



**PORT HARDY SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
*Home Of The Whalers*  
**NEWSLETTER**

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June 2020

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**Upcoming Events**

**September**

- 8 School Based Inservice Day
- 9 School opens from 8:48 to 3:26
- 14 Grade 8 Parent Night 5:30pm
- 18 Last day for Student Timetable changes
- 24 Meet the Staff BBQ – 5:00 pm to 6:30pm
- TBA PAC Meeting
- 25 School Photos

**October**

- 12 Thanksgiving Day
- 16 Interim Grade-Only Reports mailed home
- TBA Student Health and Wellness Conference
- 20 Parent-Teacher Interviews 6:00 to 8:00(dismissal at 1:52)
- 23 Provincial Professional Development Day
- 23 Grade 8 Elective Rotation One ends
- 26 Grade 8 Elective Rotation Two begins

**Allergies:**

We have several students and staff with life-threatening allergies to foods and scents here at PHSS. As such, we ask that parents avoid sending foods that contain pickles and all nuts. We are also a scent-free school.



**LIBRARY BOOKS and TEXT-BOOKS**

Please return them to PHSS ASAP

**PHSS- OFFICE HOURS**

July 2, 3, week of July 6-10 and August 24 onwards  
 8am to 4pm

**Principal's Message**

Well done, Port Hardy Secondary School! During a time of unprecedented and sudden changes, our students proved that they are resilient and flexible. These are important qualities to have, and we are proud of the hard work that so many students put in to successfully finish their courses. Thank you to the families who invested so much time and effort to support students through our transition to remote learning. We know it wasn't always easy!

With every challenge comes an opportunity for learning, and as a staff, we have learned some important lessons from this experience. We have always valued frequent communication with families, but this situation emphasised for everyone the importance of regular, two-way communication between school and home. When we return in September, we hope that families continue to feel as comfortable reaching out to teachers and administration, as we know that we can best support our students by working closely together. We know that there were difficulties with navigating the various online platforms and we are looking at changing to all teachers using one the same platform to support their courses. We hope that this will make it easier for families if we do need to return to remote learning at some point in the fall.

Currently, we do not know the details for our return to school in September, but we are planning for a regular, full-time return for all students on September 4, 2020. Closer to the start of school, updates will be provided to families based on the current provincial situation and guidance from the Provincial Health Office and the Ministry of Education. Please check the School District website at [www.sd85.bc.ca](http://www.sd85.bc.ca) for the latest information.

We have missed every one of our youth, and it has been great to see so many of you back with us during our voluntary return to in-school instruction. We are already looking forward to seeing everyone in September after a safe and healthy summer. To our graduating students and those who are leaving us for other reasons, please keep in touch, and know that you have our support and best wishes for your next adventures wherever they may take you. Have a fantastic summer!  
 Gilakas'la!

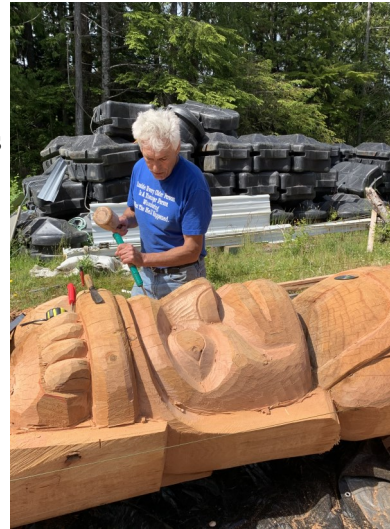
**Rena Sweeney, Principal** 250-949-7443 ext. 3222  
 rsweeney@sd85.bc.ca







We are so excited to see the progress that has been made on PHSS totem pole by the incredibly talented Mervyn Child. All through next school year, students will be helping to prepare for the celebration of the pole raising planned for June 2021. Some students will also be working alongside Mervyn to learn about the process of carving a pole. We would like to acknowledge the support of the Kwakiutl band and the First Peoples' Cultural Council in initiating this project.



Please let us know via phone call or email if your son or daughter will not be attending PHSS in September 2020.  
 phss@sd85.bc.ca  
 or  
 250-949-7443

Ms. Heavenor's beautiful garden box creation done with a wood burner.



The Ministry of Education's Analytics team wants to hear from all grade 10 - 12 students about the educational impact of COVID-19, to better understand and support those most impacted by the disruption to in-class learning over the past Spring. The COVID-19 Student Survey will be open from June 19<sup>th</sup> throughout the month of July and will be available in both English and French.

<https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull3/minofed/main/Covid.asp>



For her final project in Shared Understandings, Mayumi shared information on the background and importance of her family's regalia in her Coming of Age presentation. Thank you, Mayumi!

**Tsep (apron)**

The beautiful design of this apron was originally done by my great grandmother Emily Scow when she was the same age as me. My Auntie Midori beaded the same design onto my apron and added sakura (cherry blossoms) on the bottom. My auntie Lizzy sewed the material and added the flowery fabric on the straps to resemble my Japanese heritage.

