

Important Dates

May 16 – New Grade 8's
parent night 6-7:30pm

May 20 – Victoria Day

May 22-25 – "Follow That
Rabbit" School Production

May 24 – Jazz Affair – Coast
Bastion

May 28 – Sr. Band Concert

June 3 – Dry Grad Mtg 7pm

June 4 – Jr Band Concert 7pm

June 11 – District Honours
Night 6pm

June 13 – Wellington Awards
Night 6pm

June 17 – Dry Grad Mtg 7pm

June 18 – Athletic Banquet
5pm

June 20 – Last Day of classes

June 21 - Dry Grad

June 24 – English 12
Provincial Exam 8:30am

June 25 – Grad Rehearsal
12pm

June 26 – Communications 12
Exam 8:30am

June 26 – Grad Softball Game
1pm

June 27 – Last Day Term 2
and graduation ceremony at
Port Theatre 1:30pm

June 28 – Admin Day. School
closed



Principal: Chad Lintott

Vice Principal: Nicol Suhr

Vice Principal: Shawn Shahi

Principal's Message

Greetings Wildcats!

Spring is here, the homestretch of the 2018-19 school year is upon us, and it is time to remind our students and families that there is a lot of learning left to do, so don't let the change in weather distract you too much! Year after year we feel surprised that May/June has come so quickly, and we always feel that we have too many things to complete, finish or accomplish before taking our break for the summer. This year is no exception!

This newsletter is somewhat bitter-sweet for me, as I introduce the new Wellington Principal for September. Ms. Andrea Davidson will be joining the Wellington administrative team and Wildcat community this summer. She comes to Nanaimo-Ladysmith public schools from the Vancouver School Board, where she is currently a district and Secondary Principal. Ms. Davidson has also worked as a District Administrator for Aboriginal Learning and Learning Services in Richmond. She will bring a wealth of experience to Wellington, so our staff will be very fortunate to work with her moving our school forward. I will be communicating with her regularly over the next several weeks, and I will be sure to share with her what an amazing community this is, with a great school staff and engaged, motivated students!

Mr. Stacy Marusic will also join the Wellington Administrative team for September 2019 as Vice-Principal. Mr. Marusic is an experienced educator and administrator in Nanaimo, with a particular skill and background in educational technology. He is currently the Vice-Principal at Nanaimo District Secondary. He will be replacing Mr. Shawn Shahi, who is moving to NDSS. We thank Mr. Shahi for his energy and passion in supporting students during his (too-brief) time at Wellington. He was a tremendous asset to our school and will be missed.

With that, I would like to personally thank our parents, community partners, staff, and (most importantly) our students, current and former, for their support during the last five years. In particular, our community coaches, volunteers, parent-drivers, and our PAC for all that you do to make this such an amazing school. I have enjoyed every day at Wellington, and I am proud of what has been accomplished. We literally built a new school (well, most of it) and with that, worked together on some exciting changes to improve student learning. You should know what a great staff you have here supporting your children. They are student and learning-focused and very dedicated to their craft! I have been fortunate to work with and learn from them.

Back to business.... We will soon post the June assessment schedule, which will include all course-based assessments, government (Ministry) assessments in English (literacy) and Math (numeracy), as well as more unique assessment activities such as Showcases of Learning, portfolio presentations, etc. Please be sure that your child is aware of the assessments in each class, and the schedule of when they occur. We will do our best to communicate those with you as well, as parents and guardians, but we encourage our students to be responsible for preparing for those assessments. You may also contact your child's teacher(s) if you have questions, of course. The June schedule of events is posting here on the newsletter as well as our website. It is a full schedule, to be sure, and we will enjoy taking the time to celebrate the successes of our Wildcats.

Thank you, I wish the best to all of our Wellington families!

Sincerely,

Chad Lintott, Principal



PAC

Everyone is welcome to attend PAC Meetings held the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

PAC minutes are now being posted on the Wellington website.

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 21st at 7pm.



Lost and Found items will be available for viewing during the week of June 17-21st. Please come and have a look!



Follow That Rabbit

We're all **MAD** here! That's right, we are madly working on our spring production *"Follow That Rabbit, The Wonderland Story"*. We have approximately 50 students working on everything from sets, props, costumes, lights, sound, acting, singing and dancing! We also have a wonderful volunteer group helping out including the amazing talent of **Joshua Holloway**. Joshua is helping out with music and singing before heading to attend the American Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts in New York!

