

School Goals 2014-2015

Goal #1—
To improve student achievement in Mathematics.

Goal #2—
To improve student social responsibility.

The Hawk Eye



Message from the Administration

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Awards

There is much debate in the educational world on the value of school awards. Some people see awards as motivating students to be successful, while others see them as detrimental to students self-esteem. More and more schools are moving away from awards, but at North Saanich we thought we needed to change the focus of our awards. At the end of the year we will have three rewards: the Principal Honour Role, Grade 8 Legacy Awards and a new award called the Hawk Award.

To receive a Principal's Academic Honour Roll certificate a student must achieve an "A" in Humanities, Science and Mathematics in all three terms during the school year. Grade 6 students only have to have "A's" in terms 2 and 3. Students will be acknowledged in a small formal gathering of award winners.

The grade 8 Legacy Awards have been a tradition at NSMS for years. The winners of these awards are announced at our School Awards Assembly. We have 10 Legacy Awards that are voted on by the staff at the end of the year. They include awards from all aspects of school life and most awards are named after prominent people in school history.

The new NSMS Hawk Award will be given out each term to students who exemplify the characteristics that we value at North Saanich Middle School. We are a school that values a "Growth Mind Set" and we believe that students that persevere, work hard, and engage in all areas of their studies are successful students. Research has shown that engagement and effort in one's learning is a better indicator of future success in school and life than letter grades. To receive a Hawk Award a student must meet the specified criteria or receive a special nomination from a teacher.

Hawk Award Criteria

1. Students will receive all Good (G) or Excellent (E) marks in Work Habits on their Report Card.

Excellent (E)

- Responsibility; Demonstrates an industrious work ethic, ready to work and learn.
- Cooperation; A class leader exemplified by a high degree of positive and meaningful participation initiated by the student.
- Independence; a keen and enthusiastic learner actively seeking out personal growth and learning opportunities.

Good (G)

- Responsibility; All assignments turned in, ready to work and learn.
- Cooperation; works well with other students and teachers, participates in class in a meaningful way.

- Independence; a self-directed learner, takes initiative and responsibility for learning. (at their own level)

2. Students can receive a special nomination from their teacher based on drastic growth in their perseverance, effort and/or engagement in their school work. All teachers who teach these students will agree that the student deserves to be honoured with a Hawk Award.

We are trying to keep some of the traditions of NSMS including Honour Roll and Legacy Awards, but we want to have an award that all students can achieve by performing to their ability. We believe the new Hawk Award is attainable by all those wanting to be successful at school. Go Hawks!

| May 2015 | |
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| Non Instructional Day | 04 |
| Gr 5 Transition Day | 06 |
| Gr 5 Parent Information Evening | 06 |
| All Science Challenge | 08 |
| Showcase | 12-14 |
| Victoria Day | 18 |
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| June 2015 | |
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| Band Concert @ 7 PM | 04 |
| Grade 8 Exam Week | 14-19 |
| School Awards Day @ 9:15 AM | 18 |
| Final Report Card | 23 |
| Grade 8 Farewell | 23 |
| Parkland Grad | 24 |
| Last of classes | 25 |

2015/2016 School Calendar

| September 2015 | |
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| First Day | 07 |
| Early Dismissal/Meet the Teacher | 16 |
| Early Dismissal/Meet the Teacher | 17 |
| Photo Day | 23 |
| October 2015 | |
| Thanksgiving | 12 |
| Early Dismissal | 02 |
| Non Instructional Day #1 | 15 |
| November 2015 | |
| Remembrance Day | 11 |
| Non Instructional Day #2 | 12 |
| Non Instructional Day #3 | 13 |
| December 2015 | |
| First Day of Break | 21 |
| January 2016 | |
| First Day Back | 04 |

| February 2016 | |
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| Family Day | 08 |
| Non Instructional Day #4 | 19 |
| March 2016 | |
| Early Dismissal | 11 |
| Vking Cup | 11 |
| School Closure Week | 14-18 |
| Spring Break | 21-25 |
| STAT Holidays | 28-29 |
| April 2016 | |
| Non Instructional Day #5 | 22 |
| May 2016 | |
| Non Instructional Day #6 | 09 |
| Victoria Day | 23 |
| June 2016 | |
| Last Day for Students | 29 |
| Administrative Day | 30 |

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