



News from New Westminster Secondary

Friday October 14th 2016

NWSS CODE OF CONDUCT: • Respect learning • Respect yourself & others • Respect the environment

WHAT'S HAPPENING

As we move toward the middle of Semester 1 – the school is filled with energy and activities. Last week we had clubs day. We have nearly 50 clubs up and running that offer a variety of activities that will offer something for everyone. One of the clubs the amazing opportunities is the Salsa Club who meets every Friday at lunch. The music caught my attention first and then the laughter. I managed catch some of the action and share it with you below.



Next week begins a number of important opportunities for parents to be informed and involved. Tuesday is Grade 12 parent night, Thursday October 27th we have Parent Teacher Interviews and looking ahead to November 21st we have our Post-Secondary Evening (details for each event are available further in this week's News.

Ahead on your calendars you may notice the Grade 9 Take your Child to Work day which is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn about the work that you do on a daily basis. This year it will happen on Wednesday November 2nd and we encourage all Grade 9 students to join a parent or other family for a day of learning at work.

Tonight I am looking forward to the Varsity Football game as the Hyacks take on Vancouver College. I hope you have a wonderful weekend whatever your plans are!

Your Principal,

Mr. John Tyler
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LIBRARY

NWSS Library ...since 1949

NWSS Library aim's to advance students' academic success and promote literacy in all its dimensions. We enjoy our large and varied clientele and strive to provide outstanding services and resources that support school and extracurricular life. Students are welcome to borrow novels, magazines, non-fiction books, and graphic novels in English and French during opening hours 8:00 -3:15 M-F. Also, please visit our extensive digital resources through our website at nwssllibrary.ca. These online databases and encyclopedias allow research and academic study via credible sources 24/7. Passwords for the databases are available in the library, from teachers, or by emailing nwssllibrary@sd40.bc.ca and providing name and student number. The teacher-librarians are Ms. Jones and Ms. Wethered - we look forward to your questions and feedback and wish you a successful school year.

MEDICAL ALERTS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

Medical Alerts:

Attention all Parents - If your child has specific medical concerns regarding seizures, allergies, epilepsy or other serious health concerns, please complete a Medical Alert form which can be picked up at the Pearson Office.

COMING EVENTS

- **TODAY** October 14th – Photo Day and SIGMA Photos
- **TODAY** October 14th – Varsity Football vs Vancouver College
- October 18th – Grade 12 Parent Information Evening
- October 21st – Province Wide Professional Development Day – Students do not attend
- October 21 – Varsity Football vs Mt. Doug (Srs Night)
- October 27th – Parent Teacher Interviews
- November 2nd – Grade 9 Take Your Child To Work Day
- November 10th – Remembrance Day Assemblies
- November 11th – Remembrance Day – No School
- November 14th – Professional Development Day – students do not attend

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS – THURSDAY OCTOBER 27TH, 2016

Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Thursday, October 27, 2016, from 2:45pm-4:45 pm and from 5:45pm-7:15 pm in the Massey Large Gym at New Westminster Secondary School. Full details including a link to register will be available in the next newsletter.

To schedule interviews with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) you will be required to sign up online for an interview spots. Each interview is precisely 5 minutes in length and all teachers will be in one location so that parents can move from one teacher to another without a break in between.

The sign up process will open at **9:00am on Wednesday October 19**, and will close at **11:30pm on Wednesday, October 26**. Please note that appointment slots are on a first-sign up, first-served basis. Please ensure that you are familiar with the names of your child's teachers prior to signing up for interviews online.

Grade level counsellors will be available by drop-in and they will be located at the back of the Large Massey Gym during Parent Teacher Interviews. Advanced booking of appointments online for counsellors will not be available on the sign-up website.

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Language Challenge Exams

The applications for the Language Challenge Exams are now available online at http://www.deltasd.bc.ca/content/schools/secondary/challenge_exams Applications must be filled online and then printed. Handwritten applications are not accepted.

The deadline to submit your application and fees to you school counsellor at NWSS is November 4, 2016.

POST SECONDARY INFO

Mark your calendars! Grade 11 and 12 students are encouraged to participate in a number of Information sessions.

