



Cedar Community Secondary News

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Principal's Message

“CEDAR: WE'RE IN IT TO LEARN!”

Dear parents, community members and students,

Since the last newsletter, we hosted a very successful Cedar Fine Arts/Applied Skills Showcase. Many thanks go to the students, staff and community coordinators for their time and support. We also appreciated the support of our parents and special guests who joined us for a fabulous evening.

Our PAC hosted a very successful hockey game fundraiser which raised \$400 for our school. We hope a tradition has been started! ☺ Our Aboriginal Education department sponsored a film team to compete in the Cowichan International Film Festival. Our youth team won the first place recognition for an anti-bullying public service video. Congratulations to the team - Waylon Andrews, Ally Harris, Mariah Morgan, Preston Alder-Freer, Taylor Gonsalves and staff sponsors Ms. Flett and Mr. Sandeman-Allen.

The Science department hosted a Science World presentation on science and innovation careers. Feedback from students indicated that this was time well spent as students were able to speak to a variety of scientists and innovators about their careers.

Our grade 8's and Ms. Aitken's Biology 11 class will be participating in the first ever Spring Shoreline Clean-up. We look forward for the opportunity to become more aware of our local environment by cleaning up at Jacks Point Park on Monday, May 16th.

At this time of year, students are also busy with soccer, badminton, floor hockey, rugby, morning basketball, weight-lifting, and leadership activities; this is a hoppin' place! Many, many thanks go to the teachers and sponsors for providing these opportunities!

Interims for this term go home on May 18th. We hope your son/daughter is keeping up with their studies - with improvements in the weather, some students' thoughts veer away from their education to all the things they would rather be doing ☺ This is the time we typically remind students that there are only six weeks of classes left before final exams, and a bit of effort put into these last few weeks can make a big difference in a student's achievement! It is also important to maintain regular attendance and punctuality in all classes.

Yours sincerely,
Susann Young

Dates to Note

Tues, May 3	Early Dismissal @ 1:30 PM Report Cards: 4-6 PM Newsletter out
Mon, May 9	Pro D Day
Wed, May 18	Interim Day PAC Mtg. @ 7 pm
Thur, May 19	Aboriginal Graduation @ Barsby Sec.
Mon, May 23	Victoria Day
Thur, May 26	Grade 7 Visit at 10 am -Awards Night @ 6:30 pm
Wed, June 1	Newsletter out
Wed, June 8	PAC Mtg. @ 5:30 pm
Thur, June 9	Athletic Banquet at 5 pm (note: date change)
Fri, June 17	Fun Day -Last Day of Semester 2
June 20-29	Exams
Tues, June 28	Convocation Rehearsal at 1 pm
Wed, June 29	Prom - Coast Bastion at 5:30 pm - Report Cards out 10:00—11:00 am
Thur, June 30	Convocation at 10:30 am -Dry Grad @ Beban Park—8 pm start

Mr. Rounis—Vice Principal

Schedule for Provincial Exams

This schedule is just for the Provincial exams. The school based exam schedule will be posted shortly. All Provincial Examinations are designed to be completed within two hours. Students are permitted up to an additional 60 minutes, if required.

DATE	SUBJECT	TIME
Tuesday, June 21	Social Studies 11 PMA 12	9 am - noon 12:30 - 3:30
Wednesday, June 22	English 12 Physics 12	9 am - noon 12:30 - 3:30
Thursday, June 23	English 10 Chemistry 12	9 am - noon 12:30 - 3:30
Friday, June 24	French 12	9 am - noon
Monday, June 27	Science 10	9 am - noon
Tuesday, June 28	A.W. Math 10 F.M.P.C Math 10	9 am - noon 9 am - noon
Wednesday, June 29	Biology 12	9 am - noon

Get ready for the exams by doing at least one practice provincial. There are two samples of each exam available online at: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/search/>

It should be noted that these exams are scheduled by the Ministry of Education and the times are rigid! Should there be a conflict for a student to attend, it will be required to write a missed exam at a later time. After the June session the next available times are in August, and October. See the full online schedule: <http://www/bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/handbook/schedules.htm> Please feel free to contact me should you have any further questions.

