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UPCOMING EVENTS

December

- 23 Last day of classes before Christmas Break
- Dec 26 - Jan 6 Christmas Break

January

- 9 School-Based In-Service Day
- 10 First day of school after Christmas Break
- 13 I-Reports sent home
- 19 PAC Meeting 7:00pm in the library
- 23-27 Provincial exams
- 25 Last day of classes
- 26-27 In-class exams

February

- 3 Formal Reports mailed home
- 9 Last day for timetable changes
- 13 Family Day
- 16 PAC Meeting
- 20-21 Grad Photos
- 24 District Pro-D / In-Service

SCHOOL VISITORS

Visitors to the school are reminded to check in at the office upon arrival.

ADMINISTRATOR MESSAGE

Gilakas'la. It is my pleasure to introduce myself as the new Principal of Port Hardy Secondary. I have many years of teaching and administrative experience in School District 85, with my most recent three years as Vice Principal of North Island Secondary. I am excited to join the PHSS family, and have already learned that our students are an energetic, fun-loving group!

My first two weeks at PHSS have been busy ones, as I have been getting to know our students and staff, and learning about the programs in place. I look forward to meeting more families, and welcome you to contact me to introduce yourself and discuss any thoughts or concerns you have about your child's education. Please feel free to call me at the school or to email me.

The next reporting period will be January 13, when 'I Reports' will be mailed out to students who are not passing courses at that point, with a final report card to follow at the end of semester one (February 3, 2017). Please note, however, that you are encouraged to contact your child's teachers at any point to enquire about their progress. You can do this by calling the school, or by emailing teachers directly. Through ongoing, formative assessment provided by their teachers, students should also be aware of their progress in meeting course objectives and able to discuss this with you at any time.

Please find attached a letter from the Minister of Education outlining changes to the Graduation Years (grades 10-12) Curriculum. With the new curriculum has come the need to report student achievement in new ways. Our district is fortunate to be hosting one of ten community meetings sponsored by the Ministry of Education across the province to support the development of a new model for student reporting. Please join us at North Island Secondary on January 24, 2017 to provide your input into how we can best provide you with information about your child's learning. An invitation is attached.

I look forward to getting to know and working with each of you.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Gordon's Foods class having fun canning vegetables.



Students in Mr. Dyck's Shared Understandings class enjoy a lesson on traditional carving by David Knox.



THANK YOU

We would like to sincerely thank the following people for their support.

- Save-On Foods Port Hardy for all their support over the years. It is appreciated.
- Breakfast for Learning for their on-going support. This year we were very fortunate to receive the 2016-2017 Nutrition Grant.
- The BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program for deliveries of fresh fruit and vegetables.
- Trip-Port Recycling Ltd. For their generous donation to our school lunch program.
- Show Kids You Care for their continued support contributing to our meal program.

From November 29th to December 1st, 29 senior students had the opportunity to travel down island to tour five post-secondary institutions from Port Hardy to Victoria. School tours included North Island College, Vancouver Island University, Camosun College (Lansdowne and Interurban campuses), and the University of



Victoria. They also had the opportunity to visit the BC Provincial Legislature, the Royal BC Museum, and a WHL hockey game. The students had a great time and respectfully represented PHSS throughout the entire trip.

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