

OCTOBER 2024

# Northland Online School Newsletter

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Hello Students, Parents, and Guardians,

We had a very productive and busy month in the Northland Online School! We invite all families to attend our next School Council Establishment Meeting. Please reach out to myself or your students teachers if you have any questions or concerns. Students, keep up the great work!

**Mark Burke**

Principal

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780-594-2017

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# October Calendars



## October 2024

**K-9 Calendar**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Leadership Club	3	4	5 Native American Day
6	7 Awards Assembly 12:35	8	9 Leadership Club	10 Yoga with Ms. J 11:20	11	12
13 Pumpkin	14 Thanksgiving No School	15	16 Leadership Club	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Early Dismissal 12:05	24 PD Days - No Classes	25	26
27	28	29	30 Leadership Club	31 Halloween	Nov. 1 Métis Proclamation Day - No School	

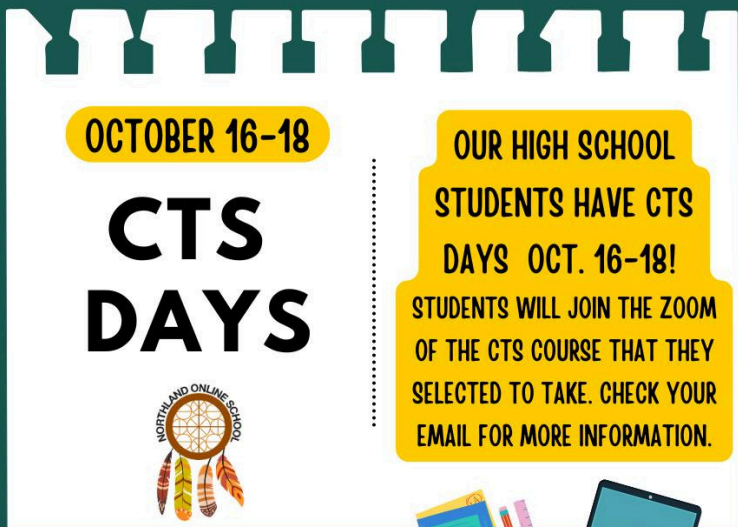
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## NORTHLAND ONLINE SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	7	1 Parent Council Meeting 5pm-6pm Vibe Club 3:30pm-4:15pm	2	3	4	5 World Teachers Day!
13 Pie	14 High School Assembly 11:20am	8 Vibe Club 3:30pm-4:15pm	9	10 World Mental Health Day	11	12 Pumpkins
20	21 No School	15 Vibe Club 3:30pm-4:15pm	16	17 High School CTS Days	18	19
27 Dreamcatcher	28 High School Assembly 11:20am	22 Vibe Club 3:30pm-4:15pm	23 Early Dismissal at Lunch	24	25 No School - Staff Professional Development Days	26
27 Pumpkin	28 Pumpkin Carving Challenge this Week!	29 Vibe Club 3:30pm-4:15pm	30 Ghost	31 HALLOWEEN Halloween Costume Contest at 11:20am	November 1 Métis Proclamation Day No School	School Contact: Mark Burke Principal 780-783-1317



# October Events / Important Dates





# High School Programming



In the Northland Online School, we have three different learning streams that the students can choose from:

## Synchronous

Communication occurs in real time



- Student attends classes via zoom daily
- Immediate feedback loop
- More responsive interaction

## Asynchronous

Communication occurs at different times



- Student works at their own pace
- More think time
- More flexibility for communication
- Support during teacher office hours

## Hybrid

Communication occurs Synchronously via Northland "Learning Hubs"



- Student attends synchronous classes via zoom daily
- Learn in your community via learning space in NSD school
- EA support for learners


## School Clubs



Join us every Tuesday to draw, play games, & hang out!

# High School "vibe club"

Every Tuesday  
3:30pm - 4:15pm  
Ms. Dagenais' Zoom





# LEADERSHIP CLUB

DO YOU WANT TO HELP OUR SCHOOL?

- WANT TO PLAN...
- THEME DAYS
- SCHOOL JOKE BOOK
- HELP OTHER CLASSES

Join Ms Tara in the Whole School Meet Wednesday's at Lunch Time 12:05-12:35



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# School Council Establishment Meeting

**Next Meeting Date: November 27th**

**Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm**

**Location: Whole School Meet Zoom**

**Zoom link will be emailed out to all families prior to the meeting**

School councils are an important forum through which members of school communities play an advisory role in school improvement planning. Key factors in collaborative relationships are building meaningful, two-way communication and supporting respectful interactions among education partners. School council is a structured group of parents, principals, teachers, secondary students and community representatives whose purpose is to advise the principal and the school board regarding matters relating to the school. It is a means for parents and community members to work together with the school to support and enhance student learning. Respectful discussion is always encouraged.

## Gift Card Prizes

Each PAC meeting we do a draw with all attendees names for two gift cards!



