



4355 Jingle Pot Rd,
Nanaimo, BC V9T 5P4
Phone: 1.250.756.9901
Fax: 1.250.756.0291

Principal: Patrick Young
Coordinator K-7: Lindsey Watford
Coordinator 8-12: Louise Massey
Head Secretary: Carol Webster
Website: Island-Connected.sd68.bc.ca

Principal's Message

October quickly passed on by along with all the ghoulies, princesses and other costumed characters. October had all the excitement that comes with Halloween-themed events such as a Halloween craft event and pizza lunch, costumes, and a PAC sponsored trip to the McNabb Corn Maze. It also saw a Haunted Room created by our Leadership students!



November is off to a quick start. With the recent Remembrance Day long weekend on our minds, we ask that all our students continue to "Hold the Torch High" and to work towards making both the school and the world a better place to work and live.

Our Kids' Market (a craft market / young entrepreneur activity) was held on Thursday, November 15. It was a wonderful success with many tasty and creative items finding new homes. A big thanks to everyone who participated in this event.

This month also saw our students participating in the We for She and the Me to We events; two wonderful events that celebrate the power of our youth to impact change. And ... our grade 4 students were invited to the Port Theatre to watch the Vancouver Island Symphony.

Thanks to everyone for a great start to November.

Sincerely,
Patrick Young

Scent, Citrus & Nut Free



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

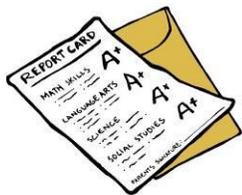
Important Dates

Following are some of our upcoming important dates. Please check out our ["Year At A Glance"](#) calendar under the "Students & Parents" section of our website. It already lists most of this year's events/dates and will be updated during the school year.

Spirit Day: Crazy Hair Day	Tuesday, November 27 (No Bake Sale)
Winter Celebration crafts	Thursday, December 6
Ladysmith Lightup	Thursday, November 29
Spirit Day: Tacky Holiday Sweater Day	Tuesday, December 11
Cheesemaking (Gr. 8-9)	Wednesday, December 12 @ 1 PM
Winter Celebration	Thursday, December 13
Last Day Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 21
Schools re-open	Monday, January 7
Tuesday lessons	Monday, January 8
Grad Photos (Lifetouch) (@ Wellington)	TBD (Probably mid January)
(Sec) Provincial Exams (Eng., Comm., Num)	January 21 - January 25
(Sec) Semester 2 Starts	Monday, January 28
PAC Valentine's Party (at NIC upper lounge)	Thursday, February 14

- PAC meetings are usually 3rd Thursday of the month.

Report Cards



Due to our K-12 structure, we have different Reporting processes within our school. Grade 8-12 students are always encouraged to look at Jupiter Ed (our online gradebook) for the most up-to-date progress on their course(s).

Kindergarten to grade 9 students will receive two formal report cards this year: one at the end of January and one at the end of June. Students in grade 10-12 courses will receive four formal report cards: one in November, one in February, one in April, and one in June.

All report cards will be delivered electronically this year through our MyEd Parent Portal. In early October, families with an active email in our student information system were sent information on how to access the MyEd Parent Portal; this email included a unique login. If you don't remember seeing this email, please look for an email dated around October 4th. If you can't locate this email and/or are still needing assistance, there is a contact at each school that can help:

- Students only registered with Island ConnectEd may email: IC-FamilyPortalQuestions@sd68.bc.ca
- Cross-enrolled students should contact their main school for their information.

More information about the MyEd Parent Portal may be found on our school's website under the "Student and Parent" section.

Scent Sensitivity Awareness

As most of us know, Island ConnectEd is considered a scent free site. The term "Scent Free" can be a bit tricky as most people think of perfumes, after-shaves etc. as items with scents. However, when we talk about scents, we "usually mean the smells or odours from ingredients in all cosmetics (perfume, make-up, shampoo, deodorant, etc.) and from other

products such as lotions, air fresheners, cleaners etc.

"Statistics Canada estimates that 2.4 per cent of the work force have chemical sensitivities that cause physical reactions, many of them serious enough to affect their ability at work." And "at least 15 per cent of the population is estimated to have lesser reactions to fragrances, such as asthma and headaches which also affects one's ability to work."

At our site we have at least three staff members who are extremely scent sensitive and statistically at least 15 students or more that may or may not know that they are sensitive to scents.

When exposed to scents, those with sensitivities may experience: headaches, upper respiratory symptoms, shortness of breath, dizziness, skin irritation, nausea, etc.

Here are two links of interest:

- A Globe and Mail article: [Scents and Sensibility: The Fragrant Workplace](#)
- Government of Canada's Occupational Health and Safety: [Scent-Free Policy](#)

Please assist us in further helping to make our site scent free by (a) learning about the concern, (b) helping to ensure that you or your family is scent-free when visiting our site, and (c) being an advocate by gently letting people know if you smell scents on them while they are onsite.

