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# NEWS

## Port Hardy Secondary School

*Home Of The Whalers*



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### February

- 9 Last day for timetable changes
- 13 Family Day
- 16 PAC meeting
- 20-21 Grad photos
- 24 District Pro-D / In-Service Day

#### March

- 7 Early dismissal @ 1:50
- 7 Parent-teacher interviews
- 10 Foothills Brass performance
- 10 Interim reports sent home
- 16 PAC meeting
- 16 Scholarship packages due
- 17 School awards mailed home
- 17 Graduation Transition plans due
- 20-24 Spring Break
- 28 Grad photo re-takes

#### April

- 13 Term 3 ends

### SCHOOL VISITORS

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

### ADMINISTRATOR MESSAGE

The last few weeks have been exciting as first semester courses have finished up. It was great to see so many family and community members in our school to celebrate students' learning with them last week. The cultural celebration in the Kwak'wala class, the entrepreneurial presentations in Planning, the shed built by our Carpentry and Joinery class, and the Greek Mythology Olympiaganza play put on by the Drama class are just a few examples of the engaged learning in which our students are involved. Thanks to all of you who could join us to see what we've been working on! Please visit our website at [www.phss.ca](http://www.phss.ca) to see pictures of our learning in action.

The Ministry of Education visited our District last month to seek input on reporting student progress. An evening event at North Island Secondary was well attended by students, parents, teachers, support staff, trustees, and school and district administration. Your input is still welcomed, and you can share your thoughts on what you would like to hear about your child's progress at [www.engage.gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress](http://www.engage.gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress).

As the second semester begins, we remind students of the importance of setting up good habits right at the start of their courses. Setting themselves up for success includes attending all classes on time, taking responsibility for their own learning, and asking for help if they need it. We have many supports available to students, both academic and social/emotional, and students can ask any staff member if they find themselves in need of assistance. Homework support is available daily before and after school as well as at lunch.

Second semester promises to be a busy one! We have introduced a junior Outdoor Ed course this semester and look forward to more input from students and community about what courses would be most valuable for our students. Course selections for next year will be happening soon, and we look forward to rolling out some new and exciting changes with the new draft curriculum. Stay tuned!

Sincerely,

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**THANK YOU**

We would like to sincerely thank the Lions Club of Port Hardy for their generous donation to the breakfast/lunch program this year.

**FIND YOUR FIT**

Work Safe BC brought the Find Your Fit Tour to PHSS last month to help students and community members learn about careers. During Find Your Fit students learned about careers through a series of hands-on experiences at 16 different career stations. In the above picture students are learning about jobs in technology while using modified computers representative of different era's.



**SHOULDER TAPPERS**

Shoulder Tappers are career co-ordinators or recruitment specialists who work one-on-one with elementary and secondary school students to point them in the right direction with greater mentorship and positive career input. The program is based on the successful Northern Opportunities partnership in northeast B.C., which started with a focus on skilled trades careers. It has now grown to include student access to technical, academic, and vocational courses such as aircraft engineering, heavy-duty mechanics, information technology, early childhood education and others. If you have any questions contact Mr. MacLean [fmaclean@sd85.bc.ca](mailto:fmaclean@sd85.bc.ca) or 250-949-7443



**THE GREEK MYTHOLOGY OLYMPIAGANZA**



A good time was had by all on Monday, January 30, at the Port Hardy Secondary Theater. The Port Hardy Secondary Drama Class took to the stage to perform *The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza* by Don Zolidis. The cast and crew really came together as a team to put on very entertaining show delighting the audience with updated tales from



**SINGING/SONGWRITING WORKSHOPS**

Singer/Songwriter Joey Clarkson will be working with interested students in a six-week series of workshops. Days will alternate weekly between Mondays and Tuesdays, from 2:00-3:30. Any students who would like more information can sign up in the office.