

# John Barsby Community School Newsletter

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## Dear Caregivers, Students and Community Members:

Please contact us if you have any comments and/or questions.

*Ms. Gray, Mr. Ferguson, and Mrs. Proctor*

### DATES TO REMEMBER

March 26-29	Japanese Tour
March 31	PAC Meeting 7:00 p.m. Library
April 10	Good Friday – Students not in attendance
April 13	Easter Monday – Students not in attendance
April 23	Report Cards distributed Early dismissal 2:00 p.m. Parent/Teacher Meetings 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
April 24	Non-Instructional Day Students not in attendance
April 25	Prom
April 27	Non-Instructional Day Students not in attendance

### DRY GRAD 2009:

We are in DESPERATE need for students and parents to help with fundraising to make the **2009 Dry Grad** celebration a success. One of our major fundraisers is the Co-op Gas Card. Each month we hold Gas Card blitz's to promote the cards. Last year the Co-op donated almost \$5000 towards Dry Grad from these cards. The time commitment is only 2 hours! To volunteer call Janet@ 758-0897 or Gwen @758-1803

Other ways to support Dry Grad: donate your QF points to Nanaimo Dry Grad at any local Quality Foods grocery store, please specify Nanaimo Dry Grad **or** donate your bottles at Nanaimo Bottle Depot and be sure to receive a cash receipt to make sure it went through.

**Grade 12 students:** check out our new website at [nanaimodrygrad.ca](http://nanaimodrygrad.ca) for more info about Dry Grad.

Just a reminder about the Dry Grad T-shirt logo contest that is open to all grade 12 students. The logo is to be put on the left front chest of the T-shirts. The specifications are maximum size 3"high by 5" wide, up to 3 colours used (one being either the black or grey T-shirt colour) wording to include: Dry Grad 2009 or A Night to Remember 2009, Aspengrove, Dover Bay, Cedar, John Barsby, Malaspina High School, Nanaimo Christian

School, NDSS, Wellington, Woodlands. The deadline for the contest is April 30. Please submit your design to your School office. The winner will receive 5 sweatshirts with their logo to share with their friends!

### SATISFACTION SURVEY 2008/09

The Provincial Satisfaction Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in 2009 the Satisfaction Survey will be administered to students in grades 10 and 12, their parents, and all school staff. We encourage parents to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province - in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

This year, the survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey). Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. All that is required is a logon number that the school will provide to participants. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site, without a logon number.

Computers will be available to parents during parent/teacher interviews on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

For parents who do not wish to use school computers, local public library computers may be another option.

The e-survey site will be open April 24. To receive your logon number, please contact the school at 250-753-8211.

## **PROM/GRAD**

### **Valedictory Ceremony (Grad)**

Friday, June 26 at 10:00 a.m. - Port Theatre

**Ceremony Practice** - Thursday, June 25 at 3:00 p.m. Port Theatre

**Dry Grad** - Friday, June 26 at 8:00 p.m. Beban Park.

**Prom Banquet** - Saturday, April 25 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. - **John Barsby Multi-Purpose Room**

**Prom Dance** - Saturday, April 25 at 8:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. - **John Barsby Multi-Purpose Room**

### **CEREMONY PRACTICE 3:00 P.M. THURSDAY, JUNE 25 - PORT THEATRE**

The Valedictory (Grad) Ceremony practice will be held Thursday, June 25 at the Port Theatre. All grads are expected to attend. They will receive their caps and gowns, get their report cards and have a picture taken in their caps and gowns. We practice the walk up and get last minute instructions for the ceremony the next day.

### **VALEDICTORY (GRAD) CEREMONY 10:00 A.M. FRIDAY, JUNE 26 PORT THEATRE**

The students will receive their Grad gowns at the practice the day before the Grad Ceremony, so there is an opportunity for photos. The students will bring their caps and gowns to the ceremony the next day and turn them in after the ceremony. **EACH STUDENT WILL GET THREE GUEST TICKETS TO THE CEREMONY. IF YOU NEED MORE, PLEASE CONTACT MR. FERGUSON SOON. THERE ARE LIMITED QUANTITIES. FIRST COME—FIRST SERVE.** Only students in a position to graduate may participate in the ceremony. Check with your counselor!

### **DRY GRAD FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 8:00 P.M., BEBAN PARK**

This event is sponsored and run by the Nanaimo Dry Grad Society. The event runs from 8:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. the following day. There are many activities, cash prizes and just a great event for everyone. Only Grads may attend Dry Grad. The cost is \$40.00 payable at the office at John Barsby. **Grads cannot invite guests to this event.**

## **PROM**

### **This Year's Prom Is Being Held At John Barsby**

The family banquet will be from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at a cost of \$15.00 per person and the dance will be from 8:00 p.m. until midnight for \$35.00 per person. The banquet is meant to be an event where family members may be invited. Please

be aware there will only be 250 places available, so this will be first come first served for banquet ticket sales. Pay at the Barsby Office. **PROM IS AN ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE EVENT.**

**Prom Tickets**—No ticket sales at the door for either the banquet or the dance. Pre-purchased dance and banquet tickets will not be given out until later in April.

## **PROM DANCE GUESTS**

If you plan to invite anyone to the Prom Dance, this means anyone who might be a non-graduating student at Barsby or a guest from another school or even someone not currently in a school in Nanaimo, see Mr. Ferguson. If you are inviting anyone to the dance, you must have approval for your guest before you pay for them at the office. If your guest, for some reason, is asked to leave the dance, the person who invited him/her will have to leave also. You are responsible for your guest. Your guest must bring photo ID to the Prom. No selling of tickets between students. Your ticket number must match your name.

## **FEES**

Pay all of your grad fees at the school office.

Grad Ceremony	\$60
Dry Grad	\$40
Prom Dance	\$35
Prom Banquet	\$15

## **YOUR STUDIES**

Remember, as we approach Grad and Prom season, it might be tempting to slow down in your studies. Now is the time to re-focus, and do your best to ensure you have the best marks you can achieve.

## **TEXTBOOKS**

If you owe money for lost texts from either semester this year, the bills must be paid or texts returned before you are allowed to go across the stage in June.