot the program for the entire district. I will ask you to sign on and create an account if you have not yet done so – refer to my previous emails for instructions to create an account. Of course, you can also email us if you continue to have difficulties.

Thanks you everyone,
Chad Lintott, Principal

FEBRUARY 2018

PRINCIPAL

Mr. Chad Lintott

VICE PRINCIPALS

Mr. Shawn Shahi

Mrs. Nicol Suhr

DATES TO NOTE

February 5

Grade 8 & 9 course selections

PAC Meeting at 7 p.m.

February 6

Grade 10 & 11 course selections

February 8

Report cards issued through Portal

February 12

Family Day (no school in session)

February 15

CYMH Parent Night - 6:15 p.m.

February 16-17

Surrey Jazz Festival

February 19 & 20

Pro-D Days

February 21

Grad Photo retakes

February 22-25

Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival

February 28

Pink Shirt Day



What's Happening at Wellington...

DRY GRAD 2018 - T-SHIRT LOGO CONTEST

Design this year's Dry Grad t-shirt! Contest is open to all students in Grades 10, 11, 12.

Specifications:

- 2 colour logo to be on white t-shirt
- 2018 colour theme is bright yellow or bright green or orange. Black used for outlining/details is considered the 2nd colour if used in the artwork.
- Hand drawings only, no photographs in the artwork
- Artwork design should relate to a "Beach Theme"
- Artwork must be able to be digitized for screen printing
- Artwork must include working: Dry Grad 2018 and/or A Night to Remember 2018



The chosen layout will be used on the front of the t-shirt and possibly in promotion.

WINNER TO RECEIVE A \$100 WOODGROVE GIFT CARD

DEADLINE IS MARCH 5, 2018

Please submit artwork to your school office clearly marked "Dry Grad 2018" by the deadline. Ensure your name and grade are written on the back of the entry.

WELLINGTON WELLNESS SERIES: INFORMATION SESSIONS AND CONVERSATIONS FOR PARENTS.

The third Thursday of Every Month at Wellington Presentation Room

There will be no MARCH EVENING SESSION.

Session 6: Gender Identity with Natalie Chelsom Thursday April 6:15pm

In this session we will discuss:

Myths and facts

Language

Opening conversations at home

Creating safe and supportive environments



CO-OP DRY GRAD FUNDRAISER

The Co-op will be holding a Dry Grad fundraiser at all their gas bar locations beginning April 16th - 22nd, where a portion of their sales will be donated to our local Dry Grad.

This has been a really good fundraiser the past few years, and on average their donation to Nanaimo's Dry Grad has been approximately \$2,000.

Thanks for your support!



**Help Support Dry Grad!**
DRY GRAD WEEK



FILL UP at Mid Island Co-op
April 16th - April 22nd
and help support your local DRY GRAD.
A portion of the profits from each litre sold will be donated to your local School District's Dry Grad Committees.

15 Mid Island Co-op Gas Bars To Serve You:
Nanaimo, Gabriola, Parksville, Whiskey Creek, Ladysmith, Salt Spring, Chemainus, Lake Cowichan & Seaway

 For All Your Petroleum & Convenience Store Needs

CAREER PATHWAYS (CTC)

Career Pathways (CTC) offers many unique district programs for gr. 10-12, including trades programs, apprenticeships, VIU courses, and work experience.

For more information:

- (1) visit our website (www.ctc-careerpaths.ca) or our App
 - I. Android https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.app_ctcenter.layout
 - II. Apple: http://mobileappco.org/enterprise/app.php?app_id=632105

Apple Private App Store App Installation

1. Grab the Private App store URL from your email and open the link in Safari on an iOS device. Click Install Now.
2. For **iOS 9.2** and newer:
 - Tap Settings > General > Device Management.
 - Under the "Enterprise App" heading, you'll see a profile for the developer. (Apple changed "profile" to "device management" in 9.2)
 - Click "Business Apps Inc." Then "Trust Bizness Apps Inc." (This is the software upon which your app has been built)

(2) get an info sheet (counseling office)

(3) book an appointment at your school with the CTC advisor (counseling office), or

(4) book an evening appointment at our office with the CTC advisor (Barsby, weekly, Thursdays, 5-7 pm, by appointment only, 250-753-6331 ext 407).

Career Pathways (CTC) - Important Dates

Jan. 26 -Application Deadline for 2018-19 seats in Youth TRAIN in Trades (formerly Dual Credit - Trades and Applied Skills/Ace-IT) at VIU

Feb 5 - Dual Credit Info Night - 6:30 pm, VIU, Bldg 356, Rm 109

Mar. 16 - Application Deadline for 2018-19 seats in Dual Credit Enrichment at VIU

Career Pathways (CTC) - Certification Training

CTC is helping youth get certification training by advertising upcoming locally offered programs. There is a subsidized fee for students that are actively registered in Work Experience or Youth Work in Trades courses. See our website for more details.



