North Saanich Middle School

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Welcome to Grade 5 Students and Parents:

I hope your family is staying healthy and safe during this difficult time. Although this year's grade 5 transition from elementary to middle school will look different, we still wanted to start making connections with our future Grade 6 students and their parents. We want to begin by welcoming you to our school community. We are very excited about having your children attend NSMS next year. Our transition activities are provided to make your child's entry into North Saanich Middle School a smooth one. Below is some information to start:

- **School Visit and Parent Night** - On May 7, 2020, we will send you a follow-up email with details on how we will either virtually or physically hold these events. Please look for this in an upcoming email.
- **Class Placement for next year** - Class placement decisions are complicated and are given a great deal of thought and process. Factors of most influence are intellectual strengths, learning needs, number of students per class, social/emotional needs and addressing any learning challenges. ***Parents can provide input by emailing their child's current teacher as they will be building the classes in May***. Parents are also welcome to submit an email to me at krussell@saanichschools.ca by May 8, 2020, about their child's specific learning needs and style. This email should not indicate specific teacher preferences. All input we receive is used to place your child in the class that gives them the best chance for success.
- **Grade 6 Band Registration** - If your child is interested in being part of the NSMS band, please complete the attached google form. Click this link. If you have difficulty with this form, please email Mrs. Tamburino at jtamburino@saanichschools.ca - Please complete by May 22, 2020.

- North Saanich Website - Please check out our website to see information about our school. Specifically, check out the NSMS Virtual Clubs that we have running to continue to connect and engage students and the Hawks on 3 video that highlights our staff message to our students. https://northsaanich.sd63.bc.ca/

We are excited about the 2020 - 2021 school year, and we are looking forward to meeting you and your children! Stay safe, and we will find ways to help make the transition as smooth as possible under the current situation.

Sincerely,

Kal Russell
Principal