



# WELLINGTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Mr. Chad Lintott

## Vice Principals

Mr. Shawn Shahi

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## Principals Message

Wellington Community,

I would like to start by wishing all of you a very warm, happy and healthy holiday season! This is a busy time of year for many families, and certainly for our students. First semester will be winding down in a few weeks, and we will be heading into final assessments. I invite you to help us encourage our students to try and maintain focus on academic progress and success through the end of January and the semester. Our teaching staff is eager to assist your child in meeting those academic goals, and are available to communicate with you as to how best to do so. Our study buddies program, which is an in-person academic support program offered by Mrs. Balcombe afterschool in Room B205, is an excellent way to get personal support in multiple subject areas in addition to the extra help offered by classroom teachers.

A little further along in this newsletter, you will find the schedule for Semester One assessments. The week of January 21-25 will see all students attending full and regular class schedules on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup>, and Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, with students scheduled into a variety of assessments by their individual classroom teachers from Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday the 25<sup>th</sup>. This schedule will allow for classroom assessments, the Grade 8 Showcase of Learning, opportunities for individual assessments and course completion, as well as BC Ministry exams. You will receive communication from classroom teachers regarding assessments for each course.

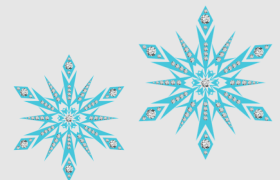
Over the next few weeks we will be distributing Course Planning Guides to students and parents to help prepare for the 2019-2020 course selection process. Students will select courses and the end of January and the beginning of February for next school year. The course Planning Guide will provide you with information to help you choose areas of interest and courses necessary for graduation. Please take time to read the Guide and ask questions to make sure you are making informed decisions. The course selection process will help us determine our school timetable for next year, more specifically, the courses we are able to offer to students. Accurate information is essential for us to hire staff and offer the courses our students choose and require to meet their future academic goals. As many of you are aware, it is difficult to make substantial changes later in the year to student timetables, which is further reason to choose the appropriate courses now.

From time to time, I like to remind parents and guardians that we continue to try and find new ways to support distracted learners in our classroom. Some of those distractions are related to outside stressors and fatigue, like late-night gaming or social issues. Through our counselling department, we have a number of strategies to help students with these concerns, and try our best to identify and recognize them early. If you feel your child would benefit from such support, please do not hesitate to speak with our counselling department, who are all very-well trained in this area. For other forms of distraction to learning in the classroom, such as personal electronic devices (used for non-educational purposes) I ask that you continue to communicate with your child and support us in trying to have students engage in the lesson as provided by the teacher, and not in communication with others. It is a more prevalent issue every year, and while we encourage the use of technology for educational purposes, many devices are still used in class as merely a distraction from the lesson. Your support, as always, is greatly appreciated.

Once again, I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Chad Lintott, Principal



## Important Dates

December 18th	Winter Band Concert. 7pm in the gym
December 21st	Last day of classes before winter break
January 7th	School reopens after winter break
January 15th	PAC Meeting @ 7pm in Learning Commons
January 24th/25th	Provincial Exams
January 25th	Last day of Semester 1 classes
January 28th	Start of Semester 2
February 5th	Report cards posted in MyEd BC Portal
February 18th	BC Family Day. School not in session
February 25th	Non-Instructional Day (District Pro D)
February 26th	Non-Instructional Day (Pro D Day)



Students interested in taking an extra course outside of the timetable should see the friendly Island Connect Ed staff in Room B114. Island Connect Ed offers a variety of online Grade 10 to 12 elective and academic courses. Please note that due to upcoming curriculum changes, all Grade 11 and 12 courses must be completed by the end of the school year. Grade 10 courses can still be started during the school year and then completed during the summer if necessary.



## INTERNATIONAL NEWS by Nicole McRae

The international students were part of the *Ladysmith Light Up* at the end of November and are off to Whistler at the start of December. Hopefully it'll be a snowy winter for those students who haven't seen snow before!

## Important Reminders from the Office...

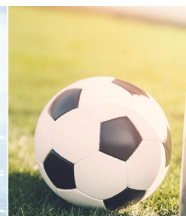
- ♦ We still have a number of unclaimed student ID cards. Please check with the office if you don't yet have yours.
- ♦ Reminder to please let the office know if your student is away from school or has to leave early for an appointment.