Come join us as Alice falls down the rabbit hole into the confusing and magical world of Wonderland where she meets many amazing and mystical creatures on her journey to reach the eighth square and become Queen Alice. We are proud to be host to over 400 elementary school students who will be attending our matinees, and the public is welcome to join us evenings from May 22-25th with show times at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased at the main office by calling 250-758-9191, or at the door on the evening of the performances. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students /seniors.

See you *all* in Wonderland!



WELLINGTON

GETTING READY FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PARENT NIGHT

MAY 16TH 2019

6:00 PM- 7:30PM

The Wellington Presentation Room

AN INFORMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN
GRADE 7

Obtain information about:

- Grade 8 Program
- Transition Activities
- Extra-curricular activities
- Services available
- Challenges faced by Grade 8 Students
- Parent involvement

WALK & BIKE TO SCHOOL

The year's Go By Bike Challenge takes place May 27 to June 2, 2019. Staff, students and parents are being challenged to leave the cars in the driveway and bike to and from school/work.



BAND NEWS by Carmella Luvisotto

Congratulations to our Sr. Students Mico Valmonte and Nathan Spivey who will be representing Nanaimo and BC as part of National Con Selmer Jazz Band in Ottawa Ontario – only 18 students from across Canada were selected.

Congratulations to our Concert Bands who performed at the Vancouver Island Concert Band Festival on April 10th. The Sr Concert Band and the Grade 8 Concert Band both received a superior rating. Thank you to the students for your hard work!

Congratulations to 17 of our combos and bands who participated at the West Coast Jazz Festival and received gold and silver ratings!

The following awards were given to Wellington Jazz Students recently at the WEST COAST JAZZ FESTIVAL...

NEW WEST JAZZ CLINIC: \$500 TO ATTEND THE Summer Jazz Workshop - **Jacob Horwood**

CYMC Music Camp: \$150 Scholarship each – **Philip Morosan and Nathan Spivey**

TAPESTRY MUSIC (Plaques): Most Promising Soloist to – **Carys Menard, Philip Morosan, and Sebastian Cereno.** \$50 Gift Certificate – **Peter Kang**

LONG & McQUADE MUSIC: Four \$25 Gift Certificates for Long & McQuade – **Mico Valmonte.** Plaques went to **Peter Kang:** Most Outstanding Sr Baritone Sax Player, **Devin Uslu:** Most Outstanding Sr Bass Player, **Petra Dobek:** Most Outstanding Jr Piano Player, **Daniel Mottahedeh:** Most Outstanding Vibes Player.

UJAM Jaz Camp Victoria: Scholarships of \$499 each – **Daniel Mottahedeh (Drums) and Petra Dobek (Piano)**

Many Wellington students also received Solo Award Certificates. Congratulations to our talented musicians!



Thinking about Summer School? Island Connect Ed offers a variety of academic and elective classes in Grades 10-12 that can be completed over the summer. Due to upcoming curriculum changes, some Grade 11 and 12 courses may not be available.

Students currently enrolled in Grade 11 and 12 online courses must complete their courses by the end of the current school year.

See the friendly Island Connect Ed staff in Room B114 to explore your options.



Upcoming Jazz Band Performances

- MusicFest Canada from May 14th -19th Ottawa
- Senior Concert on May 28th
- A Jazz Affair on May 24th
- Junior Concert on June 4
- Sr Jazz Band Performing at the Vancouver TD International Jazz Festival June 23 at 4:00 PM
- Sr. Jazz Combo Performing at the Victoria TD International Jazz Festival June 29 12:00 PM

A JAZZ AFFAIR 2019 at the Coast Bastion Inn

Presented by *The Friends of Nanaimo Jazz Society*

The Friends of Nanaimo Jazz Society provides music enrichment programs such as clinics, workshops, mentoring opportunities, bursaries and merit awards for young musicians. It focuses on encouraging Canada's future generations of musicians, composers and arrangers.

The annual "A JAZZ AFFAIR" is an intimate evening of stellar music, food and silent auction bidding. Entertainment includes professional musicians from the Lionel Hampton Band along with some of our local star musicians. Bands and combos from Wellington will also be featured.

Tickets are available from the Port Theatre Box Office for \$65 and include a buffet dinner.



Attention 2019 Graduating Students!

Graduation is fast approaching! Please ensure the following:

- ✓ That you have paid your grad fees (Ceremony \$55 and \$65 if attending Dry Grad) Payment envelopes are available in the office
- ✓ Make sure that the office has your current mailing address. Diplomas will be mailed to you following graduation
- ✓ Each family will receive 4 tickets for the commencement ceremony. Please see the office or call the school at 250-758-9191 and ask for Patricia if you require additional tickets. We will do our best to accommodate these requests. For large family groups, please note that the grads will receive their caps and gowns at the Grad Rehearsal on Tuesday, June 25th. You may wish to plan a family activity later on Tuesday or Wednesday for those family members who will not be able to attend the actual graduation ceremony

Go confidently
in the direction
of your dreams.



