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# Port Hardy Secondary



## Principal's Message:

Happy New Year and welcome back!

Learners have returned to the building with stories of enjoyable holidays filled with family and friends. It was wonderful to see so many families at our Showcase of Performing and Visual Arts in December. Gila'kasla for supporting this event and witnessing the performances and student artwork. A big thank-you to teachers, Mrs. Pottle, Mrs. Williams and Mr. Birney for organizing this demonstration of student passion and learning. Grade 12 Career Life Connections learners are presenting their Capstone projects this month as part of course completion. These projects demonstrate student interest, research and expertise in a self-directed and individualized demonstration; it is an honor to witness these presentations as they represent diverse and deep learning.

We are currently at an informal reporting period and teachers have given 'I' reports to learners who are in jeopardy of not passing courses. 'I' reports specify what is needed to demonstrate learning of curricular content and competencies. The deadline for submission of missing work is January 20, 2023. Parents and guardians will receive a copy of an 'I' report in the mail. We have several support zones that assist learners to catch up and classroom teachers are available at lunch and after school. Please contact your child's teachers if you have questions about student progress.

Grade 10 and 12 learners are scheduled to write the Provincial Graduation Assessments this month. You will have received a notification letter with the date and time if your child is writing during this session. An email reminder will also be sent out to learners and families closer to each exam session. Students can do practice assessments at home by accessing the [Ministry website](#). Familiarity with navigating these assessments has started within English and a Mathematics courses.

Semester 2 begins February 6, 2023, and that is also our school's Mt. Cain ski trip day. Sign-up for the ski trip will be posted in the main office and it is a first-come, first-served basis as we are capped at 28 students. There was high student and parent interest at the planning meetings for a travel trip to Japan in 2024; this will occur over Spring Break and will be with [EF Tours](#). Basketball trips for both boys and girls teams are happening this month and include games in Gold River. Wrestlers travel to Nanaimo this weekend for a novice tournament and the following weekend they participate in an event at Carihi in Campbell River.

If your contact information has changed recently please call the office or send an email to ensure we are updated. Report cards, emails and attendance callouts are sent to you and we want to stay connected.

Ms. Walkus

## Upcoming Events

### Jan 20th

I report deadline

### Jan 24th

Numeracy 10  
assessment 9 am

### Jan 25th

Literacy 12  
assessment 9am

### Jan 26th

Literacy 10  
assessment 9am

### Jan 30th Gr. 9

Immunizations

### Feb 3rd

End of first  
semester

## Allergies:

**We have several students and staff with life-threatening allergies to foods and scents here at PHSS. As such, we are a scent-free and nut-free school**



PHSS offers a wide variety of clubs and activities. Check out the website for more information. [www.sd85.bc.ca/clubs](http://www.sd85.bc.ca/clubs)





Snow  
much  
fun on  
a snow  
day !!



**Eagle View Kindergarten class came to PHSS to make gingerbread cookies!**



**SOME**



**HOLLIDAY**



**FUN!**

**Music by Courtney Pratt and Mr. Birney**



**Trying out the new camping gear!  
The matts are very comfy!**

