

January

2025

Northland Online School Newsletter

Newsletter Highlights



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Happy New Year! We hope that our students and families had a restful Holiday Break filled with amazing memories with family!

January brings the end of Semester 1 for high schools students. Please find the Final Exam and Diploma schedule - good luck to our high school students on finishing their courses and on their exams! You've got this!

We hope that all of our students and families have a wonderful start to the New Year!

Mark Burke

Principal

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*Happy
New Year*

Principal's Message

January Calendar &
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High School Exam &
Diploma Schedule

Grade 9 & High School
Asynchronous Program
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Have Your Say!



January

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2025

**January Challenge-
Decorate a snowman-
real or digital**

K-9 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <small>New Years Day</small>	2	3	4
	Christmas Holidays				
5	6 <small>Sports Club 12:35</small>	7	8	9 <small>Awards Assembly 12:35</small>	10
11	12	13 <small>Sports Club 12:35</small>	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 <small>Sports Club 12:35</small>	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 <small>Sports Club 12:35</small>	28
29	30 <small>Early Dismissal 12:05</small>	31 <small>PD Day- No School</small>			

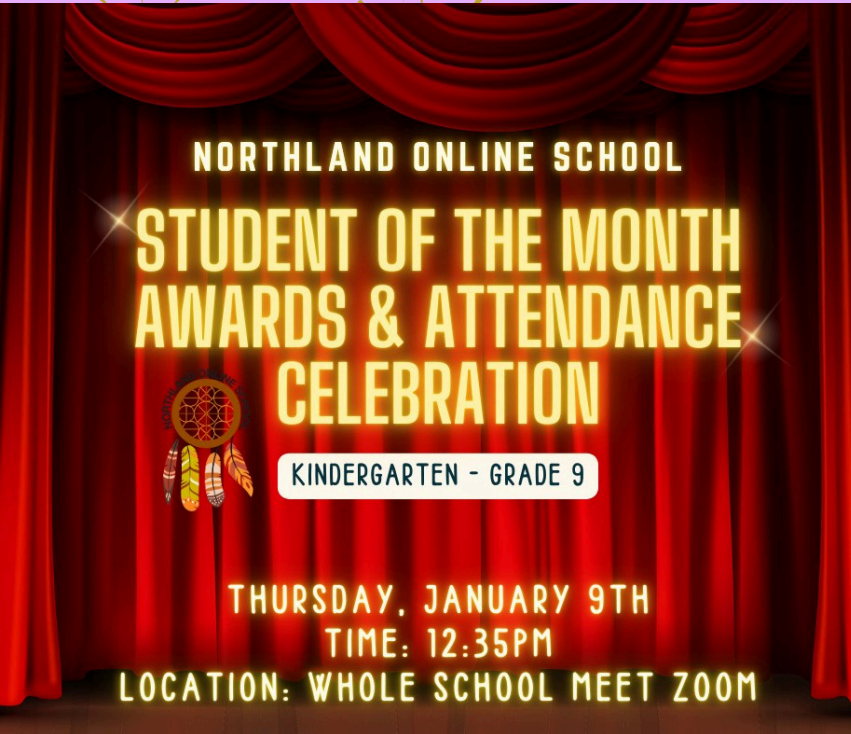
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NORTHLAND ONLINE SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 <i>Happy New Year</i>	6 <small>High School Assembly 11:20am</small> <small>Sports Club 12:05pm-12:35pm</small>	7 <small>Vibe Club 3:30pm-4:15pm</small>	8	9	10	11
12	13 <small>Sports Club 12:05pm-12:35pm</small>	14 <small>Part A ELA Diploma 30-1 & -2</small> <small>Vibe Club 3:30pm-4:15pm</small>	15 <small>Part A Social Diploma 30-1 & -2</small>	16	17 <small>Last Day to Submit Semester 1 Assignments</small>	18
19 <small>High School Exam Week: January 20-24 No Regular Classes</small>	20 <small>Part B ELA Diploma 30-1 & -2</small> <small>Part A Social Exam (Written) 10 and 20 Levels</small>	21 <small>Part B Social Diploma 30-1 & -2</small>	22 <small>Math Exam 10 and 20 levels</small>	23 <small>Math Exam 30-3</small>	24 <small>Part B Social Exam (Multiple Choice) 10 and 20 Levels</small>	25
26	27	28	29 <small>Principal Advisory Committee Meeting 5:00pm - 6:00pm</small>	30 <small>Report Cards Sent Home</small> <small>Early Dismissal at Lunch:</small> <small>Staff Meeting in PM</small>	31 <small>Staff PD Day</small> <small>No School for Students</small>	February 1
February 2	3 <small>High School Assembly 11:20am</small> <small>Sports Club 12:05pm-12:35pm</small> First Day of Semester 2	4 <small>Vibe Club 3:30pm-4:15pm</small>	School Contact: Mark Burke Principal 780-783-1317		Diploma Schedule: ELA 30-1/-2: January 14 & 20 Social 30-1/30-2: January 15 & 21	

