

Nakusp Secondary School Newsletter

January 14, 2010

“Prove it Possible”

Principal's Message

Happy New Year! Our second week back has been interesting, especially with the weather problems, but students and staff all seem energetic after a much needed break.

There are just two weeks left before the end of Semester One and Provincial Exams so please note the attached January 2010 Exam schedule.

Also note that tomorrow, January 15 is a non-instructional day. Teachers will be working on reading/writing and math strategies. Students can use the time to complete outstanding work and study for the exams.

Our basketball season is in full swing. Thank you to all the coaches and parents who have volunteered time to help out and drive students in for early practices. Participation in school is such an important part of feeling connected and being successful, and it is wonderful to see how many people are involved.

Our soup days continue to be a great hit with everyone. In December the mayor, Karen Hamling, treated our students to a bowl of soup because of their positive energies and participation in the community; it was a delicious way of saying thank you and much appreciated by everyone. For the next three Thursdays we will also be having hot lunches prepared by Deb Guest. We started in December with pita pizzas. Students need to listen to the announcements to see what will be on the menu.

Please don't forget that the phone works two ways. If you are not sure where your child stands in his or her classes, please do not hesitate to touch bases. A quick phone call or an e-mail to the teacher is an easy way to keep informed.

Susan Paterson

Important Dates:

Jan 15	Professional Development Day. No classes.
Jan 25-29	Provincial Exams
Jan 27	PAC Meeting—7:00 PM—Library
Jan 29	Last day of Term 2 and Semester 1
Jan 28-29	Turn Around Days—No classes
Feb 01	1st day of Semester II and Term 3
Feb 05	2nd Term Report Cards issued
Feb 10	Recognition Assembly 9:50 AM (note this is a change)
Feb 11	Newsletter #7
Feb 19	Professional Development Day—no classes
Feb 24	PAC Meeting—Library 7 pm
Feb 26	Ski Day (Tentatively planned)

PAC Meeting
Wednesday, January 27th
7:00 PM
Library

We encourage parents to attend and let your voices be heard. A reminder that, without a PAC, we cannot provide input into decision making at Nakusp Secondary and at the district level with regards to the school calendar. You are an important part of the school.

DISTRICT CALENDAR COMMITTEE

Parents – please check the School district’s website www.sd10.bc.ca for important information regarding the school calendar – there are four options being put forward and your feedback will be instrumental in building next year’s calendar (i.e., Spring break -1 week, 2 week, extra time in school day, etc.). Please email your ideas, concerns, questions to the NSS PAC president – Leanne Marshall – lmarshall17@hotmail.com – don’t delay. You can also come to the PAC meeting on Wed., Jan. 27th – 7pm to share your ideas and to learn more.

COUGAR SIGHTING

Parents and students are to be made aware that a cougar has been spotted in the immediate area (campground and surrounding streets). Please be careful when walking in that area, and if you do spot the cougar, please inform the local authorities (RCMP-265-3677).

Grad update

- Grads have chosen black gowns with red stoles for the graduation ceremony (walking the stage)
- Lee Orr has been chosen as the photographer for grad photos
- There will be a fundraising bottle drive on March 27th- all grads involved are to meet at the HappyFace Recycling depot at 10a.m.

Scent-Free Environment

Due to the fact that a number of students and staff are highly allergic to the ingredients in a number of perfumes, deodorants, and other scented products, NSS continues to try to be a scent-free environment.

Products such as AXE, which have caused serious reactions for several members of our school community, are not to be used prior to or during school hours.

Please recognize that this is not a punitive measure; it is simply designed to enhance our learning environment.

Drop In Bingo

Date: Sunday, January 24th

Time: 6:00—10:00 PM – doors open at 5:30

Place: Legion Hall

Proceeds go to you local

Nakusp Midget Rep Falcons Hockey Team

Destination Imagination - formerly Odyssey of the Minds

Volunteer coaches or co-coaches to work with students in creative problem-solving would be most welcome. Please contact Elaine Tupper at the school for more information.

Teen Yoga

Every Monday after school [3:15-4:15] at the Nacomo Centre [next to Spiritwood] – drop-ins are welcome – for more information please call 250-265-3833

FINAL EXAM POLICY

- 1) Students are expected to know when and where their exams are to be written. Only students who are absent with **legitimate** reasons (supported by a note from home) will be allowed to make up their final exam.
- 2) Students are expected to be seated and ready to start their exam at the scheduled time.
- 3) No textbooks, food, liquids (other than water), notes or other reference materials are to be taken to examination desks or tables unless students are requested to do so by their teacher. All backpacks, binders, and other materials are to be left in lockers or at the doors of the examination room.
- 4) Students will not be allowed to write an exam (and will receive a ZERO) if they are more than 30 minutes late. Students arriving late, but prior to the 30-minute deadline, will **not** be given extra time.
- 5) Students must remain in the exam room a minimum of one hour. Afterwards, students may quietly leave to go to the library or to leave the school. The hallways are out-of-bounds.
- 6) Once an exam has started, all students will be **silent**. Students may contact the exam supervisor by raising their hands.
- 7) Students who talk without permission, or who cheat in any way, will receive an automatic ZERO. Other disciplinary actions may be taken, including suspensions from school.

NOTE FOR STUDENTS IN PROVINCIALY-EXAMINABLE COURSES:

If you have not completed all the requirements of the course (tests not written, projects not done, homework assignments not completed fully or handed in), teachers may assign the letter grade "I" (Incomplete).

If you have received an "I", Ministry of Education regulations state that you will **not** be allowed to write the provincial exam.

January 2010 Exam Schedule

***ALL STUDENTS ARE IN REGULAR CLASSES UNLESS WRITING EXAMS**

Monday, Jan 25 * Change of Day to Day 5 (3-4-1-2)

9:00 – 11:00	English 11 (class exam)	Room 11
1:00 – 3:00	Chemistry 11 (class exam)	Rooms 3 and 5

Tuesday, Jan 26 (6-7-8-5)

9:00 – 11:00	Communications 12 (PROV)	Room - Office
	Biology	Room 5
(12:00*) 1:00 – 3:00	Principles of Math 12 (PROV)	Room - Office
	Principles of Math 12 (class exam)	Room 5

Wednesday, Jan 27 (3-4-1-2)

9:00 – 11:00	English 12 (PROV)	Room 5
(12:00*) 1:00 – 3:00	Social Studies 11 (PROV)	Room 5

Thursday, Jan 28 (No classes)

(12:00*) 1:00 – 3:00	Applications of Math 10 (PROV)	Room - Office
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* 12:00 afternoon start times for PROVINCIAL exams are so bussed students can have the full 3 hours if needed before the busses leave