Some commonly asked questions about provincial exams:

- Can I rewrite my provincial exam? (A) Students are permitted to rewrite an exam once within the twelve-month period following the first attempt of the examination.
- If I rewrite my exam which score does the Ministry keep? (A) The higher of the two exams.
- If I redo a course that I already did the exam do I have to write the exam again? (A) No, the ministry will carry over your original exam score. If you rewrite, the Ministry will keep the highest score of the exam just as it will take the higher school mark.
- How can I find out my exam scores? (A) Go to the exam website: <https://www/bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/> Create an account (login) and check your marks after they have been posted.

Graduation Information 2011

Welcome to your graduation year! This is an important year for you. Your grad year can be everything you want it to be—when you participate. Participation involves helping fundraising, volunteering your time for various activities, being aware of what you need to do, and taking information home to your parents/guardians. The Graduation committee needs you to help make this year memorable for you.



There will be lots of information about graduation and prom given throughout this year so please listen for announcements, check the newsletter, and check the Grad Bulletin board (opposite room 202) for updates.

Grad Photos

MJM Studios will be setting up at Dover Bay Secondary on May 11 for all of the left over Grads in the Nanaimo District. Students will have to book an appointment by calling **1-877-656-8989**. This will be your last chance to have your photos done. We will make sure to include these extra students on the composite (group photo for the school).

Graduation Eligibility Friday, May 13, 2011

You must be able to prove to administration that you are eligible to graduate in order to participate in Convocation (graduation) activities. In other words, you are passing all your classes and have no outstanding fees.

Hands on the Wall

This will happen during the beginning of June.

Convocation Rehearsal

Tuesday, June 28, 2011 in MPR at 1:00 pm

Convocation (Grad Ceremony/Walk-Up)

Thursday, June 30, 2011

Students must be here by **10:00 am** to don their gowns and caps. The Grad group photo will be in the gym at **10:30** (in your cap and gown). This photo will be available to purchase.

Convocation/walk-up will begin at **11:00** in the school gym.

Dry Grad

Thursday, **June 30, 2011 at 8:00 pm** at Beban Park

Prom Information 2011—Mrs. Berlanda/Mrs. Kempf

Graduation and Prom Fees

Each graduate is responsible for paying the Grad Fees in full by the final deadline date as follows:

"Let's get these paid!!!"

CONVOCATION: \$40.00 paid by Monday April 11, 2011 (cap & gown rental)

PROM: \$70.00 per grad paid by Monday Feb. 1, 2011 (dinner & dance)
\$ 40.00 each dinner tickets for guests/dates

DRY GRAD: \$50.00 paid by Monday May 16, 2011

Fees can be paid in the school office and cheques should be made out to School District 68. It is our policy that no student shall be denied participation due to an issue of funds. Please see Ms. Pennell or Mrs. Young if you need financial help.

For more information you may contact the following:

Ms. Pennell (graduation) 250-722-2414 cpennell@sd68.bc.ca
Mrs. Berlanda (prom) 250-722-2414 mberlanda@sd68.bc.ca

Arts Alive Summer School

Arts Alive's 27th annual Summer School of the Fine Arts will be taking place in July. There are classes in art, music, dance and drama for all age groups.

Course details and registration are available at all City of Nanaimo Parks, Recreation and Culture facilities.

Registration is also available on line:
www.ireg.nanaimo.ca and by phone 250-756-5200.
For more information, check out www.nanaimoartsalive.com

Post Secondary Information—Mrs. Boyle

Helpful information during the Career Guidance process:
<http://www.aved.gov/bc.ca/studentaidbc/repayrepaymentassistance/loanforgiveness.htm>

See Mrs. Boyle for further information:

- Community Walk - in support of breaking the Silence on Mental Illness
- YES CAMP - leadership summer retreat for students 14 to 18. Check out the New Graduation and Scholarship Information in the counseling area.
- BCIT—New Entrance Scholarship
- GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIP worth \$18,000 to 60,000
- Learn about the B.C. Government Student Loan Forgiveness program
- True Spa Institute Scholarship of \$500 for students interested in Aesthetics.