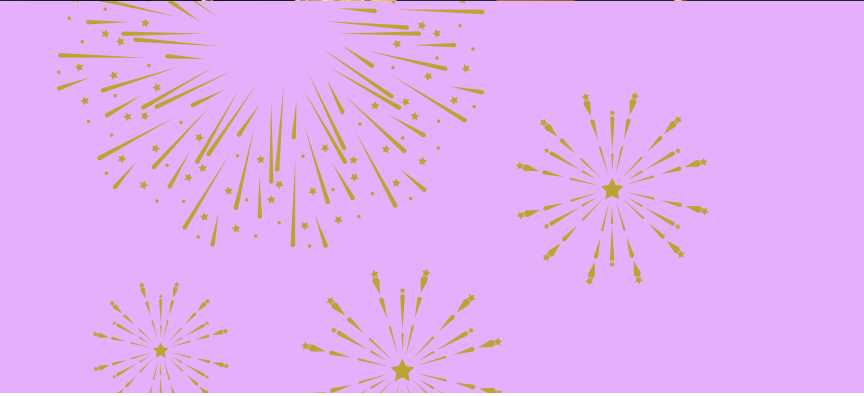


Events / Important Dates





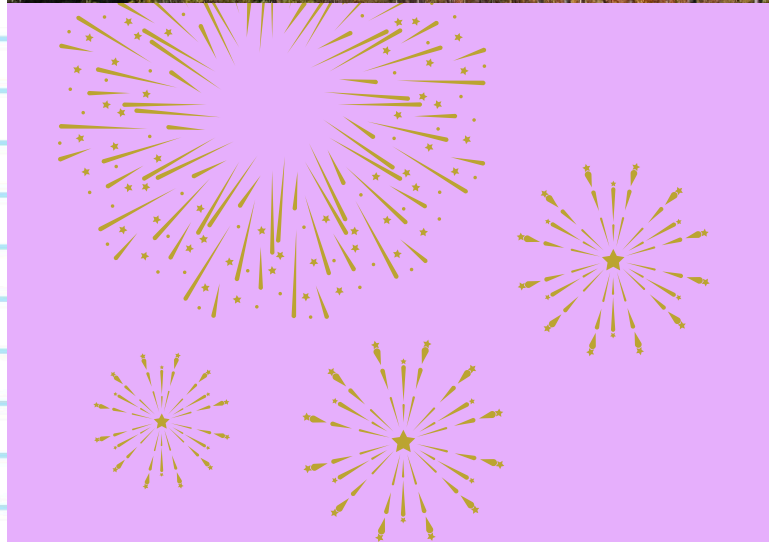
Grad Meeting
TODAY
 Thursday, January 16th
 11:20am
 Ms. Dagenais' Zoom



Important Reminder

No School for Students on **Friday, January 31, 2025**. Staff are participating in division-wide professional learning.




Classes resume on **Monday, February 3rd**.

PRINCIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 29th
 5:00pm - 6:00pm
 Location: Whole School Meet Zoom

Everyone that attends will be entered into a draw for a gift card prize!

