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Principal's Message

We hope all our students and families have had a very relaxing winter break, have eased into the New Year, 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 success.

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 28th marks the start of the second semester for our grade 10-12 students.

A special shout out to our Robotics team that placed third in their recent competition in Victoria. The group made a cameo on CTV news...



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 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.

(Sec) Provincial Exams (Eng., Comm., Num)	January 23 - January 25
(Sec) Semester 2 Starts	Monday, January 28
Craft Hour (Valentines) from 11 AM to Noon	Thurs, February 7
Elementary Progress Reports	Friday, February 8
PAC Valentine's Party (at NIC upper lounge)	Thursday, February 14
BC Family Day (Stat)	Monday, February 18
Grade 4 Van. Island Symphony	TBD
Non-Instructional Day (District ProD)	Monday February 25
Non-Instructional Day (School-based)	Tuesday, February 26
Pink Shirt Day	Wednesday, February 27 (Official)
ArtStart: Axé Capoeira	Friday, March 1 @ 11 AM
100 Days of School	Thursday, March 28

- PAC meetings are usually 3rd Thursday of the month in our Parent Room (Rm. 106).

Provincial Exams

A reminder that some of our senior students will be writing exams at our school from 8:30 AM to Noon on Wednesday, January 23, to Friday, January 25. Please help keep that hallway near the computer lab quiet.

Wrestling Highlights

Congratulations to Evangelina S (Gr. 12) and Stephen S. (Gr. 9) for their recent accomplishments at the Campbell River Wrestling Tournament. Both athletes are first year wrestlers and shown tremendous progress this year.



Evangelina won a bronze medal (see above) at the tournament – Well done!

Craft Hour for K-7s (Valentines Focus)

Skye, one of our PAC parents, will be hosting a Craft Hour on Thursday, February 7th from 11 AM to Noon, that is open to everyone. Students will be making a “Valentines Mailbox” in preparation for the PAC Valentines Party that will be held at the Upper Lounge of the Nanaimo Ice Center on February 14th.



If participating, please bring your own box. Decorations will be provided but students may bring anything they would like to add to their box.

School Registration 2019-2020

For families who are looking to change schools, registration for the 2019-2020 school year opens on Wednesday, January 9th at 8:00 AM. Information from the district about (a) regular school registration, (b) Late French Immersion, and (c) School District Academies may also be found on the district's website:

<https://www.sd68.bc.ca/students-parents/registration-information/>

An important Enrolment date to remember is June 15. Applications for enrolment (through the district's e-registration) must be received by that date to ensure a student's placement in their catchment-area school.

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 rentals are covered by our ICE PAC (Please bring your own bike or hockey helmet). 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.

Science Saturday



Our friends from NS3 are hosting a Science Saturday event on February 2 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 that offers hands-on and interactive science activities for all ages from a variety of local community groups. More information may be found here:

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

NS3 has invited our PAC to host the concession at this event as an Island ConnectEd fundraiser.

Gr.11/12 Curriculum Change and Online Courses

A reminder ... Due to the change in curriculum that takes place on July 1, all Island ConnectEd grade 11 and 12 courses will end at marks cut-off in June.

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!*