



WELLINGTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Principal

Mr. Chad Lintott

Vice Principals

Mr. Shawn Shahi

Mrs. Nicol Suhr

Principals Message

Hello Wellington Parents & Community,

I hope the first month of the 2018 school year has been a successful one for you and your students. September is always a good indicator of the year ahead, which is why we try our best to get off to a good start, especially for our grade 8 students. This year, like last, will be one of change for our students and staff. We have fully implemented the new BC curriculum now, and we are continuing to transition to MyEdBC as our primary assessment (marks) recording and communication platform. That will mean that we will not be supporting Jupiter Ed as a school or as a district moving forward. If you have not yet had an opportunity to log on to MyEdBC or you are having difficulties accessing your account, please contact us at the school for assistance. While we look forward to one common and consistent electronic platform, we also understand that technological change is more difficult and frustrating for some. Please allow us to help if you have concerns.

I want to thank those parents and guardians who attended our informational session in September and our parent-teacher interviews last week. I always encourage you, as parents and guardians, to take an active role in communicating with the school to make sure you have the information you need to support your child. Please check the staff directory under "Quick Links" on the school website for contact information for teachers, counsellors and administration.

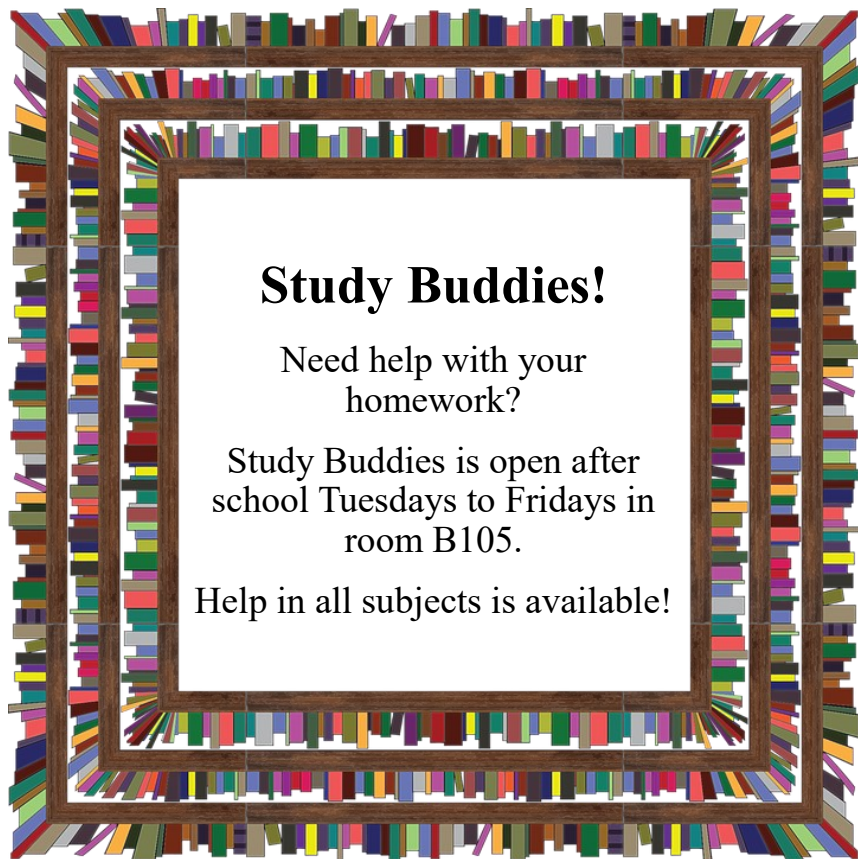
In addition to the great things happening in our classrooms, extra-curricular and club activity is in full swing. Many thanks to our staff and community coaches and volunteers for their time in helping enrich the experiences for Wellington students. We have a number of opportunities for students of all grades. Please have them check the activity board outside of Ms. McRae's office (D103) for a list of current events and activities.

The start of a new year brings another reminder of the importance of keeping our students *engaged in learning inside the classroom*. At each of our grade assemblies, I asked to students to maintain focus on what is being discussed in class, and to avoid the distraction of the store and restaurant adjacent to the school. As many of our more senior students are aware, we struggle at times with students choosing to spend time at the store when they are scheduled to be in class. We will do our best to keep students on school property during the day, as will each of our teachers, and I ask that you help us make that a priority as well.

Our next Wellington PAC meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 16th at 7pm in our Learning Commons. All parents and guardians are invited to attend. I (almost) solemnly swear we will not ask you to participate in fundraising activities. Our purpose with PAC at Wellington is to discuss the goals, activities and practices of the school, to keep informed, and to provide input to the school leaders to continually improve the school experience for our students. I hope to see even more of you on Tuesday.

