



North & South Esk Regional



February 2014

Dear Parents & Guardians

A new term means new beginnings. Our potential grads are getting excited and nervous of the upcoming months; many students are in new courses; and we continue to improve our school. One area that is new for the whole district this term in our District Attendance Policy.

The new policy applies to unacceptable absences of students in grades 9 - 12. The basics of the policy are this:

5 Days missed - Subject teacher calls home.

12 Days missed - Principal meets with student and parent(s).

18 Days missed - Guidance meets with student and makes recommendations to principal.

20 Days missed - Principal may recommend student starts over in the next semester/year or explore other options that would benefit their educational plan.

The full policy can be found on our school website.

Dean Mutch, Principal

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

Cell Phones



Students know that they are not to have cell phones out in the classrooms. Teachers will take the cell phones to the end of the class. Should a student be reluctant to give up their cell phone they will lose for the remainder of the day. I would ask parents to consider this when you decide to text or call your child during instructional hours, you may be getting your child in trouble. Please contact the office if it is an emergency and we will get them out of class to call you.

Thanks for your support with this.

Mr. D. Mutch



EARL DOHERTY MEMORIAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The 19th Annual Earl Doherty Memorial Volleyball Tournament will be held at NSER on Saturday, March 1. Pre-registration will be Friday, February 28 from 6:30 to 8 pm. Registration will be Saturday from 7:30 to 8:15 am. Play will begin at 8:30. The cost is \$15. Teams will be drawn from a hat in men's, women's and co-ed divisions. Come out and enjoy the day and help raise money for the Earl Doherty Memorial Fund.



**REMINDER THAT ALL VISITORS MUST REPORT TO THE OFFICE UPON
ARRIVAL TO THE SCHOOL**



Gym Clothes

7S & 7R - Thursday & Friday
8L - Monday & Wednesday 8M - Monday & Tuesday

All Middle School Students have gym class two days per week. All students must participate in Phys. Ed. and it is important that they come to school with gym clothes. Please remind your son or daughter to bring their clothes.

NSER Car Care



NSER Students provide a car cleaning service. If you would like to have your vehicle cleaned (inside & out) please contact the school to set up an appointment at 836-7000

Grade 7 & 8 Attendance Incentives

As I mentioned in previous newsletters, one of our goals this year is improving attendance. Attendance is vital to student achievement. In grades 9-12 we have an academic incentive however our grades 7 & 8 do not write exams so this incentive doesn't apply. So starting at the beginning of second term we are going to offer an attendance incentive for grades 7 & 8. If a student misses 3 classes or fewer a month they will be given one "high school lunch hour". What this means is, providing we have written permission from a parent/guardian, the child can leave school property to go to the Irving or have the freedom to travel throughout the school and not be in the designated lunch areas. We will be trying this incentive for this coming term and will track the data. Should this be successful we will look at continuing it in the fall.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 17 - No School for Students

February 18 -21 Winter Carnival

February 20 - School Dance

March 3-7 - March Break - No School

April 18-21 - Easter - No School

May 19 - Victoria Day - No School



School Clothing NSER has several T-Shirts for sale at the school office. There are also some items available at the Sunny Corner Irving.

GED CLASSES - GED Classes are being offered at NSER on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. If you have not received your grade 12 diploma now is your chance!

Come check out the class and take the next step in your education! For further information call 210 2679.



At the end of November 40 middle and high school students travelled to Halifax for the Atlantic We Day. The students were busy during the 2 day trip, visiting the Discovery Center, going to an I Max movie, shopping and attending We Day.

We Day was absolutely amazing, especially for the middle school students, who were given reserved, front row seats and they were acknowledged during the event for their efforts towards clean water. The middle school students were asked to stand up at one point of the show and were given high fives from Craig Keilburger himself.

This has definitely inspired the students to want to do more for others. The Middle School We School and the NSER Rotary Interact have set a goal of \$5000 to Adopt a Village in Haiti. Both groups already have fundraisers on the go. The Middle School is doing a Valentine's draw for 5 Dinner's for 2 and the Rotary Interact is doing a 50/50 for \$1000 prize.