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NEWS

Port Hardy Secondary School

Home Of The Whalers

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December

- 2 Early Dismissal - 1:50
- 2 Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews - 7pm
- 12 Grade 8 Elective Rotation 2 ends
- 15 Grade 8 Elective Rotation 3 starts
- 18 Interim Reports Mailed Home - Term 2
- 22—2 Christmas Break

January 2015

- 5 School-Based In-Service Day
- 6 Classes Resume
- 15 PAC Meeting - 7pm
- 29-30 In-class Exams - Gr. 10-12
- 30 Last day of classes for Grade 10-12

PHSS PAC NEWS

2014-2015 Executive

Dianna Brown—Chair

Heather Jones—DPAC Rep

Michelle Jensen—Secretary

Nadine Gough—Treasurer

**Next Meeting: December 18th
@7pm in the Library**



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Remembrance Day Assembly

An assembly in honour of Remembrance Day was held on Friday Nov. 7, 2014 at 10:45 in the school gymnasium. The student leadership group is to be commended for their presentation, and all PHSS students are thanked for the high level of respect they demonstrated during the presentation. Thanks also go out to Mr. George Kearey who once again very capably represented the Royal Canadian Legion.

Transitions Co-op

It's important that the education students gain is relevant to who they are, where they live, and their vision for their future.

Port Hardy Secondary School and North Island College are working together to offer courses that students can take and earn college credits while at the same time earning high school credits. This allows students to get a head start on their post-secondary education and allows them to see what college courses are like. Please contact Mrs. Deadman at the high school to find out more about dual credit courses

We want to connect students with opportunities that exist on the North Island. If you are a local business or professional and are interested in working with our youth, please contact me, so that we can share ideas.

MR. MINAR'S MATH & SCIENCE

Mr. Minar is offering online grades to students and parents in Math 9, Science 9, and Math 10 (FMP 10) classes. Contact Mr. Minar at mminar@sd85.bc.ca with your full name and contact information, and you'll be able to access to up-to-date progress for your son or daughter's classes (service provided by thinkwave.com).

Do you want to know what your son or daughter is doing in class? My math 9, science 9, and math 10 classes have signed up to receive automatic text messages of assignments, tests, and other reminders. Parents can sign up too! Just email Mr. Minar at mminar@sd85.bc.ca to receive the instructions for signing up, and begin receiving regular text reminders (service provided by remind.com).

For Mr. Minar's math and science page, visit phss.ca/minar.

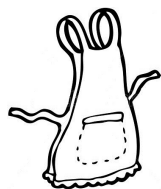
Christmas Season

The Christmas season can be a time of stress for people. If your son or daughter attending PHSS is struggling, please let us know so that we can offer support.

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PLASTIC CONTAINERS

HOME-ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT



The Home-Economics department is asking for any unwanted small plastic containers with lids

for donation. Containers can be dropped off at the PHSS office.

METALWORK DEPARTMENT

The Metalwork department is asking for any empty laundry detergent



containers for donation.

Containers can be dropped off at the PHSS office.



THANK YOU

Port Hardy Secondary School would like to thank communities, local businesses and organizations, parents, students, and staff who contributed to the Food for Thought Program at PHSS. Students brought in over \$508 worth of food items and over \$1691.55 was fundraised and donated by communities.

A special thank you to: C & G Falling, Michael and Lorraine Hurley, Lions Club, Port Hardy Rotary, Shawn and Nadine Gough, Overwaitea Foods, CIBC, Scotia Bank, Peoples Drug Mart, Monks Office Supply, and the Credit Union.

VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Thought Exchange process. Your input is valued and your contribution via this engagement tool will help to move Port Hardy Secondary School toward the goal of having all students cross the stage at graduation with dignity, purpose and options.

PHSS Term 1 reporting is now complete. We will be inviting all parents and guardians to participate in our Parent-Student-Teacher interviews, being held at the school on Tuesday, December 2nd from 7 til 8:30pm. For those new to PHSS this year, we hold a carousel –type interview with all of the teachers set up in the gymnasium. Teachers will be available to meet with parents on a first-come-first-served basis. School will be dismissed at 1:50 on that day, and students are encouraged to attend these interviews in the gym with their parents. If you cannot be there at the times provided, you can make arrangements to meet with your child's teachers at another time.

Frank MacLean
Vice-Principal

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SFU Math Catcher Outreach Program

On Friday, November 21st PHSS students participated in the SFU Math Catcher Outreach Program. Dr. Veselin Jungic, a SFU math professor, and Serena Read, a Hupacasath First Nation, Nuu-chah-nulth volunteer from Douglas college, came and shared their passion for math with our students. Interesting stories relating math to everyday life were told and engaging math puzzles and 3D printed objects captivated our students' attention. By the end of the workshop, each student had created a math toy from pieces of wood and elastic bands. To top it all off, Dr. Jungic gave each student a Mobius band made from a 3D printer. What a fun day! Thanks "Dr. J" and Serena.



PHSS Parking Lot



Please remember that the bus zone in front of the school is a no-parking zone from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. When dropping off students in the morning, please use the drop-off zone located in the parking lot.

We would also like to remind drivers to slow down. The speed limit in the parking lot is 5km/h and on the road it is 30km/h. Use caution when driving near this and any school.