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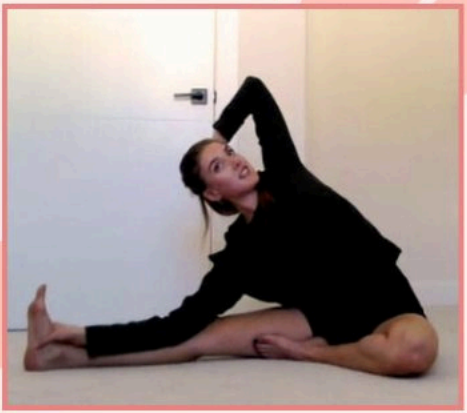


## World Mental Health Day

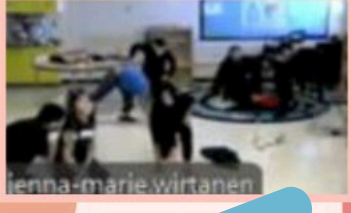
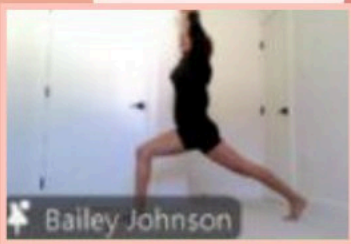


# Yoga

WITH  
MS. JOHNSON



For World Mental Health Day, Ms. Johnson did a yoga mindful practice with students and staff from the Northland Online School and across our division! Thank you so much, Ms. Johnson, for this wonderful yoga practice today, we all really enjoyed it!



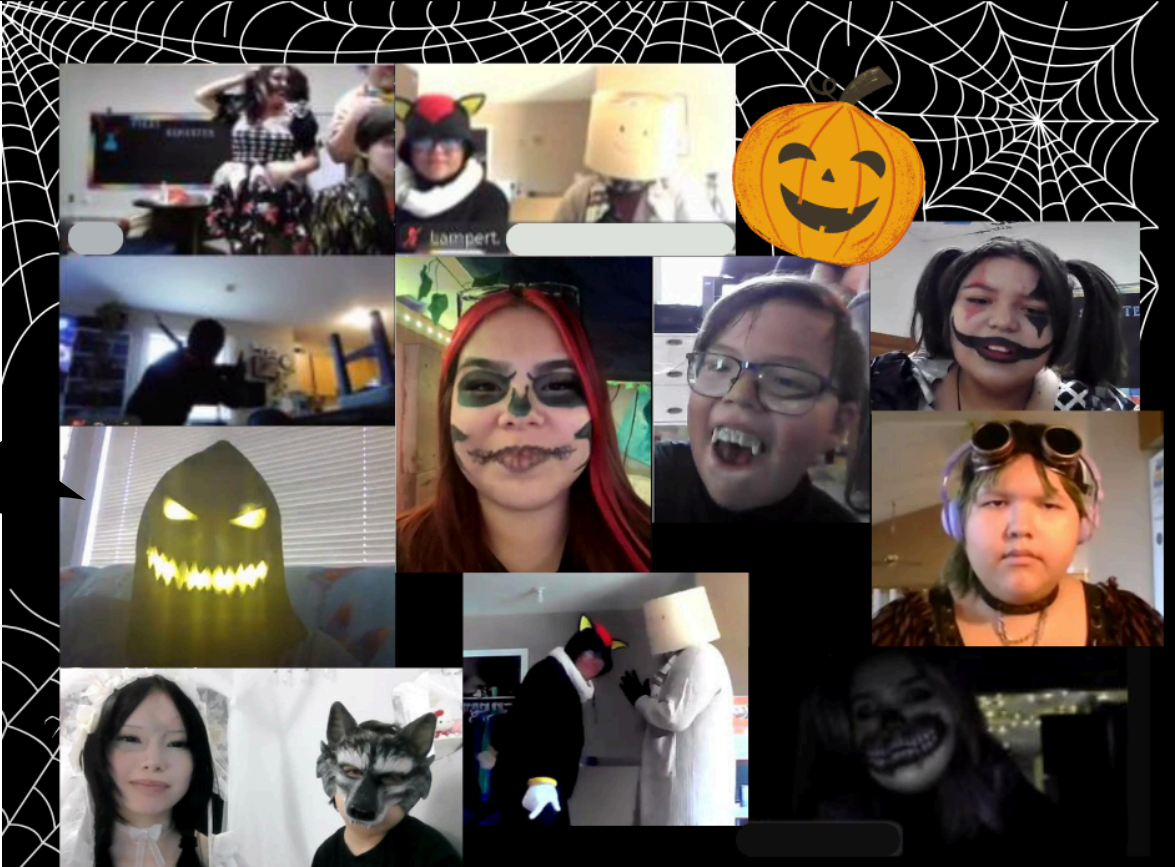
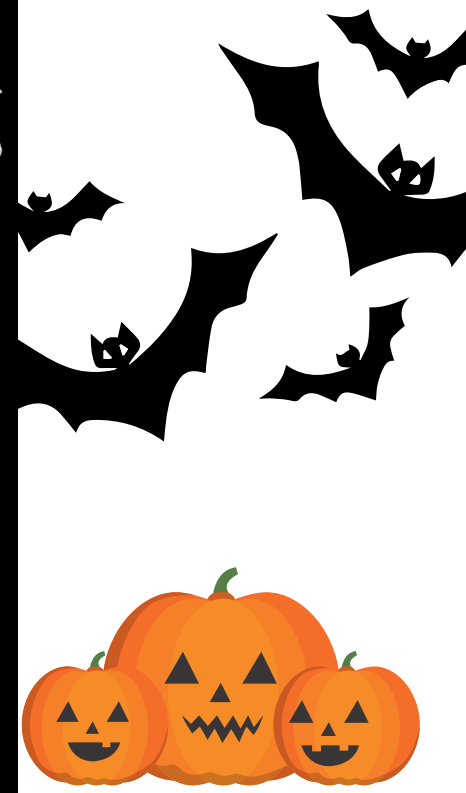
Our high school students at Grouard Northland School are having a great week in their CTS Coding course alongside students from Gift Lake School! A huge thank you to the instructors, Mr. Bourque and Mr. Murphy, who are instructing on computer programming!



