



NEWS

Port Hardy Secondary School

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Principal's Message

Now, we are finalizing next year's timetable and scheduling students for next year. This past year we experimented with year-long Math and English courses for grade 8 and 9 students. This coming year, we intend to have year-long courses for all grade 8 and 9 courses with the hope that this system will enhance student academic performance as our middle school students make the transition from elementary to secondary school expectations and challenges. The Graduation Program – grades 10, 11, and 12 – will remain semestered.

For this fall, we are very pleased to be launching a project with master carver and artist, Dorey Brotchie and a small

group of senior students carving a canoe in the back of our school compound. Dorey, a well-known local artist, will work with some dedicated students to carve a thirty-five foot canoe. We feel extremely lucky that Dorey has agreed to do this project, and are grateful to Coreen Child, of the Sacred Wolf Society, for her support in helping this project come to fruition, as well as to the Chief and Council of the Kwakiutl Band for providing the logs.

End of school year always seems to be a time of farewells, and hellos. We say farewell to our 2012 graduates, and wish them every success, and goodbye to Terry Nield, our Resource Centre teacher, as

he moves to Eagle View Elementary School. We welcome Robena McLaren, in September, as our new Resource Centre teacher. And to you, we say have a happy, healthy, relaxing summer; we look forward to seeing you again in September.

The provincial government has added Family Day to statutory holidays for 2013; our school calendar reflects this day approved for February 11, 2013.

For our more immediate vacation period, I wish all of you have a healthy, relaxing, safe summer, and look forward to seeing you in September.



Graduating Class of 2012

Janice Barnes
Shawndra Baron
Tiana Birmingham
Nicholas Bratosh
Lynnsey Brunet
Dusty Cadwallader
Rejean Child
Joo Yong Cho
Rachel Clare
Carmen Coburn
Cody Diotte
Erin Fournier

Lucas Grayson
Danielle Harvey
Ryan Hewlett
Darin Holm
Emilie Howard-Langlois
Alexandra Hunt-Humchitt
Jordan Ibrahim
Emma Irvine
Jeremiah Junglas
Joshua Junglas
Cole Kinley
Kimberley Kufas

Frank Paul
Richard Paul Blizzard
Carson Porter
Malcolm Richards
Tyler Sandeman
Paris Seymour
Kelsi Schnurr
Patric Sibomana
Mark Snowdon
Kirsten Sorensen
Laina Southgate
Avellin St. Claire

Felicia Stagg
Emily Texmo
Jordan Thompson
Christopher Thorpe
Sarah Tobin
Tyler Vezina
Mitchell Walker
Chelsey Walkus
Damien Walkus
Graeme Wiggins
Jennifer Wilcox
Benjamin Wilson

Upcoming Events

September 2012

- 4 First Day of School 10:30-11:30 am
- 5 First Day of Regular Classes
- 11 Last Day for Student Timetable Changes
- 17 School In-Service Day
- 11 PACC Meeting at 7:00 pm (Third Monday of Each Month)
- 28 School Photos



Travel Plans

Laina Southgate will have the opportunity to practice her Japanese and her French after winning the travel award to Japan and a spot in the American Scandinavian Student Exchange program. In August, she will travel to various spots in Japan and will end her cultural trip in Numata, our sister city. She will get to experience the famous Andon festival and stay with a Japanese host family. In the fall, Laina will be traveling to Lyon, France where she will take part in a year exchange, attending a French high school. Ganbatte and Bon Voyage!

Volunteers Needed!

There are always opportunities to volunteer at PHSS. If you have any time and would like to be a volunteer please contact the administration at 250-949-7443 for more details.

Vice Principal's Message

Thank you to all the students and parents for the great year. It has gone by very quickly with great memories. I wish the best to all the grad students in their future endeavours. It was a pleasure to work with each and every one of them as they prepared for the Graduation ceremony. I would also like to thank all the parents that supported the Grad's dreams for a perfect Grad day. The gym was beautiful and the dinner and party were spectacular. I would also like to thank the community for all their efforts in making donations to our Grads for scholarships and bursaries. Your generous donations make a difference for our future leaders. Thank you to the businesses and individuals for the donations of prizes or time, especially the Port Hardy Volunteer Fire Department.

I would like to also thank all the students involved with Students Council. You are an awesome group to work with each week. Congratulations to the newly elected Students Council with Carter Crawford as the new Prime Minister.

Good luck to our three exchange students, Ella Waring, Cheyanne Speck, and Ezra Tanaka in your travels to new countries. We wish the best to our exchange student this year, Kenneth Majgaard on his return home and hope he has some great memories of Port Hardy. We will be welcoming two new exchange students in the fall.

Finally I would like to thank our coaches and other volunteers that have worked with students throughout the year. Some of these people are community members

First Nations News

We have had many cultural events to educate all PHSS and EKE ME-XI students on first nation's culture. We have had presentations, movies, songs, drumming; elders have cooked with us and made traditional crafts with our youth throughout the year. We have collaborated with many people in our community and created a Transformation Celebration for the entire grade eights and nines. The purpose was to educate our younger youth on sexuality, personal planning and goal setting.

The Diversity Group was involved in many presentations and events this year. They brought forward more awareness around equality and human rights. Homophobia, bullying, racism and ageism were addressed with strategies to deal with these matters. The group has been successful this year and more youth want to get involved for next year.

Stephanie Nelson has joined our team at PHSS recently. Jim and I are thrilled to have her on our team as this program continues to evolve.

Our team at PHSS would like to thank everyone for their support and we look forward to working with you throughout the years to come.

Gilakasla
Brigette Avoine
First Nations Youth Worker

Young Writer's Competition

Congratulations to all members of the Writing 12 class this year. All of the entries sent into the Young Writer's competition were accepted and will be published in this year's anthology. The judges stated that all the writing was above the Canadian average for this age group.



and some are employees, but without your help students could not have the memories so important to them in volleyball, basketball, wrestling, soccer, drama, history club, Risk club, diversity club, and Junior Rangers to just name a few activities.

I hope you all have a safe and warm dry summer wherever you go and I wish the best to the students and families that are leaving Port Hardy to move on to new adventures. Have a great summer!

Malcolm Fleeton
Vice Principal