Sincerely,

Chad Lintott, Principal



Study Buddies!

Need help with your homework?

Study Buddies is open after school Tuesdays to Fridays in room B105.

Help in all subjects is available!

Important Dates in October

16th PAC Meeting at 7pm

19th Provincial Pro D Day
Classes not in session

24th Photo Retakes



Administrator and Counsellor Assignments for 2018-2019

Administrators:

Mrs. Nicol Suhr: Grades 8 and 10

Mr. Shawn Shahi: Grades 9 and 11

Mr. Chad Lintott: Grade 12

Counsellors:

Ms. Crystal Linn: Last names A to Ge

Ms. Kate Gustafson: Last names Gi to Pa

Ms. Shannon McRae: Last names Pe to Z



P.A.C.

The Wellington Parent Advisory Committee meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Everyone is welcome!



Please visit our Wellington Secondary School web page for information on current events, important dates, teacher contact information...we.schools.sd68.bc.ca

Yearbook News by Mr. Bhatti

In order to promote public awareness of local businesses we are committing approximately 4-6 pages devoted specifically to local entrepreneurs.

As yearbooks are traditionally timeless and rarely discarded they provide a medium of advertisement for businesses for years to come.

Our intent within these pages is to allow businesses to place their logos or other forms of advertisement within these designated pages in exchange for funds that will be used to purchase additional cameras and equipment for the school.

A receipt will be forwarded to any businesses that wish to take part.

If you have any additional question, or comments please contact me at sbhatti@sd68.bc.ca



Important Reminders from the Office...

♦ PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN...

1. **Student Verification Form** (please update information as required and be sure to note an email address if you wish to receive emails and a family portal account)
2. **Google Consent Form**
3. **Student Information Consent Form**

♦ ABSENCES & LATES...

- If your student will be missing classes, please be sure to notify the office at 250-758-9191
- Students who are late to class are to sign in at the office
- If your student needs to be excused early, please be sure to send a note or call the office to give approval

THANK YOU!

ATHLETIC NEWS by **Nicole McRae**

Wellington is up and running with many teams already out there playing...

- ♦ The Cross Country team has been to two meets already in September and we have about 30 runners training with Mrs. Johnson twice each week
- ♦ Mr. Cathcart has a dozen swimmers in the water practicing twice a week preparing for upcoming meets
- ♦ Grade 8 Girls Volleyball has two teams this year. Coaches are Mrs. Aitken, Ms. S. McRae, and Mrs. Gannon. The teams just finished their first games and are excited to play again on Wednesday
- ♦ Junior Girls Volleyball also has two teams this year. Coaches are Melinda Franklin, Emily Bassett, and Mikayla Eby.
- ♦ Junior Boys Volleyball is being coached by McCalli Franklin.
- ♦ Grade 8 Boys Volleyball has a lot of athletes on the team and are being coached by Cory Bowater.

It is a busy season and a quick start-up but thanks to the coaches, our athletes, and our many parent supporters/drivers, we have had a great September!



Band News

by Carmella Luvisotto

Four Wellington Secondary Jazz Academy students have been chosen to participate in the 2018 British Columbia Music Educators Honour Jazz Band.

Grade 12 students **Jacob Horwood** on guitar, **Peter Kang** on bari sax, **Mico Valmonte** on trombone, and Grade 11 student **Daniel Mottahedeh** on drums were selected from among thousands of eligible jazz instrumental students from across BC.

Featuring the finest high school musicians in the province, the honour ensembles' performances are the highlight of the annual British Columbia Music Educators' Association Conference, this year at the River Rock Casino from October 19-21st.

Thank you to all band parents who attended the band parent meeting in September. Fundraising and band trips were discussed. Special thanks to all who have volunteered for fundraising!

Our annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser will occur on October 26th at the Cavallotti Lodge and will feature the grades 9-12 jazz bands. Tickets are \$16 each and may be purchased through students.



International News

Wellington welcomes over 50 new international students this year! We have 12 students planning to graduate from Wellington this year and approximately 75 in total.

The students had a blast on the first field trip to the curling rink. The cold ice was a bit of a shock for our students, but the highlight was definitely their first ride on a big, yellow school bus!

In October, the students will be heading to Cirque du Soleil in Victoria and then off to Vancouver for a day trip.



It's great to see so many students from so many different countries joining us here in Canada!