Thank you!



Please visit our Wellington Secondary School web page for information on current events, important dates, teacher contact information...[we.schools.sd68.bc.ca](http://we.schools.sd68.bc.ca)





## Secondary District Academy Registrations - A New Process

Secondary specialized academies provide students with an opportunity to pursue their areas of interest while completing their academic studies.

**Lottery**



**Hockey Canada Skills Academy**



**NLPS Soccer Academy**



**Vancouver Island Beach Volleyball**



**Baseball Academy**

**Try-outs/  
Audition**



**Lacrosse Academy**



**Performing Arts**



**Jazz Academy**

**All students are welcome to apply. Acceptance into an Academy will be determining either by Lottery or Try-out/Audition. For more information, please attend the Secondary District Academy information night on Thursday January 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm Board Room, District Administration Center, 395 Wakesiah Ave.**



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## Band News by Carmella Luvisotto

### Winter Concert

Our Winter Concert will be on Tuesday, December 18th at 7pm. All bands will be performing this evening. Admission is by donation.

### Fundraising

1. Reminder of the Wellington Band Gift Wrap Services at Country Club Mall
2. Jazz Fest 2019—20th Anniversary is on March 8th at the Port Theatre and 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). These make great Christmas gifts!
3. Lions Christmas Tree Pick-up is Sunday, January 6th. We're looking for parents with trucks to drive and students to help. A sign-up sheet will be passed out to students.

### **Dates for the New Year:**

- ♦ January: Various grade 8 students will be performing at elementary schools
- ♦ February 20-24th: Band Trip to Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival
- ♦ March 8th: JazzFest Port Theatre
- ♦ April 9/10th: Vancouver Island Concert Band Festival in Port Alberni

# ATHLETIC NEWS by Nicole McRae



**Basketball** is in full swing with almost all teams playing this weekend. The Senior Boys and Girls are here at Wellington, Juniors are off to Victoria and VIU, and the grade 8 girls are up at VIU as well. It's a busy season of basketball.

Thanks to all of our coaches: Scott Robertson, Wes Cathcart, Neil Grigoletto, Craig Horncastle, Steve Elwood, Brian Lennox, Luke Letham, Colin Murphy, Nicole McRae, and Dave Brown for your countless hours coaching. The athletes appreciate your time more than you know!



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## 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:

**Biology Night** - January 17, 2019 6:00pm Building 355, Room 203 - Featuring Biology B.Sc. degree graduates representing diverse careers: Health professionals, environmental professionals, graduate Research, K-12 education

**Webinars** led by Recruitment Officers who answer any questions about transitions to VIU. Navigating the student record, finding resources and services, getting involved on campus, and residence are some topics covered. <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](mailto:viuconnect@viu.ca)

Visit our campus and take a tour to get a current student prospective on why VIU is for you. [viu.ca/visit](http://viu.ca/visit)

Ready to plan for September 2019? Connect with the Advising Centre at 250-740-6410 or [advising@viu.ca](mailto:advising@viu.ca) or directly with the Educational Advisor assigned to your school, Michelle Steel at [Michelle.Steel@viu.ca](mailto:Michelle.Steel@viu.ca) or 250-740-6566.

Application status and documentation questions connect with the Registration Centre at 250.740.6400 or [registration@viu.ca](mailto:registration@viu.ca)

## Dry Grad 2019

Dry Grad is a great community event that takes months of planning and it simply cannot happen without your support!

### Future meeting dates are:

January 14

February 11

March 11

April 15

May 13

June 3

June 17

All meetings are on Mondays at 7pm in the Wellington School Library

All are welcome!

Please check out our website [nanaimodrygrad.com](http://nanaimodrygrad.com)



# Wellington Wellness Series

## Wellington Wellness Series 2019 Session 1:

### Talk about Drugs

*Facilitated by Jerry Boychuk of Child and Youth Mental Health*



### LET'S TALK ABOUT DRUGS

Workshop presented by Discovery Youth & Family Substance Use Services

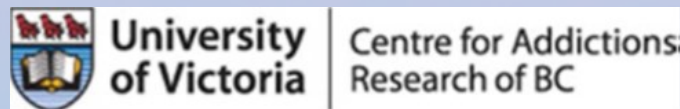
A workshop for parents & teachers provided by Island Health's Discovery Youth and Family Substance Use Services in collaboration with University of Victoria, Center for Addictions Research of BC.

