



## Welcome to a New School Year at NSH!

We're thrilled to be back and kicking off another amazing year of learning, growth, and community spirit. THANK YOU for your kindness and commitment to our school community! It really is a fantastic place to be!

### What's New & Noteworthy

**New Faces, New Roles!** We've welcomed some fantastic new staff members—say hi when you see them! See [here](#) for our updated staff list.

New Staff: Ms. Shuster (Div. 5), Ms. Janus (Div. 2), Ms. Lutjen (Div. 1, 4, & Prep – Art/Music).

**Our Mission:** Empowering students to become confident, curious, and caring individuals who thrive in their learning, relationships, and community. – We are working hard to ensure our mission and values are embodied in all we do at North Shu!

**Core Values in Action:** Belonging, Respect, Reconciliation, Empathy, Equity, and Perseverance are guiding everything we do—from Spirit Assemblies to daily announcements, we are working hard to help you to raise amazing humans.

**Reset Room & Behaviour Expectations:** We're building a positive school culture with clear expectations and support systems. Classroom visits have been taking place this week to review our school Code of Conduct. Please review it in your child's planner.

**Volleyball and more:** Our sports are getting organized and ready to rumble. Thank you to our amazing staff. If you would like to volunteer to support sports at NSH, please contact the office. *Go, Cougars!*

### Thank You, PAC! Thank you, Community!

Huge thanks to the PAC for working on sprucing up our Gaga pit—a student favourite! We're planning field trips (swimming, skating, winter rec., and



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more) and fundraisers and we're thankful for the support of our hardworking, caring PAC and our supportive, generous community for contributing so much again this year. You really do make a huge difference!

As a parent/community member, if you plan to volunteer this year, you **MUST** have an up-to-date criminal record check (this is for field trips as well as classroom supports). Please see Titch in the office for more information.



### **Upcoming Events (Check the website for on-going calendar updates)**

Spirit Assembly: Tuesday, Sept. 16

Terry Fox Run: Friday, Sept. 19 (afternoon)

Orange Shirt Day in-school activities: Friday, September 26

Pro-D Day (No school for students): Monday, September 29

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (No school - STAT): Tuesday, September 30

**Photo Day: 📷 Monday, Oct. 6**



### **Staff Learning**

Our team is diving into a host of extra professional development this fall—POPEY, Building Thinking Classrooms (numeracy), UFLI (early literacy), and more—to better support your children. We are looking forward to our first Pro-D day of the year on September 29<sup>th</sup>.



### **Reminders**

- Attendance: Please inform the school if your child will be away.
- Volunteering & Driving: Criminal Record Checks are required—see Titch in the office early!
- Forms & Fees: A huge thank you to all who returned them promptly. Please see the office if you could use some support with fees this year.
- Non-marking Shoes: Essential for gym use and a requirement indoors. Please ensure you are helping us keep the halls & gym looking amazing!
- Food & Planners: Check planners for key info, signing them regularly. These are your quick and easy home/teacher communication tool! Please



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ensure your child(ren) has healthy snacks for school and a nutritious lunch. We recommend water as their first hydration choice.

- Website: Visit [here](#) for general updates and important dates. – New district website format coming sometime soon.



### **Welcome!**

We are so happy to be back and learning together! Please don't hesitate to reach out should you have any questions, concerns, or bright ideas! We'd love to hear from you!

*"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." - Coretta Scott King*