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High School Exam & Diploma Schedule



Northland Online School

High School Exam Schedule



Tues. Jan 14

Part A ELA
Diploma
30-1 & 30-2

Wed. Jan 15

Part A Social
Diploma
30-1 & 30-2

Mon. Jan 20

Part A Social Exam
(Written)
10 and 20 Levels
&
Part B ELA Diploma
30-1 & 30-2

Tues. Jan 21

Part B Social
Diploma
30-1 & 30-2

Wed. Jan 22

Math Exam
10 and
20 levels

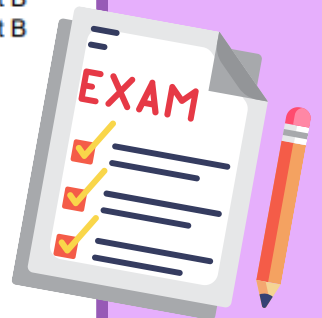
Thur. Jan 23

Math Exam
30-3

Fri. Jan 24

Part B Social
Exam (Multiple
Choice)
10 and 20 Levels

Monday, Jan. 13	9 AM–12 PM	Français 30–1 Partie A* French Language Arts 30–1 Partie A*
Tuesday, Jan. 14	9 AM–12 PM	English Language Arts 30–1 Part A* English Language Arts 30–2 Part A*
Wednesday, Jan. 15	9 AM–12 PM 9 AM–11:30 AM	Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) A* Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) A*
Thursday, Jan. 16	9 AM–12 PM	Français 30–1 Partie B French Language Arts 30–1 Partie B
Friday, Jan. 17	9 AM–12 PM	Mathematics 30–1 Mathematics 30–2
Monday, Jan. 20	9 AM–12 PM	English Language Arts 30–1 Part B English Language Arts 30–2 Part B
Tuesday, Jan. 21	9 AM–11:30 AM	Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) B Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) B
Wednesday, Jan. 22	9 AM–12 PM	Biology 30
Thursday, Jan. 23	9 AM–12 PM	Chemistry 30
Friday, Jan. 24	9 AM–12 PM	Physics 30
Monday, Jan. 27	9 AM–12 PM	Science 30





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

Grade 9 Asynchronous Program

Starting January 6th 2025, Grade 9 students looking for a more flexible learning program have the opportunity to join our Grade 9 Asynchronous program with Miss Tara!



- Independent flexible learning time
- Optional daily live zoom sessions for core courses with Miss Tara
- Daily office hours with Miss Tara

Please reach out to Mark or Tessa if you would be interested in transitioning into our Grade 9 Asynchronous Program

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



High School students
can join Ms. Dagenais'
every Tuesday to
hang out and eat
lunch together!



All students are invited
to join Mrs. Rothwell
every Monday at lunch
to talk everything
sports!

NORTHLAND ONLINE SCHOOL

NOS KNOWS SPORT

TALK IT! WATCH IT! PLAY IT!

MONDAY @ LUNCH
K-12 | 12:05-12:35
MRS. ROTHWELL'S ZOOM

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Parent Advisory Committee Meeting



Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 29th

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!



Division Announcements



Join us for webinars focused on language revitalization efforts!

Hosted by Elder Virginia Cardinal



February 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2025



Thursdays 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Online via Zoom



Scan the QR code to attend the webinars!



NSD webinar series highlights language revitalization efforts. Northland School Division is hosting a webinar series throughout February, featuring Elder Virginia Cardinal, who will share Atayohkewin (the telling of legends). Dates: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025. Online via Zoom



Northland School Division, in partnership with Alberta Education, post-secondary institutions, and industry, is excited to offer dual credit opportunities for high school students!

These programs allow Northland students to earn both high school and post-secondary credits at the same time, giving them a head start on their future.

Deadline to register for winter offerings: January 24, 2025
How to register: Students can register through their school.

DUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NORTHLAND STUDENTS



Earn high school and post-secondary credits at the same time!



Gain a head start on your education and career!



Register by January 24, 2025! To register, contact your school principal or career counsellor.

Scan the QR code to view the Dual Credit Opportunities!



