

Welcome to Div 11!



My name is Mrs. Jones, and I am so excited to be back teaching 6/7 this year! I have been at North Saanich for 25 years, but each one brings new challenges, fresh opportunities, and a chance to grow alongside my students—and that's what keeps me inspired.

One of the things I value most about teaching is meeting students exactly where they are. Everyone learns in different ways and at different paces, and I believe that with the right support, encouragement, and effort, every student can grow and succeed. Just as importantly, I believe school should be a place where you feel safe, respected, and connected. Building strong relationships with my students and creating a classroom community where everyone feels like they belong is something I take very seriously.

Of course, I also believe learning should be fun! Yes, we will work hard this year, but we will also laugh, celebrate successes, and enjoy the journey together. My hope is that by the end of the year, you'll not only have learned new skills and knowledge, but you'll also feel more confident, curious, and ready to take on new challenges.

Get ready – it's time to be more **AWESOME!**

The following is some general information about some of the routines that we will have in Div 11 throughout the year. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at mjones@saanichschools.ca or you can text me at 250-213-8271.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

In addition to the school supplies list provided by the school, **Division 11 students will need:**

- **1 – 1" binder**
- **3 coil notebooks**
- ... supplies may need to be replenished throughout the year.

AGENDA:

Students will keep a weekly To Do list in their binders. Please feel free to ask your student to share this with you. In addition, students are encouraged to check our class website EVERY DAY – making it a daily routine (after school, before dinner, etc.) will help students stay up-to-date and organized. I will be posting assignments, due dates, assessment dates and much more.

<https://sites.google.com/sd63.bc.ca/div-11/home>

TO-DO LIST/TEAM AWESOME:

At the beginning of each week, students are given a **To-Do List** of assignments and tasks they are responsible for completing during the week. Students will have everything they need to complete their list by Wednesday, and assignments are due the following Monday. This approach recognizes that families are busy and homework is not possible every night. It also teaches students organization and time-management skills they can take with them into high school and life! Most students who use their class time effectively are able to finish by Friday and enjoy a homework-free weekend.

Team Awesome is a way to motivate students to complete their weekly work and acknowledge their efforts. Students who complete their To-Do list by 3:30 on Monday are on Team Awesome for the previous week. Each week is a fresh start, and I encourage students to “keep up before you catch up”. While Team Awesome has proved to be a motivational tool for many students, occasionally, students (and parents) get stressed about it. This is definitely not my intention, so if this is happening at your house, please reach out to me so we can work together to resolve any issues.

“HOMEWORK” - PRACTICE:

Students should be able to finish their assignments during school time, and therefore, I will not be assigning formal homework. If students do not use their class time wisely, they may have to bring work home to complete. **I encourage all students to play, be active, and engage in face-to-face (not online) conversations as part of their nightly routine.**

A weekly, math '**skill builder**' may be brought home to be completed (if not finished during advisory). These skill builders are meant to provide students with extra practice with basic math skills. **Students who are not yet confident with multiplication facts up to 12 should practise for at least 5 minutes, several times per week.**

**Students are encouraged to practice, study, review and/or read
for at least 20 mins in the evening whenever possible.**

Water bottles:

I encourage students to bring a reusable water bottle to school each day. Brain science reminds us how important water is for growing a healthy brain!

Technology:

If students bring devices to school, they need to remain locked in their lockers for the duration of the day. This includes break times. They will need to have them put away when entering and exiting the building. They are not able to check their messages at recess or lunch.

Since students will not have access to their devices during the day, please call the school office if you need to get a message to your child. Students who need to contact parents during the day can request to use the office phone during breaks or ask their teacher for permission to send a message.

Staying Informed:

There are two main places to look for information about what's happening in Div. 11:

Class Webpage: Here you can find news & reminders, the weekly To-Do list, class timetable, resources and more. Please bookmark this page for easy reference.

<https://sites.google.com/sd63.bc.ca/div-11/home>

Google Classroom/Brightspace: As I attempt to minimize the number of platforms used to share information, I will be experimenting to see which best meets our needs. More information to follow.

For Additional School Info:

School Website: <https://northsaanich.saanichschools.ca/>

Athletics Information:

<https://sites.google.com/sd63.bc.ca/nsms-athletics/home>

Div 11 Class Schedule: 2025 - 2026

DIV 11	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Warning Bell 9:00					
ADVISORY 9:05 - 9:38	Room 213	Room 213	Room 213	Room 213	Room 213
BLOCK 1 9:38 - 10:45	LITERACY	LITERACY	LITERACY	FRENCH Mme. Bowes	FRENCH Mme. Bowes
BLOCK 2 10:45 - 11:52	PHE	FAAS	PHE	FAAS	FAAS
LUNCH 11:52 - 12:07 12:07 - 12:34					
BLOCK 3 12:37 - 1:44	MATH	MATH	MATH	MATH	PHE
RECESS 1:44 - 1:59	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS
BLOCK 4 2:01 - 3:08	CORE	CORE	CORE	CORE	MATH/FLEX

FAAS ROTATIONS

Rotation 1	Rotation 2	Rotation 3	Rotation 4
Home Ec (Mr. Davies)	Art (Mr. Davies)	Wood (Mr. Barker)	Drama (Ms. Pomphrey)