



## North Saanich Middle School

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Welcome, Grade 5 Students and Parents/Guardians:

We are excited to have your child join our North Saanich Middle School learning community in September. This is the time of year when we begin making connections with our future Grade 6 students and their parents. Here is the link to the [North Saanich Middle School Grade 5 Transition Process](#) that has the important dates you will need regarding our North Saanich Middle School Grade 5 Transition Process for 2025. 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:

- **NSMS Student Tours (in-person)** - On **Thursday, April 30, 2026**, we will welcome our future Grade 6 Hawks to NSMS to learn what life at NSMS looks like. We will share more information closer to this date.
- **Virtual Parent Question and Answer Night** - On **Thursday, April 30, 2026**, on MS TEAMS, we will host a Virtual Parent Question and Answer Night from 6:00 to 7:00 ([EVENT LINK](#)). NSMS staff will share important information and be available to answer your questions about our school. Please watch for a follow-up email closer to the date with more information. Multi-age classrooms are an important part of our philosophy, and this [video](#) explains how we use them to support student learning.
- **NSMS Open House** - On **June 2, 2026**, we will host an Open House from 4:00-5:00 pm. Current Grade 6 students will be available to provide guided tours. The

classrooms, gym, and Fine Arts and Applied Skills areas will be open for you to see. Members from our PAC will also be available to answer questions.

- **Class Placement for next year** - Class placement decisions are complicated, and we consider a variety of factors, including strengths, learning style, individual needs, and friendships. **Parents can provide input by emailing their child's current teacher.** Alternatively, parents are also welcome to email me at [dmark@saanichschools.ca](mailto:dmark@saanichschools.ca) by **May 1, 2026**. This email should make requests regarding individual learning styles and needs, and not indicate specific teacher preferences. All input we receive is used to provide your child with the best placement possible.
- **Grade 6 Band Registration** - Our band teacher, Ms. Cristina Sousa, will share an introductory video directly with you. If your child is interested in being part of the NSMS band, please complete this [Google Form](#). (If you have difficulty with this form, please email Ms. Jessica Tamburino at [jtamburino@saanichschools.ca](mailto:jtamburino@saanichschools.ca).) Please contact Ms. Sousa at [csousa@saanichschools.ca](mailto:csousa@saanichschools.ca) if you have any specific band questions.
- **NSMS Website** - Please check our [website](#) for more information about our school.

We are excited about the 2026 - 2027 school year and look forward to meeting you and your child!

Sincerely,

David Mark  
Principal