



Our central focus is to enable all learners to fulfill their potential
January 2019 Ixk'asalala alumas 'nam'xan'xila Happy New Year



From the Principal and Vice Principal

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PRINCIPAL JAY DIXON

Gilakas'la & Welcome to 2019!

We have quickly returned to routines after a two week break. It is important over the next three weeks that all learners are attending their classes, handing in their assignments, completing any "I" assignments, and studying for their semester one exams. Semester Two begins Monday, February 4.

It is an exciting time for learning in British Columbia with the curriculum and graduation requirements, being finalized this year. I encourage you to visit the Ministry of Education Website: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca> and our school website for more information.

Being successful in both classroom work and exams/assessments is an important component towards your child's success in their coursework. These assessments of learning should be taken very seriously. Students are also encouraged to practice and discuss with their teachers how to best prepare. Please feel free to contact

your son/daughter's teacher if you have any questions about their end of semester progress.

Mr. Jay Dixon
Principal

**VICE PRINCIPAL
STACIA JOHNSON**
Gilakas'la, Bonjour,
Konnchi wa, Hello!

I hope everyone had a restful break. With a couple of weeks remaining for Semester One, I encourage students to reflect on their work in their classes. Final exams will be just around the corner. We have various spaces in the school available to students for studying. See Ms. Johnson if you need a quiet space.

Grad is just around the corner. Many parents and

students are organizing the larger details of the evening. The next grad meeting for parents is on **Jan. 24 at 7:00 PM** in the Learning Commons.

Spring will bring opportunities for students and staff to become involved in developing the "heart" of the school. The central space and school garden is having a major overhaul over the next couple of years. We are looking at making this spot a plurilingual area with signage in many different languages, including Kwa-k'wala. We encourage your input. We have a garden committee meeting the first Monday of every month at lunch. All are welcome.

If you have any questions about second semester start up, feel free to contact me at the school, sjohnson@sd85.bc.ca



DATES TO REMEMBER

January 23

Grade 11 Graduation Numeracy Assessment—9:00 AM

January 24

English 12 Provincial Exam
9:00 AM

January 24

Grad Parent Meeting
7:00 PM in the Learning Commons

January 25

Communications 12 Provincial Exam - 9:00 AM

February 1

Semester One Ends

February 1

Love Bomb—A Play With Music
9:00 AM & 11:35 AM

February 4

Semester 2 starts

February 8

Semester One Final Report Cards mailed home.

Spring Break

March 18—22

March 27

Course selection Open House
6:00 PM in the Learning Commons
Parents and students welcome



SCENT FREE ZONE

A reminder that NISS is a scent free zone. Students and visitors to the school, please refrain from using scented products while on NISS Property.

ALLERGIES

We have students and staff with serious allergies to the following products:

PEANUTS

MINT

WALNUTS

BALLOONS

Due to allergies in the school, balloons are not allowed in the school.

TEXTBOOKS & LIBRARY BOOKS

Many textbooks and library books are missing from last year. Please have a good look around your child's room and if you spot any textbooks, please return them as soon as possible.

LOST AND FOUND

Many items are making their way into our Lost and Found collection. Please have your child check out the collection in our medical room in the office.

NISS REUNION—THE FIRST DECADE—1966—1976

Did you graduate or were in Grade 12 at NISS between 1966 and 1976? You are invited to the NISS Reunion—the First Decade. April 27 and 28 are the dates. \$50 per person. This will cover a dinner get together at the Lions Hall, Saturday, April 27, and breakfast at the Legion, Sunday, April 28. Open house at NISS will be held Sunday, April 28 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. For more information please click on the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/505157179551343>



NISS Archives is looking for copies of the following yearbooks: **1971-1972**, and **2004-2005** We would appreciate a donation of these missing yearbooks.

Love Bomb - A Play With Music

"What's the next song, that angry electric one?"

LOVE BOMB was selected by the Firehall Arts Centre to make its premiere in their 2015 season and is now available for touring. This production is sponsored by the Port McNeill and Alert Bay RCMP and has been touring BC high school for the past year.

The play was nominated for [3 Ovation Awards](#) by the Applause Musical Society and earned the awards for "Outstanding Production, Small Ensemble" and "Outstanding Lead Performance - Female". In LOVE BOMB, a concert of emotion rips through Justine's first performance in years, and all because of one uninvited guest her music takes on a life of its own.

The team behind the creation of this new musical: Book & lyrics by Meghan Gardiner (*Dissolve*), music & additional lyrics Steve Charles (*Traces, Chelsea Hotel*). Directed by Renee Iacaci (*Dissolve, Frozen*)

LOVE BOMB now stars shameless hussy collaborator Daune Campbell and Amanda Testini. The creative team includes Drew Facey (Set, Costumes) and Itai Erdel (Lighting).

