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Port Hardy Secondary



Principal's Message:

Upcoming Events:

- Dec 8**—Grade 8 rotation 2 ends
- Dec 22**—Last day of school before winter break
- Dec 23-Jan 8**—Winter break
- Jan 9**— Classes resume
- Jan 16**—Literacy 12 Assessments
- Jan 17**—Numeracy 10 Assessments
- Jan 18**—Literacy 10 Assessments
- Feb 2**—End of semester 1 & grade 8 rotation 2 ends
- Feb 5**—Beginning of semester 2
- Feb 5/6**—Grad photos
- Feb 9**—Report cards mailed home
- Feb 16**—last day for student timetable changes

PHSS Family Update

As November comes to an end, several athletic teams have wrapped up successful seasons. Congratulations to the Senior Girls Volleyball team for a successful tournament at the Island Championships! The Islands were held in Duncan on November 14/15th and we know their hard work and commitment paid off. The Boys Volleyball team had a successful tournament in Duncan and received high praise from coaches and other schools. They worked well together and gave the number one ranked team a solid run with a strong comeback during three games. Junior Girls volleyball finishes mid-December and the number of participants held steady throughout the season. Travel and games with NISS have provided opportunities for families and friends to support our athletes. This is such a positive sign for development of the sport and future school teams. We are grateful for the strong assistance from volunteer coaches, teacher sponsors, and the community of Tsulquate for the additional practice space. One of the strengths observed is the development of student leadership and we have witnessed so many student athletes

take on this role as they mentor new players, enlist the support of outside coaches, organize practice spaces in community and balance their academic loads as well as part-time employment. Bravo!

In September, we celebrated weekly attendance during the shorter lunch hour and are now doing monthly cumulative draws. Attendance is important as growth increases significantly over time when students attend regularly and build strong connections to classroom learning. If you know your child will be absent, please call 949-7443 or email phss@sd85.bc.ca to report it and request homework materials. Homework packages can be picked up in the main office or emailed. School District 85 has attendance guidelines and policy (No.2-312) for all learners; if a learner misses 20 or more blocks a month (equivalent to missing 4 or more days) monthly attendance letters request a meeting or conversation with school administration to discuss barriers and provide additional supports. Support team members can assist with return to school plans and our School Based team also creates individual strategies to support learners.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

<p>When a student misses 2 days a month..</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">They will miss 20 DAYS a year.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">They will miss 30 HOURS of math over the school year.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">They will miss 60 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">They will miss over 1 YEAR of school by graduation.</p>	<p>When a student misses 4 days a month..</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">They will miss 40 DAYS a year.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">They will miss 60 HOURS of math over the school year.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">They will miss 120 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">They will miss over 2 YEARS of school by graduation.</p>
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YOUTH WORK IN TRADES AWARDS

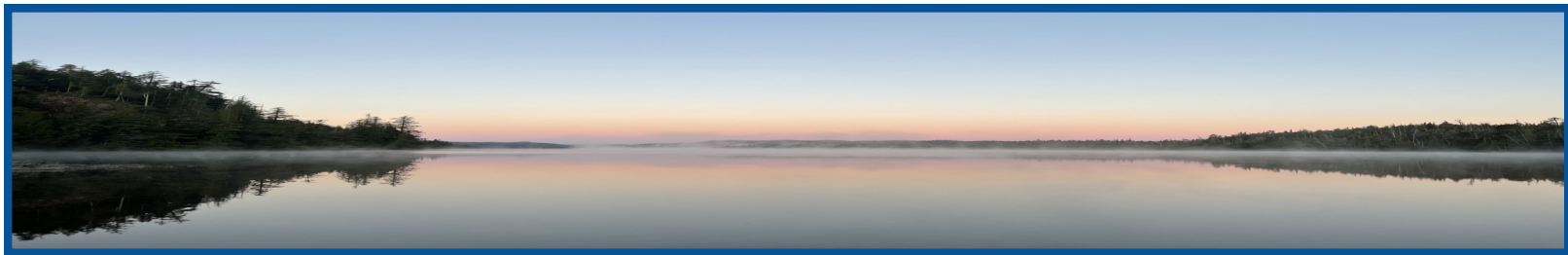
Congratulations to :

