November 2015

HAZELTON SECONDARY NEWS

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November is just around the corner and it is looking to be a very busy month. To the side are the dates of upcoming events. This is an important time of year, with the term nearing an end and report cards coming up. Please note the dates/times for report cards being issued and early dismissal days. It is important for students to be aware of their marks at this point in time, to seek out assistance from their teachers, our counselors, and our First Nations Support Workers if they need extra help (personal or academic). Mr. Basran, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Larsen, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Morgan, and Mr. Webb all have office time available for supporting students.

VOLLEYBALL

Our volleyball season is coming to an end. Senior boys will be hosting their zones on November 13 and 14, the Junior Girls Zones are in Terrace and in Houston on November 14, and the Senior Girls' Zones are in Smithers on Nov.21. We encourage the community to come out and support our volleyball teams. On November 6 we will have a fun volleyball game between the senior boys and staff. Thank you to all of our coaches and parent sponsors for the time and energy they have given to support our students and volleyball teams.

FLU SEASON

Flu season is beginning. If your child is exhibiting symptoms of nausea, vomiting, fever, sore throats, chills, etc, please do not send them to school. We are required to report high incidences of flu symptoms to Northern Health, so please advise us if your child is sick when you call in. Thank you!

November 2 – Public Consultation Meeting re: learner success in the Hazeltons. 6:00pm Gitanmaax

November 3 – Public Consultation Meeting. 6:00pm Gitwangak Community Hall

November 6 – School dance

November 9 – Term 2 starts

November 10 – Remembrance Day Cermony at 11:00am

November 11 – Remembrance Day

November 13 and 14 – Senior Boys host volleyball zones.

November 16 – Photo retakes

November 18 - PAC Meeting, 5:15pm, HSS Library

November 20 – Pro-D

November 23 – Report Cards issued

November 25, 26 – Early Dissmissal. 2:10 pm each day.

November 27 – Grade 8/9 Fun Day (afternoon)

CROSS-COUNTRY

We have two students who competed in our cross-country zones and have qualified for the provincials. Congratulations to Nolen Yee and Drew Harris. Nolan and Drew will be traveling to Vancouver to compete in the provincials. A big thank you to Mr. de Boer and Mr. Spooner for the time and energy they gave to supporting the cross-country running club.

LEADERSHIP

Wow, what a week we just had! Our team successfully hosted **"Halloweek"** at HSS: Daily Halloween Trivia – thanks to all who participated, great effort students and staff!, and the Friday assembly with videos from Ms. Janze's Drama, Film and Television class, "minute to win it" and the costume judging. Amazing costumes this year.

Next week, Friday November 6th will be our first student leadership hosted dance. DJ Hunter Frank will be spinning some great tunes. Doors open at 7:00, Tickets are $5.00 each. Senior Boys Volleyball is hosting the $1 coat check and the Hazelton Community Charity Program will provide the concession.

Dance Rules: Students who have received suspensions this fall will not be allowed to attend the dance. Additionally students who have received office referrals or have skipped classes on the week of the dance will not be allowed to attend the dance. Electronics (phones, ipods, ipads) will be confiscated at the door for the evening.

HSS COUNSELLING DEPARTENT:

Counsellors: Mr. Basran, Mrs. Larson, Mr. Webb, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Morgan, Mrs. Jackson

It is usually pretty easy to beat ourselves up over things we are upset about.

Have you ever considered giving yourself a hug instead? You can do this for real ~ folding your arms and giving yourself a gentle squeeze. Even imagining a hug can cause our bodies to feel comforted and more relaxed. It helps if our thoughts are also gentle and kind; something like "I am upset but I am ok" or whatever words work for you. Even scientists have proven that treating ourselves kindly can release chemicals in our bodies that are good for us. So – give yourself a hug today!

Adapted from Kristin Neff ~ Self Compassion: The proven power of being kind to yourself

HUMANITIES 8, HEALTH & CAREERS 8, PERSONAL FUTURES 12

Hello, Parents/Guardians

Thank you to all the parents/guardians who took the time to meet with me and discuss your child's progress on the evening of Wed. October 14th. Thumbs up to all of you!

If your child is in my Humanities 8, Health & Career 8, or Personal Futures 12 class, please email me at jenelle.vantunen@cmsd.bc.ca to be put on my group email list for my weekly updates that I send to parents/guardians. If you wish to speak with me, please call the school, my extension is 3126.

Thank you from Mrs. Van Tunen

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Coast Mountains Board of Education School District 82 is holding a series of public consultation meetings to discuss student learning in the Hazelton and Kitwanga areas. Of particular focus will be the success of our learners in these areas.

The first Public Consultation Meetings will take place as follows:

Monday, November 2, 2015 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Hazelton
Gitanmaax Community Hall

Tuesday, November 3, 2015 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Kitwanga
Gitwangak Community Hall

All members of the public are invited to attend.

A summary of feedback received from the Public Consultation Meetings will be provided to the Board of Education for Coast Mountains School District 82 for their consideration and review.

For further information or to provide a written submission prior to the meeting, please contact:

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Dear CMSD82 Parents & Guardians,

Subject: Possible November 2015 Report Card Distribution Date Change

In August 2015, Coast Mountains School District 82 in coordination with the Ministry of Education transitioned to a new Student Information System entitled MyEducationBC along with a large number of other school districts within the province. The Student Information System (SIS) replaced BCeSIS, the previous student information system used province-wide by school districts.

The new system, a web-based software, manages student records and information, and is more centralized and easier to maintain and update. With the implementation of the SIS to manage daily school needs, teachers and administrators can save time and have immediate access to a variety of student data. The system provides assistance to schools to manage various operations including student data and administrative tasks. SIS includes the ability to handle course management, scheduling, records, grades/comments, room/resource management and more. Additionally, the system can be used to run complex enrollment reports, admissions, course schedules, grades and more. The many facets of this new system forms an integral component for all parties involved in education – parents/guardians, students, teachers, administrators, alumni, etc. Further information on the new SIS can be found on the school district's website at:

http://cmsd.bc.ca/myeducationbc-new-student-information-system/

Coast Mountains School District is well under way with the implementation of the new SIS, while other school districts are still in the preliminary stages of the implementation process. In order to bring these school districts on-line, the system will need to be shut down province wide for four (4) days in November. The Ministry of Education in consultation with the system's software company has determined that the province-wide shutdown will take place November 7 to 11, 2015. Unfortunately, these dates coincide with some of our schools' report card preparation and distribution. Dependent on individual school report card dates, this system shutdown may change your student's report card distribution day. Should your school require a report card date change, this communication will come directly to parents/guardians from the School Principal.

Please note the upcoming Early Dismissal dates for parent/teacher interviews will not be affected and will remain scheduled on November 25 and 26, 2015. Should you have questions relating to the November report cards, please contact your School Principal or Vice Principal.

Sincerely yours,

Janet Meyer
Director of Instruction, School Support

cc: Katherine McIntosh, Superintendent of Schools
Coast Mountains Board of Education School District 82