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Announcements

French Immersion online course offerings

The school district has been awarded a one-time federal funding grant in the amount of \$350,000 to support the expansion of its online French Immersion course offerings.

The funding will be used to develop an additional four Grade 10 - 12 online learning courses that are intended for any interested French Immersion student in the province who is looking to complete the requirements of the Dual Dogwood Diploma. The additional courses will add to the existing suite of French Immersion course offerings available through [École Virtuelle](#) (North Vancouver Online Learning or NVOL) and should be available to students before the end of the 2022/2023 school year. Read the full media release [HERE](#).

Information

Indigenous-focused graduation requirement update

In March of this year, the B.C. Ministry of Education and Child Care and the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) [announced plans to implement an Indigenous-focused graduation requirement for secondary students](#). This new provincial graduation requirement will see students complete at least one Indigenous-focused course in Grade 10, 11 or 12 and will apply to students graduating in the 2023/2024 school year.

Since that announcement, the North Vancouver School District, through a district-wide implementation team, has been working with secondary school staff to develop individual school implementation plans. Each school's implementation plan enables students to meet the new graduation requirement through a course(s) that supports a deep understanding and appreciation of Indigenous worldviews and ways of knowing.

Throughout this process, the district-wide implementation team has also been working with rights holders, Skwxwú7mesh Nation and the Tsleil-Waututh Nation, and is keen to acknowledge its appreciation for the support and guidance received from both Nations. [Read more](#)

Indigenous Education flyer

The Indigenous Education team is pleased to share its most recent edition of the Indigenous Education flyer. The [June issue](#) includes information on the new Norgate

Xwemélch'stn logo, National Indigenous Peoples Day and Indigenous History Month, and also includes video and music- and song-based resources.

Handsworth new school highlight video

The new École Secondaire Handsworth Secondary School opened its doors to students and staff earlier this year. At the time, we had shared with the school district community a teaser video about the new school, produced by Handsworth alumni Megan Hingson and Felix Soong. We would like to now share with you the full length [highlight video](#) (approximately 6 minutes in length), which includes interviews with students, alumni, staff and administration. Enjoy, and once again, congratulations to the Handsworth school community on your new school!

Cheakamus Centre Open House highlight video

The 53rd annual Cheakamus Centre Open House took place Sunday, May 1. It was a wonderful day for new and returning guests, filled with many opportunities to reconnect with each other, the community, and the land. Please take a few minutes to view the [highlight video](#). We look forward to seeing you at the next open house, scheduled for Sunday, May 7, 2023.

Outdoor Safety & Emergency Preparedness Open House highlight video

On Saturday, May 7, the North Vancouver School District hosted the inaugural Outdoor Safety & Emergency Preparedness Open House at Argyle Secondary. This family-friendly community event showcased the expertise of local emergency management bodies and first responders and aimed to build awareness and resiliency around outdoor safety and emergency preparedness. The [highlight video](#) captures the energy of the day.

Homestay families needed

Each year, the North Vancouver School District welcomes students from around the world to live and study in our vibrant community. We strive to place secondary school international students with families who live close to school to support each student's integration into the school and wider community.

There are secondary school international students in need of a homestay placement for the school term beginning September 2022. If you are interested in hosting an international student, please reach out to our International Education program office at international@sd44.ca. More information about the homestay program is available [HERE](#).

NVSD Events

We can only hint at this with words – Exhibition closes June 25

Presented by the Gordon and Marion Smith Foundation for Young Artists, *We Can Only Hint at This with Words* consists of large scale, multi-surfaced mixed media paintings by Russna Kaur, shaped cut-out paintings by M.E. Sparks, and mixed media sculptures and stop-motion video by Andrea Taylor. All three artists navigate the complexities of working with historical reference, and in doing so, find ways to construct their own shapes and gestures. The exhibition will explore the different ways each artist quotes, pulls apart and reshapes the historical narratives that inform their work. For more information about this exhibition hosted at the Gordon Smith Gallery of Canadian Art, please visit the [exhibition](#) web page.

NVSD Registrations

NVOL – Registration open until June 27 and will re-open August 29

North Vancouver Online Learning (NVOL) provides students with engaging and interactive learning experiences. Students can choose to engage in their NVOL courses entirely remotely online or in a blended model of online and in-person interactions at our NVOL Centre. In addition, students can choose from a full suite of [courses](#) from Grades 8 through 12 in both English and French. Summer support is available July 4 to 15, 2022. See the special announcement on the [NVOL website](#) for details.

The French Immersion online course offerings allow students the opportunity to meet the requirements of their Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique online through L' École Virtuelle de Vancouver nord. Click [HERE](#) for a complete list of our French Immersion course offerings.

Online registration for NVOL is open until June 27; click [HERE](#) for more information.

AFKs' Paradise Valley Summer School of Arts - Registration open

Young artists ages 8-14 will explore their surroundings with artist Annie Canto in the beautiful setting of Paradise Valley. This overnight camp combines outdoor studio adventures, in-depth instruction in collage, drawing and painting, as well as daily recreational activities such as canoeing, hiking, archery and campfire singalongs. Students are taught by B.C. certified art specialist teachers and mentored by an acclaimed Canadian artist. Visit [Artists for Kids](#) for more information and to register.

AFKs' Summer Visual Arts Intensive - Registration open

Students ages 14-18 will explore drawing, painting and printmaking with artist Janet Wang in the beautiful setting of the Gordon Smith Gallery, to develop a body of work throughout the week that can be added to their personal portfolio. Visit [Artists for Kids](#) for more information and to register

Community Initiatives

Housing for All – June 28 and 30

Housing for All is a series of public events hosted in the three North Shore municipalities to bring together a diverse group of community members to learn about housing, affordability and share their ideas. Each event will feature a keynote presentation by an expert in the field of housing followed by facilitated roundtable conversations. For more information and to register for the remaining two sessions, visit [North Shore Community Resources](#).

Walk30 North Vancouver Challenge – until July 10

The first-ever Walk30 Challenge in North Vancouver, sponsored by the City of North Vancouver, TransLink and Better Environmentally Sound Transportation (BEST), encourages people to walk more to improve overall health and wellness, strengthen community connections, and rethink how we get around. Walk30 invites residents to walk at least 30 minutes a day through a 5-week challenge and input their minutes into an online platform. Walk on your own or join a team. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Good News Stories from the NVSD

Visit our [Learn, Share & Grow](#) blog and [News & Announcements](#) to stay informed on the good work that is happening here. *Enjoy!*

- Argyle's Youth & Philanthropy Initiative continues to benefit community ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Kids take over the Vancouver Art Gallery ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Collaborative innovation to build a more sustainable world ([NVSD blog post](#))
- NVSD Elementary Track Meet returns! ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Boundary Elementary's Principal for a Day ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Carson Graham Family of Schools gather to support food literacy ([NVSD blog post](#))
- Happy Pride Month! ([NVSD blog post](#))

- Teen honours North Shore paramedics with vibrant mural ([North Shore News article](#))

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pius Ryan".

Dr. Pius Ryan
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Missed an issue? Updates from the Superintendent, including the bi-weekly Superintendent's Report, are available [HERE](#).

The North Vancouver School District is situated upon the unceded traditional territory of the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation. We would like to thank the Coast Salish people and value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this traditional territory.