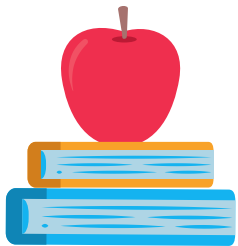
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# Northland Online School Staff



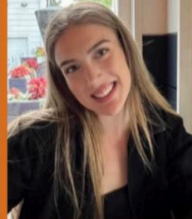
## K-9 Staff



**K-5**  
Mrs. Twidale




**6/7**  
Mr. Bourque




**Grade 8**  
Ms. Johnson



**Grade 9**  
Miss Tara



**Cree**  
Mrs. Supernault



Ms. Feddema

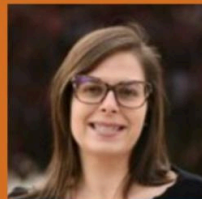
## Grade 10-12 Staff




**Socials & Options**  
Mrs. Rothwell



**ELA & Options**  
Ms. Dagenais




**Socials & Options**  
Ms. Cripps



**Math & Science**  
Academic Counsellor  
Mrs. Daly

## Supporting Teachers



Ms. Rombonzrus



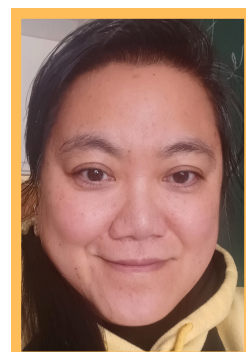
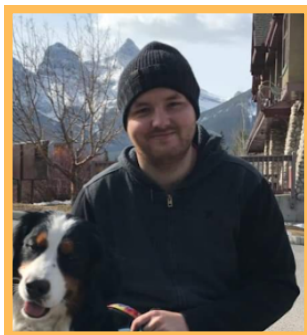
Mr. Szott

**Principal**  
Mark Burke

**Secretary**  
Toby Clements

**Education Assistant & School Liaison**  
Angie Steil

**Education Assistant**  
Sophia Bourque





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# Division Announcements

## Organizational Meeting Update Board Chair & Vice Chair Election Results



**Tanya Fayant, Board Chair**



**Robin Guild, Vice Chair**



We are pleased to announce that Tanya Fayant has been elected as the new Board Chair for Northland School Division (NSD)! Tanya previously served as Vice-Chair and is looking forward to taking on this leadership role.

NSD is also excited to share that Robin Guild will now serve as Vice-Chair. Robin, who has been with the Board of Trustees since 2017 and previously served as Board Chair, brings a wealth of experience to the role.

For more information about Tanya and Robin, please visit our website: [nsd61.ca/governance/board-of-trustees-2](https://nsd61.ca/governance/board-of-trustees-2).

The election for Board Chair and Vice Chair took place during the Organizational Meeting on September 28, 2024.

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# Division Announcements



## Northland School Division's 2025 Pink Shirt Day Logo Contest is OPEN!

### Prizes

- **1st place:** Design featured on the 2025 Pink Shirt Day shirt
- **Honourable Mentions:** Northland School Division backpack

### How to submit

Scan-email your design to [curtis.walty@nsd61.ca](mailto:curtis.walty@nsd61.ca) with your full name, school and grade.

### Deadline

Submit by **Friday, November 15, 2024.**

### Guidelines

- Design in black on white 8.5 x 11 paper.
- Include an anti-bullying slogan (optional)
- Keep it simple, clear and legible (logo, not a poster)
- Original designs only, no copyrighted images.

### Bullying Stops Here

Together we can make a difference



**The 2024-2025 Pink Shirt Day Logo Contest is OPEN!**  
Northland students, show off your creativity! Submit a design for our 2024-2025 Pink Shirt Day shirts, with an anti-bullying theme.

**1st Place:** Your design featured on the official 2024-2025 shirt

**Honourable Mentions:** NSD Backpack

**Details are in the image below!**

**Deadline: November 15, 2024.**

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## Have Your Say!

We would love to hear from you! Please let us know if you have any questions or thoughts about anything going on at the school. Please send us an email at [mark.burke@nsd61.ca](mailto:mark.burke@nsd61.ca), or fill in the page below and email it back to Mark Burke!

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**Insert Name and Contact Information  
(If you would like a response)**

**Name:**

**Phone Number:**

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