



## School Goals 2014-2015

Goal #1—  
To improve  
student achievement  
in Mathematics.

Goal #2—  
To improve student  
social responsibility.

# Message from the Administration

Mr. Kal Russell  
Principal

Mr. David Mark  
Vice-Principal

## Welcome Back to School

We are so pleased to have students back in class. Although the start has been late as a result of job action the first week has gone extremely well. We are very excited about working with you and your children. We wanted to send you an updated calendar and remind you of a few important items listed below:

- Calendar - We have had a few challenges with the calendar and have had to reschedule a few events and activities. Please check the calendar attached for the all the new dates including Meet the Teacher Night, photo day and grade 6 immunization shots etc.
- Communication through email – New government regulations require you to re-subscribe to receive class and school posts as well as mass emails. Please consider allowing your classroom teacher to place you on a class email list by going to <http://northsaanich.sd63.bc.ca>, Parents/Staff List/Your teacher's homework page and then select "Send me forum posts by email".
- Athletics and Clubs – New athletics teams and clubs will be starting soon. Please encourage your children to get involved in school activities. Sign up for clubs and sports teams are always posted on our daily announcements. Parents can subscribe to these announcement at <http://northsaanich.sd63.bc.ca/>
- Connecting with your Child's Teacher – Our teachers are all anxious to connect with the parents of their students. Even if you can not find time to meet on Oct. 8, 2014, please make a time to meet your child's teacher. Our staff will try to find a convenient time to meet with you.

## Go Hawks!

### Meet the Teacher

We will be hosting a Meet the Teacher/Parent Night Wednesday, October 8, 2014 from 2:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Our format for this year's event will be;

Parents will sign up for a 10-minute time slot to meet with their child's Advisory/Homeroom teacher. The objective is twofold:

1. We want the parents and the teachers to have a few minutes to get to know each other. We feel it is very important that you meet your child's teacher and feel comfortable contacting them in person, by phone or by e-mail regularly throughout the school year to check in on your child's progress. By having an opportunity where the teacher and parents can sit down together, we believe both parties will be more comfortable with communicating with each other during the remainder of the year.
2. We want to get to know more about your child. Parents understand their children better than anyone and we want to use this knowledge to help us improve your child's success at school. This information that you share with us about your child will help us interact and teach your child more effectively.

Please note that this evening is *designed for individual parent-teacher conferences at designated time slots*. **Teachers will be setting these appointments, so you will be receiving an e-mail from them requesting that you sign up.** Our staff wants to use this night as a way to improve our knowledge of your child and help determine how the home and school can work together to support student learning. We look forward to meeting all our parents and getting a chance to talk about your children at our Meet the Teacher/Parent Night.

# Procedures for voicing your concerns

Parents will, on occasion, have questions regarding their child's education. The staff at North Saanich Middle School wants you to contact the school when a problem or question arises. To facilitate action on any concern regarding the schools policies, procedures or curriculum, we ask that you take the following steps:

- (a) Should the concern be the result of an action or decision of an employee, the complainant is encouraged to discuss the issue with that employee;
- (b) If not resolved by the employee the complainant should involve the appropriate principal or supervisor;
- (c) Should the principal or supervisor not resolve the concern then the complainant should involve either the Assistant Superintendent (Learning Services), the Assistant Superintendent (Instructional Services) or the Secretary-Treasurer;
- (d) Should the concern remain unresolved, the Superintendent of Schools may be contacted for assistance with process;
- (e) At any time the complainant may contact a trustee by phone or direct a letter to the Board Chair for assistance with process;
- (f) If concerns are still not addressed satisfactorily, a complainant may formally appeal a decision to the Board according to the Administrative Procedures outlined in Policy 1360.

## Welcome to

New staff members joining our North Saanich Middle School Team:

### Teachers

- Mrs. Marshall
- Mr. Davies
- Mrs. De Klerk
- Ms. Stokes

### Education Assistants

- Ms. Ferguson
- Ms. Blanke
- Ms. Bowles

## Remembrance Day Assembly—Nov. 6

We are formally inviting parents to join us for our annual Remembrance Day Assembly.

This is a very important learning opportunity for our students and staff.

At 9:45 AM on Nov. 6, 2014 we will

be assembling in our gym to remember those Canadians who have served our country, providing us with the opportunity and privilege to live in a peaceful country.

We will have seating available for guests.

We shall not forget.



## Dates to Remember

Please check our school website at <http://northsaanich.sd63.bc.ca/> for current information on these events.

October		November	
Terry Fox Run	3	ELL Potluck	5
Early Closure @ 2:08	8 & 9	Remembrance Day Assembly	6
Meet the Teacher appointments 2:30 to 6:30	8	Non Instructional Day #2	7
Photo Day	10	Non Instructional Day #3	10
Thanksgiving	13	Remembrance Day (No school)	11
BC Shake Out Drill @ 10:15 a.m.	16	Photo Retakes	18
PAC Meeting @ 7 p.m.	14		
Triathlon Swim Day	21		
Non Instructional Day	24		
Grade 6 Innoculations	29		
Triathlon (Bike & Swim) & Halloween Social	31		