

# *Nakusp Secondary School Newsletter*

April 09, 2009

“Prove it Possible”

## Principal's Message

Two months of classes left in the 2008-09 school year...and then exams! Grad preparations are well underway. Thanks to Mrs. Holden for taking on all the responsibilities as Grad Advisor. Also, thanks to Mrs. Suhr for her major contribution to the NSS Scholarship Program. Also a thanks to Ms. Eichhorst for organizing all the major trophies and awards for year-end and grad celebrations.

Very soon, after Term 3 report cards are issued, course selection packages and forms will be distributed to begin the timetabling process. Stay tuned for further information. Also, after report cards, the final list will be posted of students eligible to participate in Grad 2009.

**A reminder to grad parents that fees are due prior to the banquet and ceremonies.**

April is a very busy month for students and staff:

- Girls Soccer is in full swing (47 girls in total), with major tournaments happening almost every weekend.
- District Writing Assessment for Grade 8, 9, 10
- Two ABC Performances
- Report Card #3 and Parent Teacher Interviews
- Recognition Assembly
- Course Selection for 2008-09
- The Juice Run
- NSS hosts the BC Championships for the Great Canadian Geography Challenge

Please feel free to inquire further about any of these activities.

Please note that, due to budget constraints, the Selkirk College tour and the Grade 11 trip to the Okanagan will not occur this year.

Once again, it is proving to be a very busy time of year. Our goal is to maintain a positive atmosphere that sponsors students' successful accomplishments.

Kees van der Pol

## Important Dates:

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| April | 10    | Good Friday—No Classes                 |
|       | 13    | Easter Monday—No Classes               |
|       | 17    | Last day of Term 3                     |
|       | 18    | Geography Challenge Provincials        |
|       | 20    | First day of Term 4                    |
|       | 22    | Juice Run                              |
|       | 24    | Term 3 Report Cards issued             |
|       | 27    | PAC Meeting in the Library (7:00 pm)   |
|       | 29    | Recognition Assembly-10:00 am          |
|       | 30    | Parent-teacher interviews-3:00-5:30 pm |
| May   | 07    | Newsletter #10                         |
|       | 08    | Non-instructional day-No Classes       |
|       | 10    | Mothers' Day                           |
|       | 18    | Victoria Day-No Classes                |
|       | 20    | Student Activity day                   |
|       | 25    | PAC Meeting in the Library (7:00 pm)   |
|       | 28    | Newsletter #11                         |
|       |       | Grade 7 Orientation Barbecue (5:00 pm) |
| June  | 11    | Grade 12 Pancake Breakfast             |
|       | 16    | Last day of classes                    |
|       | 17-19 | Final Exams                            |
|       | 21    | Father's day                           |
|       | 17-25 | Provincial Exams                       |
|       | 25    | Awards Ceremony-Final Report Cards     |
|       | 26    | Grad Banquet-6:00 pm                   |
|       | 27    | Grad Ceremonies-1:00 pm                |

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

A reminder to Grade 11 & 12 students that time is flying—it is near the end of Term 3 and your Work Experience assignments (evaluation forms, letter of reference and reports) are due May 25th. at the latest. Do not wait until the last minute.

Assignments can be handed into the office.

## **THANK YOU !!!**

**WE WOULD ONCE AGAIN LIKE TO EXTEND OUR APPRECIATION TO ALL THE PARENTS FOR HELPING WITH THE DINNER IN THE HALLS (1st annual?) The desserts and salads were over the top!!!**

## NSS PAC Meeting Wed April 29-09

**2009/2010 School Calendar:** The following options for the calendar will be discussed at the next meeting:

**Option #1** Standard School Calendar with 1 week Spring Break March 8 to 12, 2010

**Option #2** 2 Week Spring Break (in order to make up the time required to extend the break by 1 week, the following needs to be considered)

- A)** Spring Break either Mar 1 to 12 OR March 8 to 19
- 5 days would need to be made up. School would begin before Labour Day; September 2, 3, 4 (the 4<sup>th</sup> being a possible local N.I. Day) School would also be in session December 21 and 22 (normally part of the Winter Break).
  - Both of these proposed breaks contain the standard dates that most school districts in B.C. will have.
  - The earlier dates may be better for skiing & sledding
- B)** Spring Break Mar 29 to April 9
- Only 3 days would need to be made up; Sept 4 as an N.I. Day and Dec 21 and 22 in session.
  - This option combines Spring Break and Easter
  - Most schools in B.C. will be in session with the exception of some in the north.
  - Weather may be better for outdoor play

In the past, minutes have been added to the day (essentially, “taken away” from break times, so as to accommodate bus/ferry schedules) to make up the 5 days of instruction time. The majority of the Calendar Committee is against that option, so it hasn't been presented. The majority also felt a 2 week break was more refreshing for staff and students. Your PAC wants to hear from you! Come out and voice your opinion. Can't make it to the meeting? Please e-mail your comments to Lee-Anne [Imarshall17@hotmail.com](mailto:Imarshall17@hotmail.com)

**Other Agenda Items:** Board Policy changes, BCCPAC Conference April 30 to May 3, Canteen Updates, Breakfast Program, Trustee and Principal/Vice-Principal reports.

***Hope to see you there Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup> 7pm in the NSS Library.***

# AGENDA

SATURDAY APRIL 19th, 2008



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| 8:15 am  | Officials meeting in room 5<br>Registration in the Library |
| 9:00 am  | Official opening in the gym                                |
| 9:30 am  | Preliminary rounds begin<br>(Rooms 9, 11, 12, 14, 20 )     |
| 11:30 am | Lunch in the Home Ec Room (Room 2)                         |
| 12:30 pm | Draws for prizes<br>Announcement of ten semi-finalists     |
| 12:45 pm | Semi-finals in the gym<br>Finals and Presentations.        |

## 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, 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 sup-



**PAC MEETING**  
**Monday, April 27th**  
**7:00 PM**  
**NSS Library**

**Sustainability club HAS JUST WON the BC GREEN GAMES.** We are one of twelve secondary schools in the province to win \$2000 for our entry which included Nakusp being the first Fair Trade town in BC and for making bike racks, planning to plant trees and a school garden.

## **Great Canadian Geography Challenge 2008 BC Championships**

**at Nakusp Secondary School  
Saturday, April 18 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

Nakusp, BC – What's an anemometer? The Roaring Forties? Horse Latitudes? 30+ students (including **NSS school champion, Hailey McLeod and SZS champ Katherin Zerrath**), ranging in age from 12 to 15 years will compete in the 14th Annual Great Canadian Geography Challenge at Nakusp Secondary School in Nakusp this Saturday April 18th. This is the second time the BC Championships have been held outside the Lower Mainland! (Last year we hosted too!)

The public is welcome to attend. However, there is very limited audience seating available — especially in classrooms for the preliminary competition.

See the agenda in this newsletter.

## **Nakusp Secondary School's SPRING SHOWCASE of the PERFORMING ARTS**

**Wednesday, April 29th and  
Thursday, April 30th**

**At the Arena Auditorium—6:30 p.m.**

Performances include the NSS Senior Jazz Band, Hip-Hop dance-original, the play "Canadian Idle and winners from the NSS Canadian Idol Competition.

**Tickets: \$5 student, \$10 adult, \$25 family**

## **MUSIC MADNESS**

**April 19th—Community Artists Concert (Jazz Band) 2pm Arena Auditorium**

**May 4th—Music Monday Concert—NSS gym 7pm**

**May 8 & 9—Festival Nelson—all music students**

**May 11-14—Band/Choir Trip to Red Deer is CANCELLED**