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Principal's Message



It's 2020! We hope all our students and families had a very relaxing winter break, have eased into the new year and new decade, and are well on their way to making their New Year's resolutions a reality.

If you haven't set a New Year's resolution, I encourage all students and families to consider a resolution that builds towards academic growth and social/emotional happiness.

January always flies by quickly. Our K-7 onsite lessons continue to be in full swing and many of our older students are working on completing courses as we approach the mid-way mark of the school year. January 27th marks the start of the second semester for our grade 10-12 students.

January has already brought us snow. The district is updating parents and students on whether or not schools are open or closed through the school district website and district messaging applications. Local radio stations also announce if schools are closed due to inclement weather.

Thanks to our students, parents and staff for making the first half of this school year so successful and memorable.

Sincerely,
Patrick Young

Scent, Citrus & Nut Aware

Due to staff and student allergies, Island ConnectEd is a **Citrus, Scent, and Nut Aware** Site. Please help keep our learning environment safe for all by keeping our site free of these items!

Upcoming Dates Of Interest

Grad Photos (Lifetouch) (@ Wellington)	January 13-17
VI Symphony for Grade 4 Students	Monday, January 21 @ 11 AM
English 12 + Numeracy 10 Exams	Wed., January 22 @ 9 AM
Communications 12 + Literacy 10 Exams	Thurs, January 23 @ 9 AM
(Sec) Semester 2 Starts	Monday, January 27
K-9 Progress Reports & Gr. 10-12 Report Cards	Monday, February 7
Grad Photos Retakes (@ Wellington)	February 5-7
Valentines Day	Friday, February 14
BC Family Day (Stat)	Monday, February 17
Grade 3 - Swim to Survive	Friday, February 21

Note: Our ["Year At A Glance"](#) calendar, located on our school website in the "Calendar" section, has a more extensive list of dates.

PAC Fundraisers

Our PAC has two ongoing PAC fundraisers:

- **Cobbs Bakery:** if buying items from Cobb's Bakery, please mention "Island ConnectEd" and a portion of your purchase will be donated to our school's PAC.
- **Country Grocer:** if you shop at the Country Grocer, please save and submit your receipts in the envelop on the PAC board in the hallway outside of the school's main office.

For any PAC-related inquiries, you may reach our PAC at ICEpac68@gmail.com

Report Cards & Progress Reports

Our mid-year K-9 progress reports will be available on February 7th at the school office. Grade 10-12 Report Cards will be available on February 7th through the MyEd parent portal; please email "IC-FamilyPortalQuestions@sd68.bc.ca" if you need assistance logging onto the parent portal.

Students taking grades 8-12 courses are encouraged to check their Jupiter Ed accounts for the most up-to-date results and for additional formative feedback from their teachers.

School Registration 2020-2021

For families who are looking to change schools for next year, registration for the 2020-2021 school year opened on Wednesday, January 8th. Information from the district about (a) regular school registration, (b) Late French Immersion, and (c) School District Academies may be found on the district's website: <https://www.sd68.bc.ca/>

PAC Sponsored: Family Ice Skating

Our PAC is continuing to sponsor weekly Family Ice Skating at NIC #1 from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM every Tuesday from November 5th to February 18th. Skate and helmet rentals are covered by our ICE PAC; students may also bring their own. This is a family event; non-registered siblings as well as parents/caregivers are welcome to participate.

For safety and liability reasons, students must wear a helmet and be accompanied/supervised by parents/guardians at all times; no drop offs.

School Closures Due To Weather



If schools are closed due to snow, or any other weather-related problems, announcements will be on local radio stations (WOLF 106.9 FM and WAVE 102.3 FM) by 7 a.m. on the day of the closure. Please do not call the radio station – tune in and listen for the announcements, which are made on a regular basis. In addition, the district will post the information on the district's website, the district's phone app, and through the district's messaging system.

Free Clipper Tickets: "High School Night"

The Nanaimo Clippers invite students to a "High School Night" sponsored by VIU on January 24th, 2020, versus the Langley Rivermen. Our school received 50 Free Tickets. The tickets



are "first come, first served" and are available at our main office – students may claim a ticket for themselves and a parent. One lucky student in attendance may win a \$1000 scholarship to VIU.

Please make sure the date and time works for you before taking a ticket. The hope is that everyone with a ticket attends the game. Go Clippers!

Grade 4 – Vancouver Island Symphony



On January 21, a group of our grade 4 students and parents will join other grade 4 students from across our district to attend a performance of our Vancouver Island Symphony at the Port Theatre.

Provincial Exams & Assessments

A reminder that some of our senior students will be writing exams at our school from 8:30 AM to Noon on Wednesday, January 22 (English 12 & Numeracy 10) and Thursday, January 23 (Communications 12 & Literacy 10). Please help keep that hallway near the computer lab quiet.

Grade 12 students are asked to contact Louise Massey if they are unsure if they need to write a Provincial Exam/Assessment.

Science Saturday



Our friends from NS3 are hosting their annual Science Saturday event on February 1 from 10 AM to 2 PM at our school. This event is open to the public and is an "entrance by donation" event. It is a community Science Celebration with hands-on and interactive science activities for all ages.

More information may be found here:

<http://nanaimoscience.org/sciencesaturday/>