



New Westminster Secondary School NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As I write this June message, on the longest day of the year, we still eagerly await some signs of fine weather that summer has arrived and the end of the school year is within sight.

Provincial exams are in session for grades 10, 11 and 12 and report cards are scheduled to be distributed on June 29th at the main Pearson office.

At this time of the school year, we need to say goodbye to the following staff members. We wish them well, particularly, Mr. Irving as he retires after 35 years of teaching service to the students of New Westminster. A Hyack farewell is extended to:

Mr. D. Bernard: French Immersion
Mr. R. Dominguez: Social Studies
Ms. S. Droulis: Dance
Mr. C. Freeman: English
Mr. D. Freestone: Chef
Ms. C. Sheridan: Band
Mr. B. Woo: Math

To our graduating class of 2010, we say farewell and will do so formally on Tuesday June 29th at the Queen's Park Arena. Where did the four/five years go? We are confident that our 2010 graduates leave us well prepared to tackle the next phase of their adult lives, whether it be post secondary studies, traveling, or the world of work. Keep in touch and remember: Once a Hyack, always a Hyack!

I would like to conclude this school year by acknowledging the supportive efforts of the NWSS PAC: Chair: **Mary Ann McKenzie, Eileen Brown, Darlene Barnett, Jim Underhill, Denise Ogren**; School Planning Council: **Wendy Harris, Catherine Cartwright and Jim Underhill**. Your efforts to support, not only your sons and daughters, but also over 2300 other "NDub sons and daughters" help to make NWSS a positive learning environment.

If you are moving over the summer break, please notify the main office of your address change and if you are planning to register at another school. Please look for a late August newsletter mail-out to all NWSS households which will outline school opening procedures for the 2010/11 school year.

On behalf of the NWSS staff, I wish everyone a summer of rest, relaxation, recreation and an opportunity to recharge one's body and soul. We look forward to sharing stories with you in September.

Mary Bushman Principal	Rhonda Anderson Vice-Principal	Kelly Boechler Vice-Principal	Laura Howell Vice-Principal	Steve Inniss Vice-Principal
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

June 29, 2010	Report Cards available for pick-up
June 29, 2010	Graduation Ceremony: 7:00 p.m. at Queen's Park Arena
June 29, 2010	Dry Grad: Queensborough Community Centre
June 30, 2010	Administrative Day: Last Day of School Before Summer
June 30, 2010	Grad Dinner Dance

HOMESTAY FAMILIES REQUIRED

The International Program requires host families for its summer short-term and long-term academic year program. The program dates are as follows:

Program 1:	Friday July 2 nd	to	Saturday morning July 17 th
Program 2:	Sunday July 18 th	to	Saturday morning July 31 st
Program 3A:	Thursday, July 22 nd	to	Sunday morning August 8 th
Program 3B:	Saturday July 24 th	to	Saturday morning August 7 th

Long-Term Academic Program: August 21st, 2010 to June 30th, 2011

To receive an application or more information on requirements, hosting fees and so on please call 604.517.6279 or email to tgee@sd40.bc.ca.

STUMP CITY STORIES IS COMING TO NWSS – AND WANTS YOU!

Calling all teen sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses: City Stage New West is bringing Stump City Stories, the newly-commissioned, hilarious and poignant musical based on the diverse history of New West, to NWSS student audiences next September 23--and is seeking a diverse, enthusiastic teen chorus to perform a couple of numbers from the show with the professional cast, which includes Damon Calderwood, Jeremy Lowe, Dora Brooks, and Sean Allen. Directed by award-winning composer/writer of the show, George Ryan. Check out the Omni TV interview and some details of the project on www.citystagenewwest.org.

Rehearsals are after school and minimal:

- one the week of June 21st, to be determined based on participants' availability
- two in early September
- dress rehearsal September 22, probably after school but to be announced

Performances:

- two one-hour performances at the Massey on September 23, before and after lunch, during school hours (so you may have to get parental permission to participate)

Please contact Renee Bucciarelli, Artistic Director, at 604 395 2585 or at renee@fraj.com if interested.

STUDENTS WIN SONGWRITING CONTEST

The winners of the School Alliance of Student Songwriters (SASS) song writing contest for British Columbia were Cora Balazs (voice) and Jesse Goodwin (guitar). This duo won from over 170 entries and were awarded recording studio time at The Armoury Recording Studio in Vancouver.

SUMMER CONTEST FOR FRENCH STUDENTS

Throughout the year, **French for the Future** (<http://www.french-future.org/en/eleves/concours-estival>) organizes different contests that allow you to show off your talents, contribute to the website, and (most importantly!) win tons of great prizes!

Summer's on its way! But... without school, won't our French get rusty? Let us know the ways you will keep your French up over the holidays for your chance to win!!!

The prize: the [Bon Cop, Bad Cop](#) DVD (hilarious!) and a stainless steel water bottle!

How do I participate?

It's easy! All you have to do is send in a list of 5 ideas of how to practice your French over the summer (in French!): enewman@french-future.org. You have until June 30th.

And... how do I win?

All participating students (13 years and older) will be included in a random draw on July 2nd. The winner will be contacted on that day. We will publish our favourite submissions on the site!





June Examinations

The June examination session will take place June 21 through June 29, 2010. Please check with your school or district office for specific scheduling information.