Aboriginal Education News

Congratulations go to Cedar's Aboriginal film team members for their win April 15, at the Cowichan International Aboriginal Film Festival Youth FX competitions. Cedar's team took first place in the Public Service Announcement category for its anti-bullying video. The anti-bullying PSA showed some re-enactments of high-school bullying, delivered some surprising statistics, and ended with a strong anti-bullying message.

Justin Rain of *The Twilight Saga: Eclipse* presented medals to Waylon Coyote Andrews and Ally Harris as director and co-editors. Rain also congratulated those team members present for the film screenings and awards ceremony, which included Mariah Morgan, Preston Alder-Freer, Jaden Gray, and Taylor Gonsalves. Team members, Paddy Brown and Quinn Sequin were not present at the event. Waylon, Ally, Preston, and Mariah attended workshops at the festival April 13 and 14 as well, and learned about creative film and acting skills in such fields as making a music video (including using green-screen), storytelling with Tantoo Cardinal, sound mixing with *The New Addiction*, video editing, stunts, and using media in social media sites like Facebook.

Cedar's Ab Ed Department would like to acknowledge and thank teacher Grant Sandeman-Allen for sharing his technical and movie-making skills and the Cedar PAC for their support and enthusiasm for this project. As well, Ab Ed would like to thank Cedar's staff and administration for their supportive roles in letting the students out of regular classes so they could make the film and attend the festival. We hope to have the video linked from Cedar's homepage shortly.

The Aboriginal Education department is now sponsoring a series of art workshops in conjunction with Mr. Bourke's art classes. The first will involve a field trip to Nanaimo's Petroglyph Park and a class session learning how to do rubbings and prints. The second workshop is cedar weaving. The third tentatively-scheduled workshop is beading with Ab Ed's Jennifer White and the final workshop will be either a large artistic dream catcher wall-hanging or a carving.

The University of Victoria is again offering Aboriginal students in grades 8-12 the opportunity to attend the Mini-U Camp in July. Please see Aboriginal staff for the application form. Information is at: <http://web.uvic.ca/inaf/index.php/indigenous-mini-university-summer-camp>. Once accepted, a student will have to pay \$50 for the camp, which includes room and board and all the camp activities. Last year students got to go whale watching, to IMAX and on a city tour among other things.

Aboriginal Scholarship Deadlines: Once again, Ab Ed would like to remind Grade 12 students about the approaching deadlines for Aboriginal student scholarships: **May 12;** Judy Bourne Memorial Scholarship for Aboriginal students: **May 13;** for the B.C. Aboriginal Student Awards, **June 1;** for the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation's general post-secondary education programs. Aboriginal staff would be happy to help students with the application forms.

PAC News

Our last PAC meeting was held April 13, 2011. The next meeting will be May 18, at 7 pm.

Please remember to bring in your Country Grocer and 49th Parallel receipts to the school. There are boxes in the office. Recycle your ink cartridges at Staples in the "Recycle for Education" box located near the customer service counter. You may also donate your bottles to the Cedar Secondary School account at the Mostar Bottle Depot. If you get gas at Husky or Mohawk stations, the school has a card that you can pick up at the office. Every swipe gives Cedar PAC a bit of money.

Our "Big-screen Canuck Playoff" event at the school was a big success! (and we will forgive the Canuck's for their dismal showing that night!) The High Def Big Screen is a great way to watch the games!

PAC NEWS

HANGING BASKET AND HERB FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM

(To support the Senior Girl's Volleyball team for their 2011 trip to San Diego)
Special thanks to Imperial Pacific Nursery, located on Yellow Pt. Road

12 inch Hanging Basket \$22.00 each _____ X \$22.00 = _____

4 inch Herbs \$1.50 each

Parsley _____

Chives _____

Sage _____

Thyme _____

Basil _____

Mint _____

Oregano _____

Cilantro _____

Dill _____

Tarragon _____

Total of Herb plants _____ **X 1.50 =** _____

Name: _____ **Telephone:** _____

PICK UP ON THURSDAY, MAY 5 AT CEDAR SECONDARY PARKING LOT FROM 3:30—5:00 PM

PLEASE CUT ALONG LINE AND RETURN TO OFFICE



