



NEW WESTMINSTER SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Between the Lines Literary Festival

This April, the NWSS English Department hosted the inaugural *Between the Lines Literary Festival*. We were thrilled to welcome award winning creative professionals to speak with classes in the library. Our festival welcomed writers to share their work and experiences from a range of forms including: poetry, prose, drama, graphic arts and journalism.

The first day, *Outside the Lines*, featured novelist Danny Ramadan and journalist Tessa Vikander describing their experiences as writers in the LGBTQ communities. We broke new ground holding the first ever in- school *Drag Queen Storytime* where queens, Dust and Mx Bukuru, read to students from their favorite SOGI inspired storybooks. On Tuesday, our *Drawing the Line* program included an inspiring panel with Kim Senklip Harvey (a proud indigenous playwright), Jonina Kirton (a Metis-Icelandic poet) and Sean Karemaker (a Vancouver based graphic novelist). *Between the Lines* brought it home on Wednesday with our Local Lineup panel including the award winning novelist and New Westminster native, JJ Lee, Matt Hern, a writer on the politics of place and Isabella Wang, a celebrated poet and essayist. We finished the festival off with our Line Break Poetry Slam, which wrapped up our festival with an impressive array of local poets including Noor Fadel, Thor Polukoshko, Kelsey Savage, Kevin Spenst and Isabella Wang. On this evening event, each professional performed their poems and judged our student performers on their contributions.

Our week long celebration was highlighted with several contests and celebrations, including: Tuesday Haikusday (a Haiku instagram challenge), Go Online (our panelist selfie contest) and Shakespeare's 455th Birthday Party on April 23rd. Students and teachers laughed, cried and made important connections with the professional literary and performing arts community during this powerful week. We would like to thank the NWSS community for their enthusiasm and support of this exciting event.



NEW WESTMINSTER SECONDARY SCHOOL

835 Eighth Street, New Westminster, B.C. V3M 3S9

Telephone: 604-517-6220

Athletics

SPORT	COACH	RESULTS
TRACK AND FIELD	B. MCMASTER bmacMaster@sd40.bc.ca AIDAN CHAFE achafe@sd40.bc.ca EMILY CHILTON emilypchilton@gmail.com MATHEW DHEILLY-STURROCK mdheillysturrock@gmail.com MOSES VEGA moses@spscstrength.com	BNW SR banner 16 athletes to Prov My 30-June 1 Kelowna
BADMINTON	H. KUAN Henry.Kuan@burnabyschools.ca	#2 BNW 3 rd Zones
GOLF	R. WINGERAK rwingera@sd40.bc.ca C. MOLINSKI cmolinski@sd40.bc.ca	Top 4 BNW
SR GIRLS SOCCER	WAYNE McCARTHY wmccar@shaw.ca T. MCKEEN tmckeen@sd40.bc.ca	#1 BNW league #2 BNW Playoffs #3 zones
JR GIRLS SOCCER	TYLER BRUCE tychristie@telus.net T. MCKEEN tmckeen@sd40.bc.ca	#2 league #2 BNW playoffs
ULTIMATE	K. WRIGHT kawright@sd40.bc.ca JONATHAN HE Jonathanhe70@gmail.com LUKE CHARLESWORTH luke.cworth5@gmail.com	Heading to Prov May 25-26 Newton
JR/SR FOOTBALL	Spring training starts May 21	



NEW WESTMINSTER SECONDARY SCHOOL

835 Eighth Street, New Westminster, B.C. V3M 3S9

Telephone: 604-517-6220

Dates and Information for Grad 2019

Please purchase grad dinner/dance tickets ONLINE at:

<https://newwestschools.schoolcashonline.com/Home/SignIn>

Ticket price is \$115 You must show your GoCard & receipt in order to pick up ticket.

Please print the online receipt to receive your ticket from Ms. Mast on the following dates:

May 8, 15, 22 and 24 - at lunch from Ms. Mast in Room 266.

You may also bring your receipt of online payment to the Ceremony Rehearsal on June 12th. Ms. Mast will have dinner/dance tickets there to distribute to those who have paid & show receipt.

If you have not yet paid your grad fee and student activity fee, you must do so in order to purchase dinner/dance tickets or to purchase Leaving Ceremony tickets.

Please pay these fees online or at the Pearson Office.

Fees will **not** be collected during class time. Hours: 8:00 – 8:30 am, at lunch, 3:05 – 3:25 pm

Deadline for guest forms for dinner/dance is May 16th, 2019. Please hand in at Pearson Office.

June 6 → Awards night for Bursaries and Scholarships

Time: 7pm

Location: Massey Theatre

You will receive an invitation to this evening event if your child is a recipient.

June 12 → Grad Rehearsal – for grade 12's from NWSS, Power, and Sigma programs

Time: During blocks C & D

** All grade 12's who are participating in the Grad Ceremony should attend. **

June 14 → Table Cards (seating) for Grad Dinner/Dance due to Ms. Mast

When you pick up your dinner/dance ticket, you will be given a table-seating card to complete and hand in to Ms. Mast. Only 1 card per group.