June Examination Results and Transcripts

June Examination and Grade 12 Scholarship results will be released on July 31, 2010. These results can be viewed on the Student Secure Web (SSW):
www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student

Students are encouraged to create an SSW account *before* the end of June. This will enable schools to assist students who run into difficulties creating accounts before schools close for the summer.

An official Transcript of Grades will be mailed to all Grade 12 students. If you have moved recently, please ensure your school has your correct mailing address and that this address has been submitted to the ministry.

! If you have problems creating a SSW account or with your transcript, contact your school or district office, NOT the ministry. The ministry cannot change your student record unless contacted by your school.

Additional copies of your transcript can be ordered from the ministry from www.bced.gov.bc.ca/transcript/

There is a \$10 non-refundable search fee for the first transcript and a cost of \$5 for each additional copy. It can take up to four weeks to obtain a transcript. There is a RUSH service which costs \$25 for each transcript and transcripts will be couriered to the requested address within three to four business days.

August Examination Session

These exams are written at designated schools or district locations across the province. Information regarding the August session can be found at:
www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/august

! The marking of August exams is not complete until the first week in September. Results will not be reported to students in time for September admission to post-secondary institutions.

Grade 12 Graduation Program Examinations Scholarship Awards

Grade 12 Graduation Program Examinations Scholarships are awarded to students based on Grade 12 provincial exam results. The ministry will apply a minimum threshold of 86% to a student's best three provincial exam scores (except Communications 12). A student must also achieve a final mark of at least a 'B' in English 12, Français langue première 12 or English 12 First Peoples. If a student meets all of the established criteria, they will be awarded a scholarship of \$1000.

For those students writing specific AP and IB exams, some of their scores can be used to count towards earning an Examinations Scholarship. The school must send in the appropriate AP or IB mark. Students should contact their school if they fall into this category. Details are available at: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards in Chapter 5 of the Handbook of Procedures.

Students earning a scholarship will be mailed a scholarship package. The package will contain a letter, a certificate and a voucher for the award amount. To redeem the voucher, a student must be registered and attending a regular program (i.e. a program that leads to a credential) or an apprenticeship program at any post-secondary institution accredited and designated by the Ministry of Advanced Education or approved by the Industry Training Authority (ITAC), and have their voucher endorsed by an official of that institution. The student should mail the voucher to the ministry with his or her Social Insurance Number and correct address to receive the monies. This process can take approximately six to eight weeks.

! Scholarships must be redeemed before the expiry date of the voucher.

Examination Review and Rereads

Students are able to review their exam responses in a secure setting. All exam reviews must be requested through the school's principal via the *Provincial Examinations Review Request Form*:

www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/rereads_rewrites/welcome.htm

Students can request their Grade 12 exam (other than BC First Nations Studies 12) be reread for a fee of \$50. Grade 12 reread requests must be received before September 30, 2010. Rereads must be requested via the *Reread Request Form*:

www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/handbook/forms.htm



Rereads can result in an increase or a decrease of an exam mark. The reread decision is FINAL and becomes your permanent exam mark.

Examination Rewrites

Students are permitted to rewrite an exam once within the twelve month period following their first attempt at the examination. To rewrite a provincial examination more than once, a student must retake the course. Students who retake a course will be allowed one rewrite opportunity, based on the second course completion.

In accordance with the ministry's Mix and Match Policy, a student's best school percentage and best exam percentage within a twelve month period will be blended to recalculate his/her final mark.

Post-Secondary Institutions (PSIs)

If you completed the online *PSI Selections Form on the SSW*, the ministry will send a copy of your transcript to the universities and colleges you selected at the end of July.

Students looking for information about undergraduate programs throughout British Columbia are encouraged to visit: <http://educationplanner.ca/>. In addition to the Education Planner, students may wish to visit the ministry's website, Career Planning for Students and Parents: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/careers/planning/.

Questions?

If you have further questions about provincial examinations, transcripts, or provincial scholarships, please contact your counselor or school administration staff, or visit www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/.

Backgrounder

Service Canada Centres for Youth

Service Canada Centres for Youth (SCCY) offer a variety of services that benefit both students and employers.

For more information on any of these services, please contact your local SCCY at (604) 437.3761 ext 224 or (604) 526.4511 ext. 550

Services for students:

- Student job postings;
- Assistance in writing résumés and cover letters;
- Help with job interview techniques;
- Creative job search techniques;
- Casual labour/Odd Job opportunities;
- Group Information Sessions (GIS) and mock interviews that teach job search skills that will help in current and future job searches;
- Volunteer experience opportunities;
- Information on health and safety in the workplace;
- Information on wage rates, employment standards and labour laws;
- Information on federal, provincial and territorial government programs and services.

Services for employers:

- Job-posting service;
- Immediate access to enthusiastic students from all fields to help fill employment opportunities;
- Flexible staffing options to suit individual business requirements (e.g., casual labour, long or short-term employment);
- Posting service for volunteer opportunities;
- Information on health and safety in the workplace;
- Information on prevailing wage rates, employment standards and labour laws;
- Labour market information;
- Information on federal, provincial and territorial government programs and services.

"Service Canada Centres for Youth - Serving Students, supporting communities"