The production may contain strong language. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Jay Dixon, Principal. An alternative option will be provided for students on request. Community members are welcomed to come to the showings. Date and time is **Feb. 1, 2019 at 9:00 AM and 11:35 AM** at NISS. Shows will also be held in Alert Bay and Port Hardy.

<http://www.shamelesshussy.com/our-productions/articles/21.php>



PARENT ACTION RESOURCES.

In this segment of our newsletters, we would like to provide parents with action ideas to help encourage their children's development in several areas such as social & emotional well-being, health, academic achievement and overall success in their lives. If you would like to explore these topics further, go to discovermdi.ca/resources

This month's segment is:

After School Time

Ask, "Is there a club, program or team that you feel a positive sense of belonging?" If no where, begin to explore what they need from you to be able to participate in a meaningful after school experience.

Ask children what types of after school activities they would like to take part in. If they are not offered in your community, reach out to your school or community centre to suggest the activity.

Plan ahead to avoid barriers—find out about subsidies and transit/carpool options at your school or community program.

Choose activities that reduce stress and loneliness, improve health and that make them happier and more connected. Consider arts, athletics and service opportunities.



WHO DOESN'T LIKE SUGAR COOKIES?

Kindergarten students from Cheslakees arrived to make sugar cookies with the Foods 11/12 class.



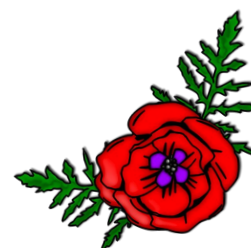
GYM PURCHASE

This stand will support a heavy bag and a speed bag for boxing practice.



LEGION CONTEST WINNERS

Adam Benwell, Clayton Harder, Lyra Fletcher and Stephanie Lacasse were presented prizes by Mr. Cliff Slack, Zone Commander for Royal Canadian Legion North Vancouver Island Zone. They participated in the Annual Royal Canadian Legion Poster and Essay Contest.



GRADE 8 WOODSHOP PROJECTS

Brooklyn Watson made a Mankala game board. The game comes from the Philippines. Kalyin Loeffler and Madison Jones made jewelry boxes. The crib board and wooden mallet were created by Riley Brady

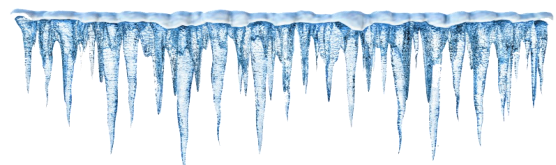


MS. BOSTROM'S MATH 10 class visited Ms. Bono's Grade One class to work on numeracy skills. High school students were paired up with the elementary students to teach each other different games involving numbers. This helped both classes with their numeracy and communication skills. We hope to join forces again as both classes enjoyed the experience.



NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE ITV LOCATION

North Island College has provided NISS with updated facilities for students to participate in virtual classes through the college. Hannah Tyler re-organized and updated the bulletin board outside the ITV Location.





NISS SPORTS

PE classes are going to the arena for skating activities. NISS PAC contributed to the program.



NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY BOYS BASKETBALL

The team got off to a good start with Practices on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30-5pm. Now that Ken Lucke is the coach and I am the assistant coach, we are also having practices from 8-9 AM Monday to Friday, and lunchtimes on Monday and Friday. We have played against Gold River twice and unfortunately lost both times but the team is getting stronger. We are heading to Campbell River Friday, January 18 for 3 games, and are going to Nanaimo January 25/26 for a tournament. We will also be going to Nanaimo again for the North Islands on February 7, 8, and 9. If we qualify, we will play in the Islands later that month in Victoria.

We are improving as a team so I am encouraged by the commitment. This is shaping up to be a good season for the boys.



Lunch hour Intramural Soccer was won by MUK 2018



CHEMISTRY 11 Ms. Bostrom's class with Foods 8 class-worked on Partial Thermal Degradation of Disaccharides with Protein Inclusions. The results—Almond Brittle.



Trey Icton's project in Wood shop was these two deck chairs.



Cyrus Woytowich created this shelf unit for his room.



GRADE 12 INFORMATION

Ministry of Education has released information on the Graduation Program for students graduating in 2019-2020. Here are some Quick Facts for your information.

In September 2019, B.C.'s K-12 curriculum redesign implementation will be complete (many new or revised course names Gr 11-12)

Students are also required to write three new mandatory graduation assessments, numeracy in Grade 10, and literacy in grades 10 and 12. The results will be reported as stand-alone items on student transcripts.

