



NEW WESTMINSTER SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Holiday Season is here! I am sure you are all very excited to have time off to enjoy this festive season. I want to thank all of you for all the contributions you make to support the success of your children. They have worked hard this semester and deserve a well-earned break! Our first day of school in the New Year will be on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> with school starting at the regular time.

Below are the office hours during the break:

December 23 - 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

December 24 - 8:30 am – noon

January 2 - 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

January 3 - 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

I would like to make you aware of some staffing changes at NWSS. First, I would like to thank our Vice-Principal, Ms. Sonja Rondstvedt for her hard work and dedication to supporting the students here at NWSS! Over the last two and half years, Ms. Rondstvedt has been an invaluable member of the NWSS admin team, demonstrating a passion and commitment to creating a caring and inclusive learning environment for all students. I wish her well as she moves on to Vancouver Technical Secondary in the Vancouver School District. While we say goodbye to Ms. Rondstvedt, we welcome our new Vice-Principal, Ms. Susana Quan who joins us from Magee Secondary where she taught Math and served as the math Department Head and Summer School Principal. In addition, I am pleased to announce that District Principal, Ms. Pam Craven will join our administrative team and provide leadership in the Inclusive Education Department.

On Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 pm in the Massey Theatre, New Westminster School District will be hosting 'Discover New Westminster Schools' evening event. This event is for K-12 parents, students and community members to learn more about the fantastic programs and diverse opportunities available for students in our District. This evening will begin with a formal presentation in the Massey Theatre for all participants. Current and new secondary parents/guardians and students will be invited to grade level breakout sessions to learn about course programming directly after the formal presentation in the Massey Theatre. Following the course programming, participants will be invited to the Massey large gym to learn more about specific programs, initiatives and opportunities by touring table booths set up by a variety of staff and students in our district.

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff and the administration team for their commitment and tireless efforts towards making NWSS truly a special place to work and learn. Stay safe and have a wonderful holiday break!

Mr. M. McLeod  
Principal