June 21 → Grad Dinner/Dance

Time: Doors open at 5:45

Dinner is served at 6:00 – *Students must arrive by 7:00 for dinner*

Location: Vancouver Marriott Downtown
1128 West Hastings Street

June 24 & 25 → Grad cap and gown distribution at Pearson Office NWSS



NEW WESTMINSTER SECONDARY SCHOOL

835 Eighth Street, New Westminster, B.C. V3M 3S9

Telephone: 604-517-6220

June 24th 12:00 – 3:00p.m. - Grade 12's last name starts with A through L
June 25th 12:00 – 3:00p.m. – Grade 12's last name starts with M through Z

June 27 → Graduation Ceremonies followed by Dry Grad

Time: 7pm

Location: Queens Park Arena

** Doors open at 5:30pm. Guests are asked to be seated by 6:45pm **

June 27 → Dry Grad “Viva Las Vegas 2019” – ****PLEASE NOTE END TIME****

Time: 9:30pm - **4:00 am (Approx. 4:15, busses will drop students off at NWSS)**

Location: Queensborough Community Centre

Consent and waiver forms must be signed by a parent prior to students purchasing tickets

PLEASE NOTE ADDITIONAL DATES FOR TICKET SALES

Ticket sales at lunch in the overpass on May 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30, 31

No tickets will be sold at the door.

Cost: \$20

Email newwestdrygrad@gmail.com for more information

Global Issues Week

NWSS Library hosted its 9th annual Global Issues Week from April 23-26. There were 14 workshops by 9 different presenters. Our guests included New West Poet Laureate, Alan Hill, Populous Map director (and NWSS alum) Laura Cuthbert, the CERA Society, Force of Nature Alliance, and the Honourable Judy Darcy, who stepped in at the last moment for Peter Julian. Over the four days of the event, over 1600 students attended workshops. Many of the workshops were at capacity, with almost 200 students attending. Thank you to the organizers, Sarah Wethered, Christy Veltman, Aidan Chafe, and Dragana Sacco. Thank you NWSS PAC for your continued support of this event. We look forward to our 10th anniversary next year.

Highlights for Visual and Performing Arts Department

February

Vocal Jazz Ensembles co-hosted Swedish professional acappella ensemble The Real Group. We opened their concert in Massey Theatre to large audience, and had a workshop with them during the day. Sponsored by Quayside Voices, Massey Theatre and the NWSS Music Auxiliary.



NEW WESTMINSTER SECONDARY SCHOOL

835 Eighth Street, New Westminster, B.C. V3M 3S9

Telephone: 604-517-6220

The Real Group is one of the most important acapella groups of the last 30 years, and we were incredibly lucky to have the chance to host them, learn from them, sing with them and perform with/for them.

Ad Mare Woodwind Quintet performed for NWSS music students.

March

Drama Department Tour to Los Angeles

April

Senior band and choir students travelled to Banff to attend the Rocky Mountain Music Festival

Junior band students travelled to Victoria for the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival

May

Chamber Choir performed as guests at the Vivo Children's Choir concert

Music Department Jazz Night Fundraiser and Concert at Sapperton Pensioner's Hall

Musical Theatre Foundations Class Performance at The Anvil Centre Theatre May 23/24 "What Is Love?". This is the first year we've offered this non-auditioned musical theatre class, and it has been really successful.

Coming Up:

NWSS Film Club Screening. 5pm to 6:30pm in Massey Theatre. First time for this event! In partnership with New West Film Fest and Arts Council of New Westminster.

Spring Dance Show "Clue"- May 29 evening performance at 7pm in Massey Theatre, May 30 daytime performances for students

Rocksolid Social Justice Theatre (Senior Theatre Company Class)- June 4 at 7pm in Massey Theatre, June 5 daytime performances for students

June 5th- Grad Art Show Opening Reception at The Gallery At Queen's Park. 6pm to 8pm. Show runs for the month of June. In partnership with the Arts Council of New Westminster.

Spring Choir Concert at Queens Avenue United Church. 7pm June 7th.



NEW WESTMINSTER SECONDARY SCHOOL

835 Eighth Street, New Westminster, B.C. V3M 3S9

Telephone: 604-517-6220

NWSS Music Ensembles play Uptown Unplugged. Date to be confirmed...either June 8 or June 15. 12pm to 2pm outside London Drugs, uptown New Westminster.

June Revue Concert and Awards (Band, Strings and Choir). 7pm June 12 at Massey Theatre.

Jazz Band A and B perform at The Heritage Grill on Columbia Street. Music starts at 8pm. Reservations highly recommended.

Student Voice

Plans for next year:

1. Register as a 'club' and set regular meeting times. I will need volunteers by the end of this school year who are interested in continuing with Student Voice and who can help organize for the Club Fair in the fall.
2. Instagram account **@studentvoice_** is now set up. Goal is for all students to follow so they can message us with concerns/topics. Can also use this as a way to poll or have students link up to a survey. Hoping this can help us capture 'voice' from as many students as possible.

Grade 9 Tours:

1. Leadership is running the tours on Thursday, May 30th and Friday, May 31st in block B. Floated the idea of offering personalized tours on the first day of school after the grade 9 assembly to those who would like to see where their classes are. Will see about a brief presentation to grade 9's at their assembly and also having a sign up on the website for the summer.
2. Mr. McLeod (who was at the meeting) said students should have access to their schedules in the summer.

Student Voice at the School Board:

1. Need a few people to attend the Education meeting on June 4th at Connaught Heights (usually starts at 7:30pm and I will meet you there). No presentation needed, just a conversation about our proposal for next year: to have SV representatives attend the monthly meetings to bring issues forward (to both the trustees and the Superintendent). Let me know if you can attend.

Report Cards

Term 3 report cards were published through MyEdBC where parents and students had access. Invitations to sign in and create an account were sent to parents in April. We had to have the correct



NEW WESTMINSTER SECONDARY SCHOOL

835 Eighth Street, New Westminster, B.C. V3M 3S9

Telephone: 604-517-6220

email and some parents had difficulty signing in. However, we did anticipate this and ask parents to phone the school for help when needed. Thus we did field several calls. We will again be publishing report cards through MyEdBC for final reports. Our publish date will be Thursday, June 27th by 4 pm.