The new Grade 10 numeracy assessment was successfully implemented during the 2017-18 school year and is being written again this school year. Beginning in the 2019-20 school year, Grade 10 students will write both a numeracy and a literacy assessment, and starting in January 2021, a final literacy assessment for students in Grade 12 will be added.

Students in Transition:

If I'm currently in Grade 11...

In 2018/2019—Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment (If not already written)

In 2019/2020—Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment (If not already written)

If I'm currently in Grade 12...

In 2018/2019—English 12 or Communications 12 provincial exam

In 2018/2019—Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment (if not already written and if Math 10 provincial exam not written.

For more in-depth information, these links will take you there.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018EDUC0072-002417>

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/support/graduation/graduation-summary-of-changes.pdf>

STUDENT TRANSCRIPTS SERVICE

Grade 12 students can utilize the Ministry of Education Student Transcript Service to have their grade 12 marks sent to Post-Secondary Institutions for Admission and Registration. This is an online application for students to view their school marks, transcripts, scholarships and send transcripts electronically to post secondary institutions and employers.

Registering for this service requires Personal Education Number (PEN), Full legal name, Date of birth and email address.

More information on Student Transcripts Service can be found at <http://www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca>



MATH 9 COMPUTER LAB PROJECT

Students copied a photo, split it into small rectangles and then enlarged it eight times. Tempura paint and brushes borrowed from the Art Department were used to add the colour to the project. It turned out not quite as large as the original Big House in Alert Bay. It came out to be 3.43 meters (approx. 11 ft) wide and .98 meters (3.2 Ft) high.



WINNER OF THE GRAD GIFT CARD TREE

Ms. Charity Van Gorkom had the winning ticket for the Grad Gift Card Tree raffle. Congratulations! Thanks to all the parents who donated gift cards for the tree.



CONNECTIONS

Congratulations to Jarred Jones. Jarred received a \$1000 bursary from Industry Training Authority for his completion of the required hours for the Youth Work in Trades Program. Josh Eslin, Nyckolas Ruel and Travis Shade also received \$1000 bursaries from Youth Work in Trades. Congratulations to each one on receiving their bursaries.

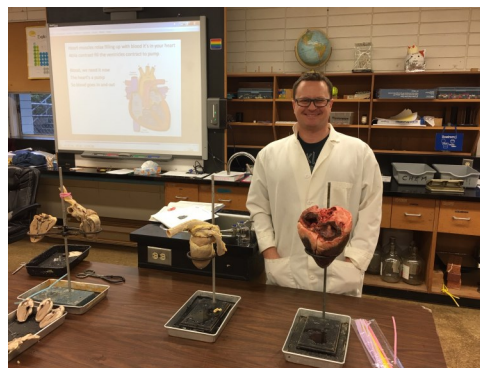
THANK YOU

To all of our business partners who participate in our Youth Work in Trades partnership. This year we would like to thank Jason Clark of **Clarky Diesel** for sponsoring Adam Hunt for his Heavy Duty Equipment Technician apprenticeship in Semester 2. As well, thank you to Ian Zimmerman of **LeMare** for sponsoring Drayson Marshall for his Heavy Duty Equipment Technician apprenticeship.



RACHEL BLANEY—MP FOR NORTH ISLAND

On Friday, January 11, 2019, NISS students had the privilege of meeting Rachel Blaney, the North Island’s Member of Parliament. Her enthusiasm for issues that affect the North Island was evident in her engaging presentation. Students enjoyed hearing about her story and what the life of a politician is like. Thanks to her support team for reaching out and making the effort to pay us a visit!