BAND

The upcoming months are very busy for the band program!

The Wellington Jazz Academy students returned from the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival this past weekend with 19 performances.

The Sr. Jazz Band and the Grade 10 Jazz Band honourable mentions for their performances. Individual honour was given to Grade 10 Drummer Daniel Mottahedeh for winning his solo competition. Daniel was selected to perform on the Main Stage during the evenings professional concerts.

The Wellington Jazz Academy students also returned from the Surrey Envisions Jazz Festival the previous week with the following awards:

Sr. Jazz Band – Made it to the final evening Showcase against Semiamhoo and came in 2nd place out of 20 bands

Sr, Jazz Band Rhythm Section – Most Outstanding Sr. Rhythm Section of the Festival –

Grade 9/10 Trio Most Outstanding Jr Jazz Combo of the festival – consisting of Petra Dobek, Daniel Mottahedeh and Devin Uslu

Individual Awards:

Tom Adler – Most Outstanding Sr Trumpet Player

The following students were awarded with \$50 solo recognition gift certificates:

Mico Valmonte, Daniel Mottahedeh, Nathan Spivey, Ally Churko



STUDY BUDDIES

Do you need any help with homework? Or just need quiet place to do your homework after school? Come to Study Buddies.

Help is available for

- All Math courses 8-12 Pre -Calculus, Science 8, 9 ,10
- Science 8, 9, 10
- All humanities courses (English, Social Studies etc)

Unsure if we can help you with your subject? Drop in and ask Study Buddies is on:

Mondays	2:10-4:00pm - downstairs C hall orange room
Tuesdays	3:00-4:00pm - library
Wednesdays	3:00-4:00pm - downstairs C hall orange room
Thursdays	3:00-4:00pm - library

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INTERNATIONAL

We have welcomed 16 new international students this semester from Brazil, Germany, Mexico and Italy. Upcoming this month is the skating field trip and learning to play hockey! In April, we will go to Tofino and learn how to surf, in May we will go tour the Rocky Mountains and go whale watching. It will be a very fun and exciting few months coming up. We are always looking for host families for our students, and if you are interested in becoming a host family for an international student at Wellington, please contact Diane Carswell – diane.carswell@sd68.bc.ca



ATHLETICS

We are concluding our basketball season, and we have all of our teams participating in their playoffs in the next month. The junior boys and girls had their District tournament February 2/3, the grade 8 boys and girls had Districts on February 9/10 and the seniors are participated in their North Islands. Rugby has started practicing and we have both boys and girls rugby at Wellington this year. Come on out and watch some hoops until the weather changes and we will be out on the pitch.



VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY CONNECTIONS

Various activities and program information sessions happening over the next few months. Bookmark the VIU Events page to make sure you don't miss out.

<https://www.viu.ca/events/>

Highlights:

Advisor Outreach in your school

The Educational Advisor assigned to Wellington Secondary School is Michelle Steel (Michelle.Steel@viu.ca or 250-740-6566) and she will be visiting Wellington to support VIU applicants:

Thursday, April 12 – 9:00-3:00 in Counselling area – individual advising appointments for program and course planning

Thursday, May 10 – 9:00 Library Lab – web registration assistance

Discovery Days

Feb 27, Feb 28, and March 1 – Speak with your school counsellor about options for attending one of these days.

Are you considering VIU? Would you like to learn more?

Stay tuned to newsletters and check the counselling department for dates of when VIU will be visiting the school or *connect with VIU directly*.

How to connect with VIU:

a. General inquiries connect with the Office of Enrolment Management at 250.753.3245, Local 2088 or viuconnect@viu.ca

Visit campus to get a current student prospective on why VIU is for you. For registration and options: <https://connect.viu.ca/visit-options>.



PARENT EDUCATION SERIES

**Presented by Child and Youth Mental Health &
Aboriginal Child and Youth Mental Health**

Please join us on the third Thursday of the month for our Parent Education Series! Workshops run from 5:30-6:30 pm, light refreshments will be provided. Workshops will be presented on the 2nd floor of 190 Wallace Street.

- ♦ The Teenage Brain: March 15, 2018
- ♦ Dealing with Challenging Behaviours: April 19, 2018
- ♦ Depression: May 17, 2018
- ♦ Trauma: June 21, 2018



Please RSVP for any or all parent sessions by calling Child and Youth Mental Health at 250-741-5701.