Bishop's University	Monday, October 17	3:15 pm
McGill University	Friday, November 18	3:15 pm
University of Alberta	Thursday, Nov 24	3:15 pm

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER cont'd

NWSS Post-Secondary Evening!

Monday November 21, 2016

Grade 11 and 12 students and parents/guardians are encouraged to participate in this informative evening. Come and find out what is offered at these post-secondary institutions and learn about the application process and admission requirements!

Session #1: 6:00 to 6:30pm
Session #2: 6:40 to 7:10pm
Mini-Fair: 7:25 to 7:50pm

1- Floor Massey Wing

NWSS Library Simon Fraser University

2- Floor Massey Wing

Room

213 Royal Military College
215 Fairleigh Dickinson University
220 BC Institute of Technology
221 Trinity Western University
222 University of Fraser Valley
223 University of Victoria
224 Kwantlen Polytechnic University
225 Douglas College
227 Langara College
228 Vancouver Community College
229 Capilano University
230 University of Northern BC
231 Justice Institute of BC
232 Corpus Christi College
235 Nicola Valley Institute of Technology

GRAD PARENT NIGHT

Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2016
Location: Library
New Westminster Secondary
Time: 6:30p

Grad 2017 is just around the corner. Grade 12 Parents are strongly encouraged to attend this information session as we will provide valuable information about: graduation requirements, Grad Related events, general post-secondary information and important timelines.

A Dry Grad planning meeting will follow immediately afterward.

PARKING

Students are reminded to please pay careful attention while crossing streets and always use the crosswalks. If you are dropping a child off by vehicle, whenever possible, please use the drop-off areas located on the exterior streets surrounding our school.

The parking at the front of Pearson and Massey (just off of Canada Way) is designated parking for those with special needs, visitors and staff. The back parking lot (located Moody Park Arena and Massey) is designated for staff and student parking. Please avoid dropping students off in these areas unless a medical need is prevalent. Your cooperation in these areas is not only helpful in limiting congestion but ensures the safest entrance into the school for our students.

PAC FUNDRAISER

The Parent Advisory Council is fundraising to purchase new technology for the high school. We are hoping you will help us out. You can support our fundraiser by purchasing healthy, sustainable food through SPUD.ca

There are no commitments or fees when you sign up. All the information you need is below. If you are already a SPUD customer, simply use the promo code "fundraising" and select NWSS when you next order. Please forward this email to friends, family and NWSS alumni!



SUPPORT OUR GROUP WITH HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE FOOD!

We're partnering with SPUD.ca to reach our fundraising goals. You can help us out by ordering a box (or 10!) of local, organic produce.

1. Create an account at SPUD.ca
2. Choose the organic produce boxes you want to order and add them to your cart. The boxes are listed on the [SPUD Fundraising](http://SPUD.ca) page under the **Home** tab.
3. At checkout, enter the promo code **FUNDRAISING** and select **New Westminster Senior Secondary** from the drop-down menu.
4. Complete your order. Your order will be delivered to your home or office.

25% is donated to our fundraiser!



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CONNECT Parenting Group

For parents/caregivers of teens



Are you

- Sometimes worried about your children's mood and behaviour?
- Feeling like you just don't know what to do?
- Ever concerned about your relationship with your children?
- Feeling ALONE in parenting?

"CONNECT" CAN HELP!

Connect is an attachment-based parenting program to help better understand children's behaviour and strengthen communication and relationships with them.

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Age Focus	Schedule	Location	Facilitators' Contact Information
13-18	October 17 to December 12, 2016 (10 Mondays) 5:30 to 7:00 pm	Fraser Side Community Services: 519 7 th street second floor, New Westminster By Royal City Center Mall	Gina Scarpino (CYMH) 604-660-0309 Sabine Sasakura (Fraser Side) 604-522-3722 extension 149

- ✓ No cost to group participants. Refreshments/Light meals provided.
- ✓ 10 weekly sessions
- ✓ Pre-registration required. Contact one of the group facilitators.
- ✓ Talk to the facilitator about child minding and public transit need.

For information on other CONNECT groups and general enquiries, please talk to your worker/counsellor

