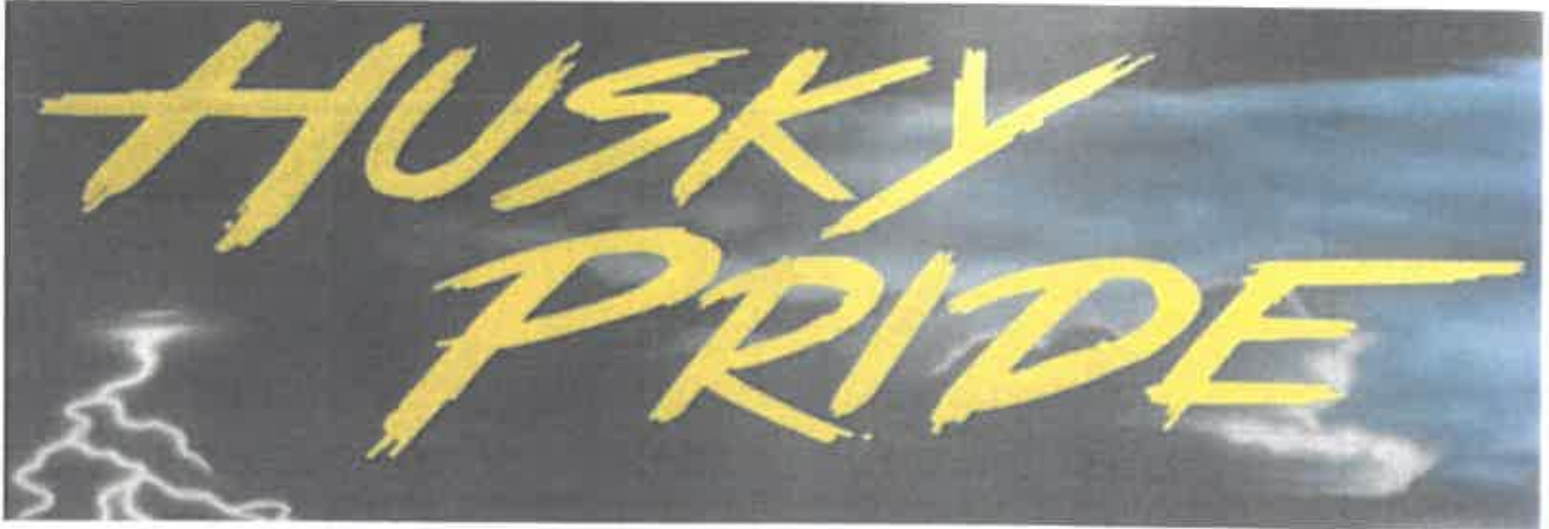


# NORTH DELTA SECONDARY SCHOOL

*"Home of the Huskies"*



**Principal**

Mr. A. Akune (Gr. 12)

**Vice-Principals:**

Mr. K. Dalgetty (Gr.8 &10)

Mr. B. Scarr (Gr. 9 & 11)

**Counsellors:**

Ms. R. Sharma (Gr. 8)

Ms. A. Kalla (Gr. 9, Gr 12 Last Name P-Z)

Ms. F. Cipriano (Gr. 10, Gr. 12 Last Name G-O)

Ms. L. Hughes (Gr. 11, Gr. 12 Last Name A-F)

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## Principal's Message

I hope you and your family enjoyed a safe and relaxing summer. Whether you were travelling, working or attending Summer School, I'm sure it was full of learning. As we approach the end of August and see 'back to school' advertisements popping up, it signals that the new school year is right around the corner. Our new Grade 8 students are anxiously looking forward to entering high school and our Grads of 2020 are excited for their grad year. This newsletter provides important information regarding school startup. On behalf of the entire staff at North Delta, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning students and families. I am looking forward to seeing you in September.

Mr. A. Akune

## Welcome New Husky Staff

I'm excited to announce that when we return to school, some new staff members will be joining us. Please join me in welcoming the following new staff members.