Letting someone know you smell scents on them can sometimes feel awkward as it feels like a criticism; if ever approached, please do not take it personally. It will take a consolidated effort from our community to help keep our site scent free.

Nanaimo Gr.5-12 Wrestling Club

Have you ever been curious about Olympic Style Wrestling?

School District 68 has a district co-ed wrestling team/club open to both male and female students from all of our local schools. Practices are held at

Island ConnectEd (4355 Jingle Pot Road). The season started on Monday, October 15, with practices being held on Mondays and Thursdays but students are still able to join the club.

For more information, visit the club's website: <https://sites.google.com/view/nanaimowrestlingclub/>. A registration link is also located on the website!

Spirit Day: Crazy Hair Day



Mark Tuesday, November 27, on your calendar and begin to plan for some Crazy Hair. It is our next Spirit Day. We hope to see some amazing locks and hairdos.

"We for She" & "Me to We"

On Friday, November 16, over twenty of our students and staff participated in the We for She event which focused on creating a dialogue around equal opportunity in the workplace and mentoring women into leadership roles.

On Thursday, November 22, another group of over twenty of our students and staff participated in the Me to We event at Roger's Arena. This was a celebration of the ability/power young people have to make positive world change – it starts with belief in ourselves!

To quote Ms. Massey, our students were "more than awesome" at these events. As a school, we continue to be amazed at the awesomeness that is our students. You Rock!

Student Lunch Space @ ICE

Several of our senior students work at our site on a daily basis. We have arranged to open the Multi-purpose room as a supervised lunch space every day. It will be open from 12:00 to around 12:45 PM based on student need. If it is not already open, students may check in with Christian or Charlene in the library who will gladly open it up for use.



Tuck (Snack) Shop @ ICE

In an effort to help students avoid hunger pains during their study time at the Island ConnectEd school site, a group of our young leaders, in

partnership with our Child Youth Family Support Worker, Ms. Sheri Martin, are running a Tuck (Snack) Shop on Mondays to Thursdays in Room 117 (the small office at the end of the main hall) from 11:45 AM to 12:30 PM.

Most snack items cost between \$1 and \$5. All proceeds will go to sponsor school-based activities.

PAC Sponsored: Family Ice Skating



Our PAC continues to host weekly Family Ice Skating at NIC #1 from 1:15 PM to 2:45 PM every Thursday from Oct. 11 to February 14th (19 Sessions). Skate and helmet rentals

are covered by our ICE PAC. 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 accompanied/supervised by parents/guardians (no drop offs) at all times.

Robotics Club (Update)

Our Robotics Club had their first competition at Oak Bay Secondary in Victoria on Saturday, November 17th. Our robot competed well against the 10 other robots, mostly from the Victoria area. We also came back with lots of ideas for things we can add to the robot. Our next competition is at Oak Bay Secondary again on Saturday, January 19th.



Contact Ron Membery at rmembery@sd68.bc.ca or 250-816-7052 for more information about the club or if you would like to get involved.

Grade 8-12 Teacher Availability & Calendar

A reminder that:

- Our “Grade 8-12 Teacher Availability Schedule” may be found on our school website under the “Students & Parents” Tab. Days marked with a green Y indicate that the teacher will be present at the Island ConnectEd school site on that day.
- Our 2018-2019 “Year At A Glance” calendar is also found under the “Students & Parents “ tab on our website.

Gr.11/12 Curriculum Change and Online Courses

As a result of the upcoming curriculum change for grade 11 and 12 courses, all Island ConnectEd grade 11 and 12 courses will end at marks cut-off in June. We want to ensure students are not surprised by this firm deadline for Grade 11 and 12 course completions. It does mean that any grade 11 or 12 courses that are not completed by marks cut-off in June will be given a final grade of “Withdrawn”. Students requiring their courses for graduation should make certain that their courses are completed on time. Any students still requiring the course, may enroll in the new version of the course the following year.

Due to the firm June end date, course requests for grade 11 and 12 level courses will be closed as of March 1, 2018. This gives students two weeks to become active in their studies prior to Spring Break. *So ... If you are looking at enrolling in more grade 11 and 12 level courses, please be sure to request the course prior to March 1!*

Food Drive for Christmas Hampers



Island ConnectEd is holding a food drive to help support members of our school community who are struggling to make ends meet.

We encourage our families that are in a position to support the food drive to do so in the way of non-perishable food items, gift certificates or gifts that could be donated to a deserving home. There is a food drop-off box located in the front foyer of our school!

If you own or work for a business that would like to donate to this cause, please contact Sheri Martin (our CYFSW) by email at smartin@sd68.bc.ca or by phone at 250-6668-5951.

Thanks in advance for helping to share and spread winter cheer!



4355 Jingle Pot Rd,
Nanaimo, BC V9T 5P4
Phone: 1.250.756.9901
Fax: 1.250.756.0291

Principal: Patrick Young
Coordinator K-7: Lindsey Watford
Coordinator 8-12: Louise Massey
Head Secretary: Carol Webster
Website: Island-Connected.sd68.bc.ca