This workshop provides participants with an opportunity to:

- Be informed about different drugs and current trends related to youth substance use
- Learn how to have effective conversations with youth about substance use
- Think about ways to strengthen your relationship with your teen / student
- Learn about practical resources that can help in your community

**When: Thursday, January 24th @ 6:30pm**

**Where: Wellington School Presentation Room**



## Wellington Wellness Series 2019 Session 2:

### Building Blocks of Mental Health—The Core Essentials

*Facilitated by Jerry Boychuk of Child and Youth Mental Health*

Please join this discussion regarding often overlooked but extremely important efforts families can make to build a solid foundation to support healthy emotional and mental functioning.

**Who:** Parents and caregivers of children who are interested in building a healthy foundation for mental health in their home and lifestyle.

**What:** Topics include: Sleep hygiene, behavioral activation (activity, exercise, movement), diet, household structure and routine, problem solving skills, goal setting, talking to children about their feelings, self-reflective parenting—what are we bringing to the table?

**When: February 28th @ 6:30pm**

**Where: Wellington School Presentation Room**





# School Registration 2019-2020

To register your child in Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools, the online, centralized registration will begin on **January 9, 2019 at 8 a.m.** Pacific Standard Time. The following information will help determine if this process will apply to you.

## Take a moment and ask yourself the following questions:




1. Is my child new to Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools?
2. Do I have a child that will be turning five years old on or before December 31, 2019 that will be entering Kindergarten? **Applications must be received by June 15, 2019 to ensure a placement in your child's catchment-area school.**
3. Do I want to register my child in Late French Immersion?
4. Do I want to register my child in Early French Immersion? **Applications will be received until January 31, 2019, at which time student selection will be determined by lottery. Parents will be notified in early February 2019. Late French Immersion Students are placed as space permits.**

5. Do I want to register my child in secondary academies?

### Lottery

-  Hockey
-  Soccer
-  Beach Volleyball
-  Baseball

### Try-outs/ Audition

-  Lacrosse
-  Performing Arts
-  Jazz

**Applications will be received until March 15, 2019, at which time student selection will be determined either by lottery or tryout/audition. Parents will be notified in May 2019.**

6. Do I want to apply for a school transfer request (out-of-catchment)? **Applications are due March 31, 2019.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT THE DISTRICT WEBSITE [SD68.BC.CA](http://SD68.BC.CA) OR BY EMAILING [EREG@SD68.BC.CA](mailto:EREG@SD68.BC.CA)



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# JANUARY 2019 Assessment Schedule

January 21-25 2019

Mon. Jan 21	Tues. Jan 22	Wed. Jan 23	Thurs. Jan 24	Fri. Jan 25
Numeracy Assessment	Numeracy Assessment	Numeracy Assessment	Numeracy Assessment	Numeracy Assessment
			English 12 Exam	Communications 12 Exam
All Classes in Session	All Classes in Session	Students not in session unless instructed by teacher to complete: Portfolio Conferences Summative Assessments (Gr10-12) Enrichment Opportunities One on One Learning Conversations Passion Project Presentations Individual Assessments Exit Interviews Science Labs Other - School specific Instruction and/or assessment	Students not in session unless instructed by teacher to complete: Portfolio Conferences Summative Assessments (Gr10-12) Enrichment Opportunities One on One Learning Conversations Passion Project Presentations Individual Assessments Exit Interviews Science Labs Other - School specific Instruction and/or assessment	Students not in session unless instructed by teacher to complete: Portfolio Conferences Summative Assessments (Gr10-12) Enrichment Opportunities One on One Learning Conversations Passion Project Presentations Individual Assessments Exit Interviews Science Labs Other - School specific Instruction and/or assessment
Regular Bell & Class Schedule				

Happy Holidays from the staff at Wellington Secondary!