Mr. B. Scarr - Vice-Principal  
Ms. A. Gill - English  
Mr. D. Pinton - English  
Mr. R. Gill - Physical & Health Education, Science, Athletic Director  
Mr. F. Dietrich - Automotive  
Ms. L. Hughes - Counselling  
Ms. A. Kim - Home Economics  
Mr. M. Moon - Physical & Health Education  
Ms. S. Samra - English Language Learning  
Ms. N. Gill - Educational Assistant  
Mr. A. Minichilli - Jr. Supportive Learning

## First Week of School

Students planning to attend ND must be in attendance. Students not in attendance may be removed from the school enrolment or have their courses removed. **Please inform the office if you will be absent during the first week of school.**



## Opening Day - Tuesday, September 3

### Grade 8

8:30am: Arrive in Gymnasium for Opening Day Activities & Grade 8 Class Photo  
10:30am: Welcome Assembly in Theatre  
11:00am: Welcome Back BBQ

### Grade 9 & 10

10:45am: Students attend Block A classes  
11:05am: Welcome Assembly in Theatre  
11:20am: Welcome Back BBQ

### Grade 11

11:10am: Students attend Block A classes  
11:30am: Welcome Assembly in Theatre  
11:45am: Welcome Back BBQ

### Grade 12

11:40am: Students attend Block A classes  
12:00pm: Welcome Assembly in Theatre  
12:15pm: Welcome Back BBQ

*\*Grad lanyards will only be handed out on the first day*

Grade 9-12 students will report to their 'Block A Class' on their schedule. Please check Student/Parent Connect to find out a student's Block A Class, his/her teachers and the assigned room to report to on Opening Day. Student schedules will be viewable on Student/Parent Connect on Friday, August 23rd. Students should bring a pen and paper on opening day.

Starting Wednesday, September 4, students should follow the regular bell schedule as listed below.

**Wednesday, Sept 4 - Day 1**

9:35-10:40am           Block A  
 10:45-11:50am       Block B  
 11:50am-12:30pm    Lunch  
 12:35-1:40pm        Block C  
 1:45-2:50pm         Block D

**Thursday, Sept 5 - Day 2**

8:30-9:40am           Block B  
 9:45-10:25am        Flex  
 10:30-11:40am       Block A  
 11:40am-12:20pm    Lunch  
 12:25-1:35pm        Block D  
 1:40-2:50pm         Block C

**Friday, Sept 6 - Day 1**

8:30-9:40am           Block A  
 9:45-10:25am        Flex  
 10:30-11:40am       Block B  
 11:40am-12:20pm    Lunch  
 12:25-1:35pm        Block C  
 1:40-2:50pm         Block D

**Timetable and Bell Schedule**

ND operates on a semester timetable (Day 1, 2) in which students rotate through four classes each day. Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, students also attend Flex Time in between Periods 1 and 2.

Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri Bell Schedule

		Day 1	Day 2
8:30-9:40am	Period 1	A	B
9:45-10:25am	<i>Flex Time</i>		
10:30-11:40am	Period 2	B	A
11:40am-12:20pm	Lunch		
12:25-1:35pm	Period 3	C	D
1:40-2:50pm	Period 4	D	C



## Collaboration Days

Each Wednesday, ND has embedded regular Collaboration Time into the school calendar. Students begin the day at 9:35am. There is no Flex Time on Wednesdays.

### Wed Bell Schedule

8:30-9:30am	Collaboration Time
9:35-10:40am	Period 1
10:45-11:50am	Period 2
11:50am-12:30pm	Lunch
12:35-1:40pm	Period 3
1:45-2:50pm	Period 4



## Lockers

Lockers will be assigned on Wed, Sept 4 and students are expected to place a lock on their assigned locker the same day. Grade 8 students will be provided a school lock. Students may purchase locks from the school at a cost of \$7.00. Students will be required to provide their locker combination to the school for safety reasons.

## Student Timetables

Student timetables will be posted on Student/Parent Connect On Fri, Aug 23. Students should check their schedules to ensure the following:

- their schedule includes eight courses - four courses in each semester.
- they have successfully completed the prerequisites for each of their courses.
- the sequencing of courses is correct. Students taking two grade levels of the same course, such as French 10 and French 11, should ensure that the lower grade level course is scheduled in Semester One.
- their schedule reflects the completion of any courses completed during Summer School or through Distance Learning.

## Study Block Policy

Grade 8-11 students are required to take 8 courses. Study blocks are not permitted.

Grade 12 students will be provided ONE study block to complete Career Life Connections 12 and their Capstone Project.

