

Nakusp Secondary School Newsletter

November 12, 2009

“Prove it Possible”

Principal's Message

The change in administration has gone very smoothly, and I have now completed almost two weeks as principal. I have to say I am enjoying the job so far and am looking forward to the next very busy five weeks before Christmas Break. The students and staff seem very upbeat and optimistic, and we are all working hard to keep it that way.

Tuesday's Remembrance Day Ceremony was an excellent example of the amazing talent and hard work we are seeing at the school. All of the veterans and guests who attended were extremely impressed with the quality of the program and the commitment of our students and teachers. This function was preceded by a high energy October Activity Day, numerous Remembrance Day Legion contest submissions, and weeks of practicing for girl's volleyball playoffs and boy's soccer.

Our Senior Boys soccer team finished fifth at the Single “A” Provincial finals. The boys, under the direction of Mr. Rod Morrison and Mr. Ron Balske, also brought home the prestigious “Fair Play Award.” Congratulations, gentlemen!

First term reports will be sent home with your child on November 19th. Please remember that this is a snapshot of your child's progress to date. Plan on attending the Parent-Teacher Interviews (3:00 to 5:30 on November 26th) to receive a more detailed account of achievement.

PAC meets on the last Wednesday of every month. Next meeting is November 25th at 7:00 pm. Now, more than ever, your secondary school aged children need you to be involved with their education!

Thank you for your continued support, hopefully, we will see you at our Recognition Assembly on November 26, 9:50 am start.

Susan Paterson
Principal

CHANGE of BELL TIMES

In order to allow an extra 5 minutes for our bussed students to make the afternoon ferry, we have changed our dismissal time to 3:00 pm. The morning warning bell rings at 8:50, lunch is 11:33 until the 12:18 warning bell, and dismissal is at 3:00 pm.

Important Dates:

Nov 19	First Term Report Cards issued
Nov 20	Non Instructional Day—No School
Nov 25	PAC Meeting—7:00 pm - Library
Nov 26	Recognition Assembly—10:00 am Parent/Teacher Interviews 3:00-5:30
Dec 02	Rotary Carol Sing—7:00 PM—Gym
Dec 10	Newsletter #5
Dec 16	Band concert
Dec 18	Last day of classes before Christmas Break
Jan 04	First day of classes after Christmas

Mosquito Nets for Botswana

This year the NSS Sustainability Club is partnering with friends in Botswana, Africa by encouraging the purchase of mosquito nets. Throughout the year we will be selling certificates that represent the purchase of a mosquito net. We have met the organizers in person and know all money will go directly to purchasing nets. In addition to their net campaign to fight malaria, the organizers in Botswana teach people how to use them properly and how to improve their environmental conditions to eliminate mosquito breeding grounds.

By giving someone a Christmas gift certificate of a net you can show your love to someone dear to you while helping give a gift of health and life to others in Botswana. If you'd like to buy a net, certificates are available for \$10.00 from Prima Materia, Spiritwood, the Nakusp Veterinary Clinic, Grooming by Til and Dog Sense Boutique.

Thanks for your support!

QUANTUM LEAPS

On October 22nd, twenty girls from grades 9 to 12 went to Castlegar for a Quantum Leaps Conference. The conference exposed girls to math and science career possibilities, as well as program options available through Selkirk College. They toured aviation, biology, and chemistry labs, were able to do an experiment and sit in flight simulators. There were several panel discussions where girls could speak to successful women in science and technology careers. They learned amazing things and were given a lot to think about.

PAC Meeting
Wednesday, November 25th
7:00 PM—Library
Parents are encouraged to attend!

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Report cards are being issued on Thursday, November 19th. A reminder that Parent/Teacher Interviews are Thursday, November 26th, from 3:00—5:30 PM. There will be early dismissal at 2:30 PM.

Poinsettia Fundraiser

The NSS Music Department is selling Poinsettias again this year to raise money for the music program. The poinsettias are being supplied by Georama Growers in Nelson. Order forms are available in the office or from any band member and attached to this newsletter. Deadline to order is November 26th for December 2nd pickup or December 10th for December 16th pickup.

Hot Lunch Thursdays

Starting on Thursday, November 19th (next week) - Deb Guest will once again be providing healthy hot lunches starting with Pita Pizzas for \$3.75 each. Hot lunches must be prepaid at the office by each (Wednesday). There will also be Fruit Smoothies for sale—\$2.50 each

SOUP DAY—TUESDAYS

EACH TUESDAY WE HAVE HEALTHY HOMEMADE SOUP (made by Soup du Jar) FOR OUR STUDENTS TO ENJOY. STUDENTS ENJOY A NICE HOT BOWL OF SOUP AND A SLICE OF WHOLE WHEAT BREAD FOR \$1 (Loonie).

Nov. 17th—Soup is Chicken Rice
Nov. 24th—Soup is Vegetable Rice
Dec. 1st—Soup is Chicken Noodle
Dec. 8th—Soup is Tomato Rice
Dec. 15th—Soup is Borscht

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Poinsettias will be available for pickup at the NSS gym on two evenings.

- #1 **Dec. 2nd** Rotary Carol Sing
Order deadline – Nov. 26th

- #2 **Dec. 16th** NSS Music Concert
Order deadline – Dec. 10th

Students will receive credit for each plant they sell, so please acknowledge them at the bottom of the form. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Ante at NSS.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Quantity	Description	Price	Total
	6" Red Poinsettia	\$13.00	\$
	6" Pink Poinsettia	\$13.00	\$
	6" White Poinsettia	\$13.00	\$
	6" Wicker Basket Poinsettia	\$20.00	\$
	Christmas Dish Garden	\$20.00	\$
	8" Tri Colour Poinsettia	\$25.00	\$
TOTAL = \$			_____
Please make cheques payable to Nakusp Secondary School			

Please credit the following music student: _____

Indicate which evening you would like for pickup

- ___ Dec. 2nd Orders must be received by Nov. 26th

- ___ Dec. 16th Orders must be received by Dec. 10th