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Staff Contacts

K-9

K-5 Teacher: Amanda Twidale: amanda.twidale@nsd61.ca

Grade 6/7 Teacher: Jaeda Feddema: jaeda.feddema@nsd61.ca

Grade 8 Teacher: Bailey Johnson: bailey.johnson@nsd61.ca

Grade 8 Teacher: Dawn Steil: dawn.steil@nsd61.ca

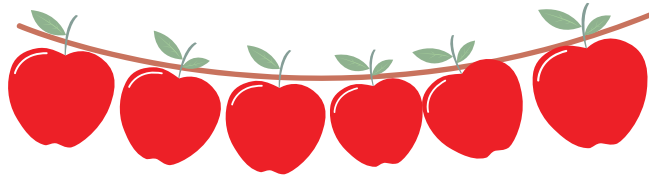
Grade 9 Teacher: Brandon Szott: brandon.szott@nsd61.ca

Grade 9 Async. Program Teacher: Tara Johnston: tara.johnston@nsd61.ca

Cree Language Teacher: Sherill Supernault: sherrill.supernaul@nsd61.ca

K-5 Educational Assistant & School Liaison: Angie Steil: angie.steil@nsd61.ca

K-12 Educational Assistant: Sophia Bourque: sophia.bourque@nsd61.ca



Grade 10-12

High School Teacher: Rachel Cripps: rachel.cripps@nsd61.ca

High School Teacher: Darla Daly: darla.daly@nsd61.ca

High School Teacher: Julie Rothwell: julia.rothwell@nsd61.ca

High School Teacher: Dawn Steil: dawn.steil@nsd61.ca

Secretary: Toby Clements: toby.clements@nsd61.ca

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Principal: Mark Burke: mark.burke@nsd61.ca



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Staff Changes

Beginning January 6th, the Northland Online School will implement changes to its Junior High teaching staff to better support student needs amid ongoing growth. These specific details regarding the new teacher assignments and their roles are being communicated to parents and students to ensure a smooth transition and continued educational excellence.

Grade 6/7

Jaeda Feddema will be the grade 6/7 Homeroom teacher. Jaeda brings valuable experience to her new role as the grade 6/7 homeroom teacher, having taught virtually at Conklin Community School and supported the Grade 9 class at Northland Online School since November.

Grade 8

Bailey Johnson will continue teaching grade 8 Math, Science and Physical Education K-9, while adding a High School Yoga class in the second semester. Dawn Steil, who joined the Northland Online School in early November, will teach grade 8 ELA and Social Studies, along with a High School Media course. Bailey and Dawn's collaboration will create a dynamic and engaging learning atmosphere for our Grade 8 students.

Grade 9

We are excited to welcome Brandon Szott as the new grade 9 homeroom teacher at Northland Online School. Having joined our team in September 2024 and provided invaluable support to Gift Lake School until December, Brandon is well-prepared for this new role. Let's extend a warm welcome to him as he transitions into our community!

Grade 9 Asynchronous Program

We are thrilled to introduce our Grade 9 Asynchronous Learning Program starting on January 6th, with Tara Johnson as the instructor. This program aims to provide flexible learning tailored to our students' needs.

We want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to James Bourque for his invaluable contributions to Northland Online School since its inception in August 2021. His hard work, dedication, and passion for our students have been instrumental in the growth and success of our school. As he transitions to Gift Lake School to teach in person starting January 6th, we wish him all the best in this new chapter of his career!

Meet the Northland Online School Liaison Worker

ANGIE STEIL

Hello, this is my 15th year with Northland School Division. I'm starting a new journey with the Online School team, and I'm so excited to help families learn and stay connected.



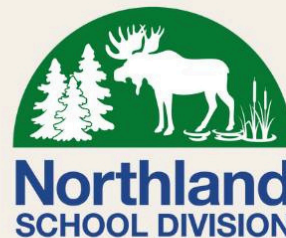
POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS:

*I AM A GOOD STUDENT
I AM READY TO LEARN
I LEARN FROM MY MISTAKES
I AM PROUD TO BE MYSELF*

WHAT DOES A LIAISON WORKER DO?

FAMILY SCHOOL LIAISON WORKERS FACILITATE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE HOME, SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT, AND COMMUNITY.

- HELPING ALL STUDENTS FEEL SAFE AND WELCOME IN THE SCHOOL.
- CONNECTING WITH STUDENTS AROUND ATTENDANCE AND ENGAGEMENT AT SCHOOL.
- CONNECTING FAMILIES WITH THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY



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Phone #: 780-215-7706

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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, 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:

Email: