



# PORT HARDY SECONDARY SCHOOL

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# NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Events

### February

- 10 Last day of student timetable changes
- 15 Family day
- 22-23 Grad photos
- 26 School-based professional development day

### March

- 9 Remote parent-teacher interviews (6:00-8:00)
- 9 Early dismissal at 1:52
- 12 Interim reports mailed home
- 15-26 Spring break
- 29 Classes resume
- 31 Grad photo retakes

### April

- 2 Good Friday
- 5 Easter Monday

### Allergies:

We have several students and staff with life-threatening allergies to foods and scents here at PHSS. As such, we are

scent and nut-free school.



## Principal's Message

Gilakas'la.

It is hard to believe that we are at the midway point of the year already! This week, students have started their third quarter of courses. Mrs. Cunningham and I visited each of the classes to remind students that while we have changed classrooms, we are still following specific procedures to ensure everyone's safety. We are proud of how seriously students take these expectations and how they work to keep us all safe.

We also discussed with students that they will have several opportunities this month to help with the planning for next year. While we don't know any details yet of the guidelines we will be required to follow in September, we do know that there are some very positive lessons to take from this year. We want to hear from students, families and staff about what has worked well for learning. Please watch for the survey to be emailed, and share your experience with us. Students will also be beginning course selection this month, and their choices will help shape what we offer for the 2021-2022 school year.

As always, we welcome feedback from students and their families at any time. We are thankful for all of the support from home. Please feel free to contact me or our Vice Principal, Mrs. Cunningham, with any concerns or questions

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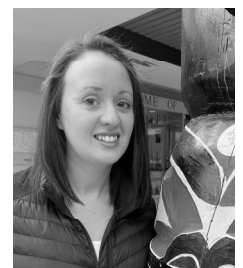
## Provincial COVID-19 Health & Safety Guideline Changes



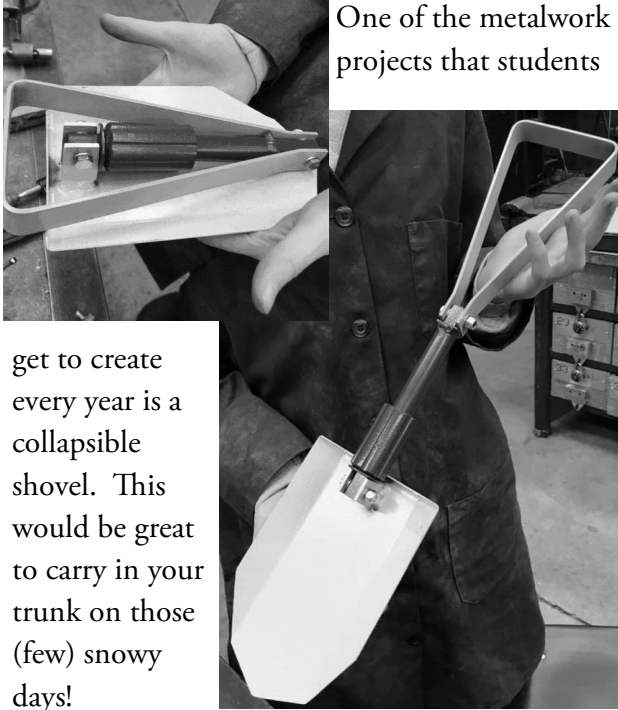
There have been some important changes to the COVID-19 safety guidelines for schools sent out by the Ministry of Education. The latest updates are posted to the school district website at [www.sd85.bc.ca](http://www.sd85.bc.ca)

## New Secretary at PHSS

As Mrs. Martin has recently retired, we'd like to extend a warm welcome Janelle Burns as the new secretary for PHSS. She is also going to be working part time for Eke Me-Xi Learning Centre.



## Metalwork



One of the metalwork projects that students

get to create every year is a collapsible shovel. This would be great to carry in your trunk on those (few) snowy days!

## Science 11

Earth Science 11 and Biology 11 students enjoyed a passionate presentation from UVic student Shaye on topics of environmental science. Shaye is part of an initiative that connects high school students with the university while working on their capstone project.



## Student Learning Survey 2021

The Ministry of Education is surveying students in Grades 3, 4, 7, 10, and 12 as well as parents of students in these grades and school staff.

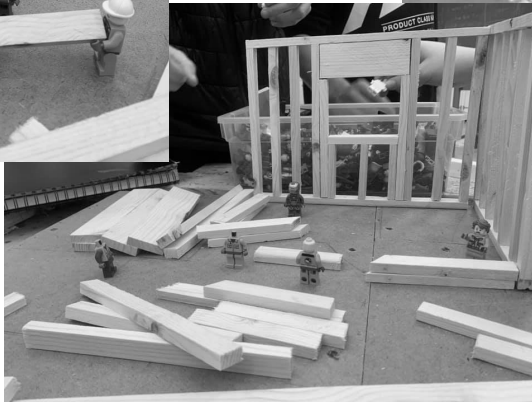
If you received a student learning survey letter with this report card, please take a moment to complete the survey online. Your responses are valuable to us!

You can access the survey at [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey)



When working on large build projects, it is important to make a scale model first.

We were lucky enough to hire some scale builders too!



## Woodwork



Kaitlyn made a super cool wood hammock. There is so much creativity coming out of the shops!