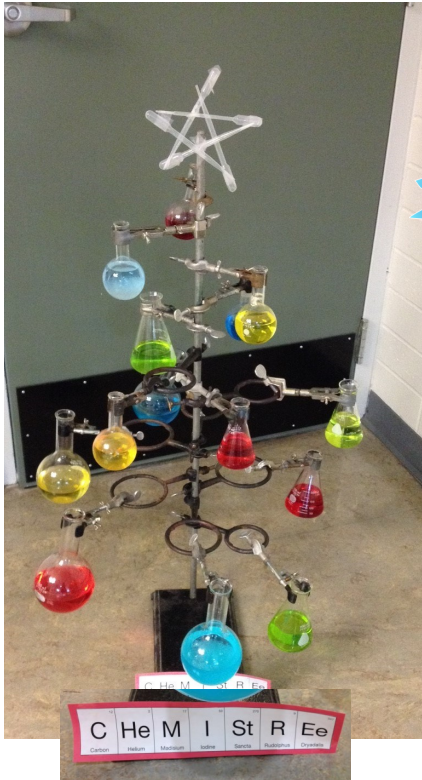


BIOLOGY 12

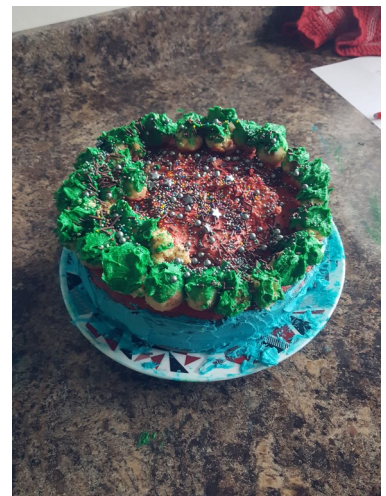
Hearts, hearts, hearts. Biology 12 class spent some time dissecting hearts to study the circulation system in the body. Jessica Wadhams Mountain and Charlize Swanson are very hands on with this project.



CHRISTMAS COLLECTION



Voted the best creative tree



Created by Oriana Johnson, Keith Dawson and Dakota Cameron



Created by Abby Roberts, Jordan Joliffe, Macey Guldager and Gwen Canovas



Created by Jessica Stauffer



Michelle Shaughnessy and Morgan Saysell created this special present.

NISS ALUMNI—JENNA PETERSON

Career: Teacher

Hometown (while attending NISS): 'Y_{al}is (Alert Bay)

Current hometown: Just moved back to Alert Bay from Victoria

Year you graduated from NISS: 2002

Post-Secondary education/training: Camosun for First Nations Family Support Worker certificate, UVic Bachelor of Education, UVic Special Education Diploma & ELL certification

How you ended up in your career: I always wanted to be an Elementary School Teacher

What you enjoy most about your chosen career: Helping youth have a sense of belonging and utilize their strengths and gifts.

Advice to NISS students: You are the author of your life story; do not let anyone tell you that you cannot do something. You are capable of amazing things. Just remember to put in the effort, be humble, and keep on trying.

Any other accomplishments/information: I have taught at my local school in Alert Bay called the T'lisalagi'lakw School as a Special Education Coordinator/Teacher and most currently a classroom teacher. I have taught in the Greater Victoria School District (#61) as an ELL teacher, Aboriginal Kindergarten teacher, Grade 1/2 teacher, Learning Support teacher, and Aboriginal Support teacher. Education is the key to opening many doors in life and I am passionate about helping all children reach their potential.



Kwakwaka'wakw Words of the Month

Gilakas'la nugwa'am: name Welcome/Thank you my name is:
Gee-lah-Kas-lah New-gwah-uhm name

Mula- Gratitude
Moolah

Olakala Mumalima- Overflowing gratitude
oh-lah-kam-lah Moo-mah-lee-mah

Wiksas?- How are you?
Week-sahs?

IK'man- I'm fine
EEK-muhn

'Yo!- Hi

Ka'salala's- Pay attention
Ka-sah-la-las

³Kwaxi'das- Sit down
Kwah-hee-dahs



Ms. Brown, Ms. Whitworth and Ms. McLennan were very much appreciated as they helped with Pancake Breakfast on the last day of school.

Port McNeill Literacy Fair

Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019 1-4 p.m.
at Sunset Elementary School

Join local schools, non-profit organizations,
and businesses for a free afternoon of:



**Mother Goose storytelling,
Crafts & Activities,
Literacy Program Information,
Door Prizes & Snacks,
and Special Guest...**



Each child
takes home
a FREE
age-appropriate
Book!

courtesy of



The Marine Detective presents *Ocean Mysteries*



"Jackie Hilderger is "The Marine Detective", acclaimed marine educator and whale researcher. Join her to discover more of the beauty, fragility and mystery of our local marine neighbours. She will be sharing some of what she has learned from local marine life - from sea slugs to Humpback Whales! This will include a strong focus on helping children deduce why animals are designed the way they are i.e. discussion of animals' adaptations. For more about Jackie, see www.TheMarineDetective.com

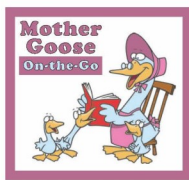
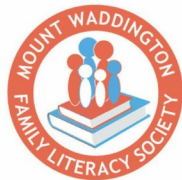
Whale of a Tale!

Students will present
their ocean-themed
stories through writing,
art, music or dance.

Also featuring information on
LOCAL programs related to reading,
digital, health, mental health,
art, music, cultural, food, and
financial literacy, and more!

Everyone welcome! Adults, children, seniors & teens.

FREE Admission!



To reserve a free table or for more information contact mwfamilyliteracy@gmail.com