Learning Commons News by Danielle St. Jules

This semester, the Learning Commons will be holding monthly reading challenges to promote literacy and a school reading community.

Congratulations to Billy Whelan, Reegan Sellars, Tara Feindel, Danika Beveridge, Leah Furzeland, Thea Bernabe and Mr. Lennox for completing the September Reading Challenge!

A special thank you to Starbucks (Chapters), Starbucks (Woodgrove), Galaxy Cinemas and The Body Shop for generously contributing prizes for our reading challenges.



MyEd Family Portal Information

MyEducationBC (MyEdBC) is a web based portal for parents, students, and teachers to communicate and access student information.

If your child attended Wellington last year, you likely already have an account. If you are unsure or have questions please email

WE-FamilyPortalQuestions@sd68.bc.ca

All “new” Wellington families who have submitted an email address will have a MyEd Family Portal Account created for them on October 5th. You will receive an automated email at that time with information on how to access your portal.

Trouble-Shooting 101

Important Tip...Passwords are case sensitive!



Below is what you will see when you successfully enter your login information for the first time.

If you receive an error message please check that your chosen password meets all of the listed requirements.

First Time Log In: You will be Prompted to Change your Provided Password

The screenshot shows a web interface for changing a password. A red error message box at the top states: "Your password has expired. Please create a new one." Below this, there are three input fields: "Current Password", "New Password", and "Confirm New Password". At the bottom are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons. Four numbered callouts are present: 1. Click OK (pointing to the OK button in the error message box), 2. Enter provided password (pointing to the Current Password field), 3. Enter new password; follow password requirements. (pointing to the New Password field), and 4. Re-enter new password (pointing to the Confirm New Password field).

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4. Re-enter new password

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This Month's Activities:

October 3rd
Relaunch Day

October 10th
Cedar Weaving with
Emily Mack

October 17th
Halloween Activities- Baking

October 24th
Halloween Activities

October 31st
Closed for Halloween!
Happy Halloween, Be Safe

What We Have to Offer

A Safe Non- Judgemental Space

A Hot Meal & Snacks

One on One Counselling

Career & Employment Counselling

Fun Group Activities

Board Games

Meet New People

A LOT OF FUN!!

EVERY WEDNESDAY

3:00-5:00 @ 479 Tenth Street

Rides will be available from; John Barsby, NDSS, Wellington Secondary
And Cedar Secondary.

Please Contact Brandi or Soren @ 250-753-8291 or Tyson @ 250-753-8266 With Any Questions

NANAIMO COMMUNITY HOSPICE SOCIETY

Nanaimo Community Hospice Society is holding a workshop on October 15 from 1:00 to 3:30, titled "How Children Grieve and Ways to Help"

The workshop is for parents, guardians, professionals and volunteers who are looking to support school aged children through a time of grief and loss pertaining to a death.

The workshop is facilitated by
Cady Brockman

To reserve a space call
250-591-8811



WRESTLING!

School District 68 has a district co-ed wrestling team/ club open to both male and female students from all of our local high schools.

Practices are held at Island ConnectEd (4355 Jingle Pot Road).

The season starts on Monday, October 15, with practices being held on Mondays and Thursdays.

For more information, please visit the clubs website: <https://sites.google.com/view/nanaimowrestlingclub/>.

If interested in joining the club, a registration link is located on the website!





Vancouver Island University Connections

Various activities and program information sessions are 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:

[Application open soon](#) - **October 1st** is the first day to submit applications for Academic Programs beginning in September of 2019.

[Experience VIU](#) – Grade 11, 12 and mature students along with their families are invited to join us at VIU's Nanaimo campus on Saturday, **October 13, 2018 from 9 am -2 pm** to check out the campus and learn about VIU programs and the services available to support student success.

[Webinars](#) are offered by VIU Recruitment Officers to help students with their transition to VIU. <https://connect.viu.ca/future-students/webinars>

How to connect with VIU:

General inquiries connect with a Recruitment Officer at 250.740-6672 or viuconnect@viu.ca

Visit our campus and take a tour to get a current student prospective on why VIU is for you. For registration and options: viu.ca/visit

Students ready to plan for September 2019 connect with Advising at 250-740-6410 or advising@viu.ca

The Educational Advisor assigned to Wellington Secondary is Michelle Steel.

Advising Office hours: Monday 8:30-3:30pm, **Tuesday 8:30-6:00pm**,
Wednesday 10:30am-3:30pm, Thursday 8:30-3:30pm, Friday 8:30-3:00pm

Application status and documentation questions connect with the Registration Centre at 250.740.6400 or registration@viu.ca