



NEWS

Port Hardy Secondary School

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Principal's Message

A new semester and a fresh start! PHSS students are back in their classrooms after writing exams and are beginning new courses. The level of enthusiasm is high and many students have a new determination to do well in all of their courses. We are already looking at courses for the 2014-15 school year. Course selection information is being compiled and soon students will be asked to make some decisions about their courses for the next school year. We will be sending course selection information home to parents/guardians and hope to

schedule in some community meetings as well so that parents can help students make the best decisions about their courses.

Good-bye and hello. We are sad to say good-bye to Mrs. Hitch, who has been a teacher in the district for more than 15 years. She has taught a great many students at a number of area schools, and we wish her well in her retirement. We also said good-bye to Ms. Kline, who was the Math 9/ Science 9 teacher this year. She has taken her passion for math and science a few blocks away and is now teaching at Eke Me-Xi

School. We're sorry to see her go and wish her well in her new job. Mr. Andrew Dodd has joined us at PHSS and is working in a number of different areas to cover our loss of Mrs. Hitch. We're happy to say hello to Ms. Selena Coutts, who has replaced Ms. Kline. We're already enjoying the energy and learning activities Mr. Dodd and Ms. Coutts bring to PHSS.

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PHSS Grad News

VIU Entrance Scholarships & Awards

The application for the 2014/2015 Vancouver Island University Entrance Scholarships & Awards is now available on our website at

www.viu.ca/FinancialAid/applications.asp#EntranceApp

Interested students must complete the application on-line by the **March 14, 2014** deadline, print, sign and submit directly to our office at:

Vancouver Island University - Nanaimo Campus
Building 200, Room 205
900 Fifth Street
Nanaimo, BC V9R 5S5



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The endorsement forms for the VIU President's Entrance Scholarships for High School Students, and the VIU Chancellor's Entrance Scholarships for Aboriginal Students, will be available on our website in early March. Deadline for submission of these scholarships is April 30th, 2014.

Drama Department

The PHSS Drama Department would like to invite you to a night of drama on



Thursday, February 13th at 7:00. The evening will feature student performances and the production "**Look Me in the Eye.**" Tickets are \$10 and all proceeds go towards fundraising for our trip to Campbell River for the North Island Regional Drama Festival. Hope to see you there!

PHSS PAC News

2013-2014 Officers:

Chair - Vicky Howard

Treasurer - Nadine Gough

Secretary - Heather Jones

DPAC Chair - Amanda Jorgenson

School Planning Council - Desiree Wadhams,
Vicky Howard, Heather Jones

Next Meeting: February 20th @7pm



Staff Changes

In the 2nd semester, there are some changes to our staffing.

Liz Hitch has retired from PHSS to start a new chapter of her life in Victoria.

Jillian Walkus is the new Principal of Eke Me-Xi Learning Center and continuing part-time at PHSS.

Laura Kline is the new teacher at Eke Me-Xi Learning Center.

PHSS is gaining **Selena Coutts** as our junior math/science teacher.

Andrew Dodd is also joining us in a number of areas to cover the loss of Liz Hitch.



Upcoming Events

February

10 Family Day (Holiday)

21 District Pro-Development/In-Service Day

March

7 Interim Reports Mailed Home - Term 3

14 Semester One School Awards Mailed Home

17-21 Spring Break

24 Classes Resume

April

11 End of Term 3

14 Term 4 Begins

17 Formal Reports Mailed Home

18 Good Friday (Holiday)

21 Easter Monday (Holiday)

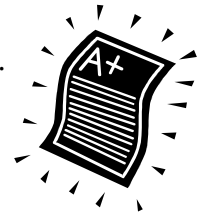
June 2014 Provincial Exams

There have been some changes made to the June 2014 Provincial Exam Session.

English 10 will be written on June 24, 2014 from 9-11

Socials 11 will be written on June 24, 2014 from 1-3

Please make these changes on your calendar.



Thank You

Port Hardy Secondary would like to sincerely thank the Coastal Community Credit Union for their generous monetary donation to our programs.



Vice-Principal's Message

The second semester brings on a renewed sense of optimism for most—shake off the patterns of the old semester in favour of new ones. It's very similar to the "New Year's Resolution" phenomenon in that few of us ever really succeed when "hope" is the only strategy...

Here are a few "how to's" that might allow us some distance from those old, unreliable patterns:

1. Set aside a specific time to organize your books/binders each day.
2. Create study groups for your various courses, making time to meet at school.
3. Use your classmates wisely; compare your notes and your understanding with theirs.
4. Stay connected with your teachers, especially letting them know when you are having difficulty.
5. Attend all of your classes—do this and you will no longer need GOOD LUCK!

Need help with any or all of these? Just let me know...

Sincerely,

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