## Course Changes

Course change requests made for the following reasons will be given priority:

- a student has an incomplete timetable (less than 8 courses)
- a student has already completed a course listed on his/her timetable
- a student's courses do not satisfy grade level or graduation requirements

Counsellors will assist students in researching post-secondary requirements and do their best to have these requirements included in student programs.

***\*Please note that it is unlikely that any other course change requests will be approved due to class size limitations.***

**\*Students requesting course changes must have a signed letter/email from a parent stating the requested change, the rationale for the request and address it to the appropriate counsellor. Counsellors will be at school starting Aug 26 and students are encouraged to contact their counsellor in advance to schedule an appointment to discuss course changes. Once classes begin, students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and wait for a counsellor to contact them regarding course change requests.**

### **Attendance**

Please phone the school at 604-596-7471 to report a student absence. Students who need to go home due to illness or for other reasons should come to the office to contact a parent/guardian. Office staff will speak with a parent/guardian before students are given permission to go home. If appointments are scheduled during school hours, please send a note with your student. Parents will be contacted by email each day if their student has an unexcused absence.



### **Medical Alerts**

It is critical that parents/guardians of students who have medical conditions complete a Medical Alert Card that is kept on file in the office.

### **Annual Permission Forms**

Delta School District requires annual parent consent for permission forms posted on Parent Connect. The forms listed below have been posted to Parent Connect for you to review and authorize. Please login to Parent Connect, review the notices and select the appropriate response to each form.

- *Personal Information Consent Form*
- *Outside Media in Schools*
- *Electronic Communications*
- *Walking Field Trips Permission*
- *BC Fruits and Vegetables Program*
- *Google Apps for Education*
- *Demographic Information*
- *Student Emergency Release*



Parents/guardians who do not use Parent Connect should call the school at 604-596-7471 to request paper copies of forms. Forms will be made available at the office or can be sent home with a student or in the mail if requested. All forms must be reviewed and returned by Sept 30, 2019.

### **Communication with Families**

Throughout the school year, most of our communication with families is done electronically through our website, email and Parent Connect. **Please ensure you have provided updated:**

- **email addresses**
- **work, home and cell phone numbers**
- **emergency contacts**
- **student emergency release information**



## Student Fees

**Student fees will be collected on Thurs, Oct 17.** Student fees are assessed at the end of September once class changes have been made. Fees can be viewed on Student/Parent Connect. Fees include a basic student fee, an Emergency Preparedness fee and in some cases, students may be assessed a course fee to cover the cost of consumable materials. Students may also choose to purchase optional 'enhancements' that support a course but are not required for course completion. Grade 8 students will also be assessed a 'lock' fee. The purchase of a Yearbook is optional and only students who choose to purchase one will be assessed.



## Grade 8 Information Evening

All Grade 8 students and their families are invited to join us for a 'Welcome Evening' on Tuesday, September 17 from 6:00-7:00pm. The administration will share important school information and offer families an opportunity to ask questions.

## NDSS 'My School Day' App

Instant updates about school news and events will be available on the school app. Students and parents are encouraged to download the NDSS 'My School Day' APP! Please download the app from the App Store. For more information, please visit <https://myschoolday.app/download>



## School Photos

School photographs will be taken on Wed, Sept 11. All students must have their photo taken for their Student I.D. Card and the Yearbook. Students will be able to order photos online from Artona. Retakes will be taken on Thurs, Oct 3.

Grad photos will be taken Jan 24-Feb 2. Grade 12 students will book their grad photo sitting time online directly through Artona.

## Engaging as a Parent/Guardian

We urge parents/guardians to stay engaged with their child's progress at school. Parents can use Parent Connect to monitor student attendance and view report cards. We encourage parents to contact the school when they have questions.

## PAC (Parent Advisory Council)

NDSS PAC meets monthly throughout the school year. The PAC provides feedback and input to the administration, and applies for and allocates gaming funds to support extracurricular programs throughout the school. *The PAC typically does not organize fundraising events.* All parents, especially new Grade 8 parents are invited to join the PAC, meet other interested parents and learn more about the school and recent changes in education in BC. ***The first PAC Meeting of the year is scheduled for Tues, Sept 17 @ 7:00pm.***