

Nakusp Secondary School Newsletter

April 08, 2010

“Prove it Possible”

Principal's Message

The school year always moves at a fast pace, but things are certainly speeding up now that we are almost finished Term 3. Before we know it Grad weekend will be here, and students will be sweating over final exams. We certainly hope you will be able to make the Parent-Teacher Interviews on Thursday, April 29th to be sure you know where your child stands. Interviews are held in the gym from 3:00 until 5:30, but we can make other arrangements for you to meet with specific teachers.

We are trying to get an early start on planning for 2010 – 2011 because it will be my first solo timetable, and I know I will need the extra weeks to be “creative”. Look for course selection booklets to go out next week with a return date of April 30 at the latest.

Thank you to all families who organized, cooked, served and cleaned for our Second Annual Dinner in the Halls. It was a huge success with much positive feedback from parents, staff and students. We have also been busy in other areas:

- The scavenger hunt was exciting with Team Awesome winning for the second year
- Our Destination Imagination team has qualified for the Provincials in Vancouver on April 17 – Well done!
- Annie Collins, Gr. 9 is off to Vancouver this weekend to represent NSS at the Geography challenge – Good Luck, Annie!
- District Writing Assessment for Grade 8, 9, 10 are underway
- Music Department is having a Spring fundraiser – details inside this newsletter
- Girls Soccer is in full swing with our home tournament planned for May 7 – 8

Be sure to read over the changes to our **Behaviour Policy for School Functions** included in this newsletter. The administration and staff are working hard to allow students to have access to social functions and activities while keeping them safe. We are responsible for following the rules and guidelines required by the Ministry of Education, and we also want to try to prevent our students from making bad choices that could result in harm to themselves and/or others. With that in mind, we have added to our behaviour policy for school functions; the purpose is not to be punitive, but rather to have consequences that are dire enough to persuade students not to make a bad decision in the first place. If you require any further explanation please do not hesitate to call.

Susan Paterson

NSS P.A.C.

Meeting April 28th -6:00 pm

NSS Library

Please note the time change for this month only.

Important Dates:

April	14	Last day of Term
	15	First day of Term 4
	21	Kaslo band performs for NSS 10 am
	22	Juice Run
	23	Term 3 Report Cards issued
	23	30 Hour Famine begins
	28	ABC performance "Project Soul"
	28	PAC Meeting in the Library (6:00 pm) note time change
	28	Musical Theatre Production at Arena – 7pm-tickets at the door
	29	Recognition Assembly-9:45 am
	29	Parent-teacher interviews: 3:00-5:30 pm
	30	Musical Theatre Production at Arena – 7pm-tickets at the door
May	06	Newsletter #10
	06	Selkirk College Tour (Nelson/Castlegar)
	07	Professional Development Day-No Classes
	07-08	Girls' soccer tournament
	07	Soccer Dance
	09	Mothers' Day
	24	Victoria Day-No Classes
	20 (or 26)	Student Activity day
	26	PAC Meeting in the Library (7:00)
	27	Newsletter #11
	27	Grade 7 Orientation Barbecue (5:30 pm)
June	03	Grade 12 Pancake Breakfast
	09	Grad Practice
	11	Grad Banquet 6:00 sharp
	12	Commencement Exercises 1:00 pm
	15	Last day of classes
	16-18	Final Exams
	20	Father's day
	21-25	Provincial Exams
	29	Awards Ceremony-Final Report Cards
	30	Administration Day

Important Notice

Parents of Band Students

The Band trip to Kelowna is coming up in just over a week (April 19-21). All preparations have been made (registrations, accommodations, etc) – there is only one glitch that could force us to cancel the trip and that is – **we need one male chaperone.** If there is parent out there that is able to give a few days of their time and energy please contact Ms. Ante at the school – 250-265-3668 ext. 235 or email lante@sd10.bc.ca

Nakusp Secondary - Behaviour Policy for School Functions

Any student at a school function, on or off school grounds, who is under the influence of illegal drugs/alcohol or in control and/or possession of illegal drugs/alcohol, WILL face the following consequences:

- Parents/Guardians will be contacted immediately and student will be released into the custody of the parent/guardian or sent home with RCMP if necessary.
- An automatic 3 day out-of-school suspension with official letter documenting the offence. (This may be increased depending on the student's past suspension history)
- Mandatory counselling sessions starting with the school counsellor and including community counselling if necessary
- **A ban from representing NSS at ANY function for ONE CALENDAR YEAR This would include any curricular and extra-curricular trips and functions including, but not limited to, field trips, sports trips, public performances, dances, band trips, grade 12 commencement activities etc.**

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Parents please remember to call the school (265-3668) if your child is home sick or has an excused absence. Leave a message on the school answering machine (24 hours/day, ext 100), or talk to the school secretary who is at school by 7:30 each working day. We work hard at trying to keep our students safe, and we need to know if they are supposed to be at school or have a valid reason for their absence.— Thank you.

**Nakusp Secondary School's
SPRING MUSICAL THEATRE
PRODUCTION 'WORKING' by Stephen Schwartz**

Wednesday, April 28th and Friday, April 30th
At the Arena Auditorium—6:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$5 student, \$8 adult, \$20 family- available at the door

THANK YOU!!!

**WE WOULD ONCE AGAIN LIKE TO EXTEND OUR APPRECIATION TO ALL
THE PARENTS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, STAFF AND STUDENTS FOR
COMING TOGETHER, CONTRIBUTING AND ENJOYING OUR
2ND ANNUAL DINNER IN THE HALLS**

Nakusp Secondary Interact Club

The Interact club plans to “paint handprints” with students this month or when the weather is warmer and dryer. Interested families are asked to fill out a ‘Contract for Life’ form –both student and parent need to sign it. The commitment is for safer driving and safe arrivals home. Blue contract sheets are available in the school’s office and will be distributed by Interact students.

FUNDRAISER FOR NAKUSP SECONDARY SCHOOL'S MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Nakusp Secondary School Music students are selling hanging baskets and bedding plants as a fundraiser. These flowers are being provided by Georama Growers in Nelson, the same greenhouse that provides the poinsettias in December.

Please return this order form by Friday, April 30th. Pickup will be on Wednesday, May 5th from 3-5:30pm at the NSS Gym entrance.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Size	Description	Price	Quantity	Total
16" Planter	Perfect Patio	\$30.00		
12" Hanging Basket	Spring Combination	\$30.00		
12" Hanging Basket	Fantastic Fuchsia	\$28.00		
12" Hanging Basket	Sensational Supertunia	\$28.00		
12" Hanging Basket	Great Geraniums	\$28.00		
2 Gallon Pot	Potted Roses	\$20.00		
4" Pot	Mini Roses	\$8.00		
4.5" Pot	Non Stop Begonia	\$5.00		
4.5" Pot	New Guinea Impatiens	\$4.00		
4.5" Pot	Geraniums	\$4.00		
4.5" Pot	Fuchsias	\$4.00		
4.5" Pot	Garden Mums	\$4.00		
4.5" Pot	Tomatoes	\$4.00		
Jumbo 4 Pack	Tomatoes	\$2.00		
TOTAL =				_____
Please make cheques payable to Nakusp Secondary School				

Please credit the following music student: _____