Aren Kufas—PHSS

Garrett Beek—NISS



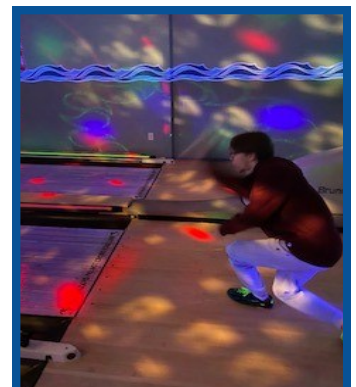
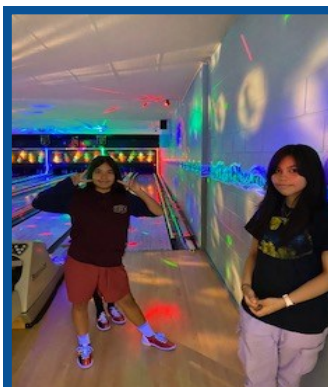
THE FORESTRY PROGRAM STUDENTS DOING THEIR LEVEL 1 FIRST AID



Mr. Gosselin's Outdoor Ed class goes hiking/camping to San Josef. What an incredible

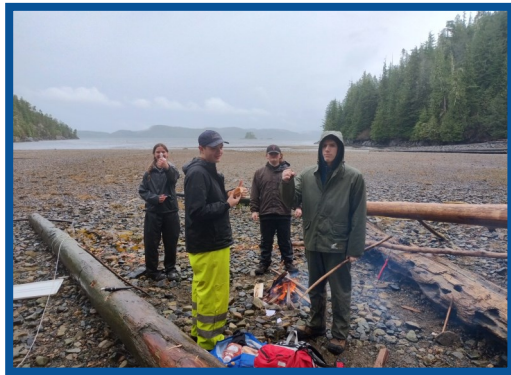


PE Grade 8's go bowling!

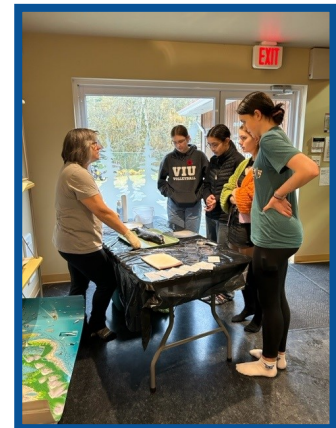




Mr. Gosselin's Outdoor Education Class went to Blinkhorn Trail for a soggy hike!

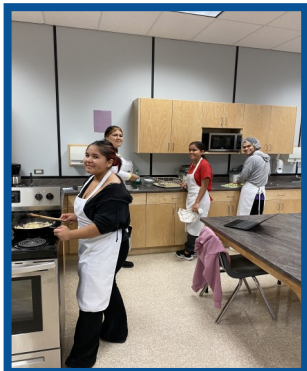


Ms. Kunstar's class had a science field trip to the Quatse Salmon Stewardship Centre.





Ms. Gordon's Foods classes final exam was the "Mystery Box Challenge". They made some wonderful delicious looking food!





Boys Volleyball team

Girls Sr. Volleyball team



We are a busy place and have many activities and clubs occurring; visit our [website](#) to see the wonderful options available. Senior Boys Basketball, Wrestling and Weight Training are currently occurring after school in the gymnasium and Intramurals occur on Tuesday and Thursdays at lunch hour. Homework Club occurs on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 4-6 pm and Friday 2-4 pm in the PHSS Library as well as in Fort Rupert at the Youth Centre Tuesday and Thursday from 4-6 pm. We are looking to extend additional locations and will keep you informed.

PHSS offers a wide variety of clubs and activities.

Check out the website for a complete list.

www.sd85.bc.ca/clubs