**Port Hardy Secondary School**

**2020-2021 Student Timetable and Bell Schedule**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:44	Warning Bell				
8:48 - 9:59	Homeroom 8:48 - 9:03				A 8:48 - 9:55
10:03 - 11:14	B	C	D	A	B 9:59 - 11:06
11:18 - 12:29	C	D	A	B	Break 11:06 - 11:32 Warning Bell C 11:36 - 12:42
12:29 - 1:14	Lunch				
1:14	Warning Bell				
1:18 - 3:26	D	A	B	C	D 12:46 - 1:52

**Year End Awards 2019-2020**

**Academic Award Of Excellence Medals**

Grade 12      Gina Kim  
Grade 11      Louise Olesen  
Grade 9        Madison Grenier  
Grade 9        Merrick Masales  
Grade 10      Paige Greer  
Grade 8        Tim Olesen

**Top All Round Student**

Annabelle Rak

**Top All Round Student**

Keanu Charlie-Walkus

**Rotary Club of Port Hardy Service Above Self Award**

Mady Harris

**District French Award: En Avant Trophy**

Tyson LaGrosse

**Junior Athletics: Hardy Spirit Trophy**

Emma Harrison

**Senior Athletics: Dwayne Anonson Trophy**

Mady Harris

**Principal Honour Roll    Grade 8**

Cameron Dyck  
Mayumi Hinatsu-Willie  
Tim Olesen  
Keona Olney  
Ross Wilson

**Principal Honour Roll    Grade 9**

Madison Grenier  
Merrick Masales  
Brooke Mercer  
Kerrigan Alfred  
Jerzie Cheetham  
Manvil Sanghera

**Principal Honour Roll    Grade 10**

Parker Cesaretti  
Paige Greer  
Lily Trimmer

**Principal Honour Roll    Grade 11**

Louise Olesen  
Genevieve Olney  
Emily Walker

**Principal Honour Roll    Grade 12**

Gina Kim  
Jacob Pohl

**Honour Roll    Grade 8**

Calli Hart  
Isaiah Therrien  
Erica Charlie-Walkus  
Rachael Clement  
Emily Henschke  
Grace Joseph  
Logan Lamothe  
Beth Maundrell  
Adam Russell  
Malachi Sears  
Mitchell Stead  
Emma Walkus  
Emma Williams  
Lincoln Corbett

**Honour Roll    Grade 9**

Allison Matthews  
Dayna Charlie  
Hailey Gravell  
Emma Harrison  
Edie McCulley  
Mackenzie Moore  
Jacob Smith  
Kirsten Strussi  
Coen Wall  
Emma Watson  
Gwenyth Williams  
Kale Hunt

**Honour Roll    Grade 10**

Georgia Berry  
Cassidy Gerrath  
Damaya Walkus  
Nagiho Miyagi

**Honour Roll    Grade 11**

Kayley Clair  
Spencer Crooks  
Peyton Dugas  
Angus Fenton-Passmore  
Koen Harwood  
Kylie McDonald  
Angelica Stagg  
Joelle Wigard  
Sagel Wilson

**Honour Roll    Grade 12**

Ashley Cadwallader  
Miguel Catarata  
Carson Cesaretti  
Mady Harris  
Hannah Henschke  
Tyson LaGrosse  
Annabelle Rak  
Hailey Ranger



# 2020/21 SCHOOL CALENDAR

## 2020

### September - 16 days

School-Based In-service Tuesday, Sept. 8  
Schools Open Wednesday, Sept. 9

### October - 20 days

Thanksgiving Monday, Oct. 12  
Provincial Pro-D Friday, Oct. 23

### November - 19 days

Remembrance Day Wednesday, Nov. 11  
District Pro-D Friday, Nov. 20

### December - 14 days

Christmas Break Monday, Dec. 21  
to Friday, Jan. 1

## 2021

### January - 19 days

In-Service Monday, Jan. 4  
Schools Re-open Tuesday Jan. 5

### February - 18 days

Family Day Monday, Feb. 15  
School-Based Pro-D Friday, Feb. 26

### March - 13 days

Spring Break Monday, Mar. 15  
to Friday, Mar. 26  
Schools Re-open Monday, Mar. 29

### April - 20 days

Good Friday Friday, Apr. 2  
Easter Monday Monday, Apr. 5

### May - 19 days

District Pro-D/In-service Friday, May 7  
Victoria Day Monday, May 24

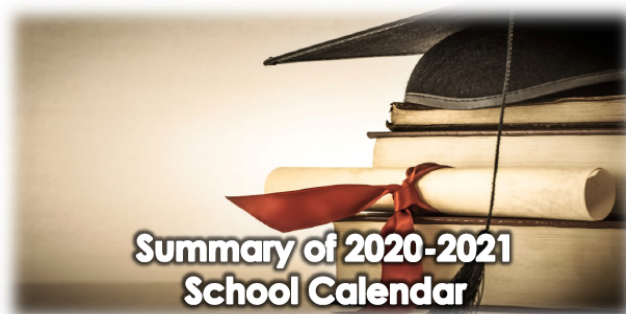
### June - 18 days

Administrative Day Friday, June 25  
Schools Close Friday, June 25



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## Summary of 2020-2021 School Calendar

Instructional Days	176 days
Professional Development Days	3.75
In-service Days	2.25
Administrative Day	1

**Total Days in Session 183 days**

Days of instruction are different than "days in session". Days in session are days that school is "open" but the students are not necessarily in attendance. On a "day of instruction", students are to be in attendance and under supervision for the purposes of receiving instruction in an educational program.

### Prescribed Minimum Hours of Instruction

In accordance with the School Calendar Regulation, April 17, 2019, a Board of Education must offer not less than the following hours of instruction in a school year to students enrolled in the schools in its district:

**853 hours of instruction for students in Kindergarten**  
**878 hours of instruction for students in grades 1 to 7**  
**952 hours of instruction for students in grades 8 to 12**