Live the life you
have imagined.

Henry David Thoreau

DRY GRAD 2019!

Dry Grad provides graduating student with the opportunity to celebrate their success at an alcohol and drug-free event.

The event is hosted at the Beban Park Complex in Nanaimo. Graduates will be entertained with many fun filled activities. Events include karaoke, scuba diving, prize give-a-ways and much more will round out the all night affair. The event also includes a colossal amount of food, drink, friends, music - and a lot of fun!

850 students attended Dry Grad 2016. We hope with further support and awareness about Dry Grad, this number will grow yearly! Approximately 350 - 400 volunteers participate during the night.

Participating Schools

Aspengrove School
Cedar Secondary School
Dover Bay Secondary
Island ConnectEd
John Barsby
Ladysmith Secondary
Learn at Home / Homeschooled
Learning Alternatives
Nanaimo District Secondary
Nanaimo Christian
The High School at Vancouver Island University
Wellington Secondary

Dry Grad cannot happen without the help of many volunteers. Please visit the website at <http://www.nanaimodrygrad.com/home.html> to sign up to help with this fantastic event!

Upcoming meetings: June 3rd and 17th at 7pm in the Wellington Learning Commons (library)



Grad 2019: Important Dates Remaining

Monday May 27th Valedictorian Speeches and vote MPR Lunch
Monday June 3rd Grad Tickets Available Office
Tuesday June 11th District Honours Night Port Theatre 6:00 PM
Thursday June 13th Wellington Awards Night Gym 6:00 PM
Friday June 21st Dry Grad 7:00 PM Beban Park
Monday June 24th English 12 Provincial Exam MPR check in 8:10 AM
Tuesday June 25th Grad Rehearsal Port Theatre 1:15 PM
Tuesday June 25th Grad Class Photo Port Theatre 3:15 PM
Wednesday June 26th Communications 12 Exam MPR check in 8:10 AM
Wednesday June 26th Grad/Teacher BBQ and Softball Game 1:00 PM Wellington Field
Thursday June 27th Graduation Ceremony Port Theatre 1:30 PM

DRY GRAD IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS – Friday June 21st – 7pm – Beban Park

The Nanaimo Dry Grad Society is organizing a fun-filled party for this year's grads: loads of activities, mounds of food, music, great prizes and more! "A Night to Remember" is about graduates enjoying themselves without the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Here are some hints to help everyone enjoy the night:

- Pay your entry fee at your school well ahead of time. BE SURE to have your waiver form signed by a parent/guardian. Every grad must have the form to enter the event (forms available in the office and have also been emailed home)
- Admission is from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Student names will be checked with school lists.
- If you must arrive late, arrange with your school principal ahead of time. Picture ID is required for late admission.
- Identification wristbands must be worn on your wrist at all times and must be intact when picking up prizes.
- Entry and exit are through the main gate only. Once you leave the complex you may not re-enter.
- All bags & purses will be inspected at the entry gate. All Bags and purses must then be immediately taken to the Bag Check in Beban Social Center.
- DO NOT BRING VALUABLES. Food or Beverages will be confiscated at entry gate.
- Anyone arriving under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs will not be admitted to Dry Grad and may be handed over to the RCMP. There will be no refund of the Dry Grad entry fee.
- Anyone leaving early must sign out through the volunteer room in the Social Center and turn in their wrist band.
- Lots of food and beverages will be available during the night and barbeques begin at 9:00 p.m.
- You will need a swimsuit & towel for the water events; locker tokens will be available.
- Ice skate rentals are free at Cliff McNabb Arena or bring your own.
- If you plan to play scrub hockey, please bring your stick and helmet.
- Smoking is permitted in designated area only.
- Acceptable rules of conduct and language are expected.
- First Aid will be available from members of St. John Ambulance.
- If you require medication during Dry Grad, it must be clearly labeled with instructions. The volunteer room will keep it available for you until you leave the event.
- Many great prizes are given away during the night, plus cash prizes at the end of the night (about 1:00 - 1:30am.)

YOU MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE to win!!

We hope you enjoy your 'Night to Remember' and remember you cannot carry any bags around with you, but you can visit your bag in the bag check as many times as you wish.

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