

# NOTEBOOK

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2020 NVTA TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

It has been a disrupted year for our 2020 graduates. Administration, staff, students and parents had to reimagine grad celebrations under COVID-19 restrictions in order to ensure this year's graduates could still celebrate a memorable, albeit different, milestone moment.

The NVTA is pleased to be one small constant in this chaotic year, as we award this year's NVTA Teacher Education Scholarship to the following recipients:

Elisha Watts (Argyle), Madaline Robathan (Carson Graham), Hannah Godin (Mountainside), Aidan Siemens (Seycove), Meena Beck (Sutherland), and Andrew Martin (Windsor).

Our warmest congratulations to all the recipients!

## ADMIN DAY REMINDER

**This is a reminder that Friday, June 26 is an Admin day that ends at noon. This ensures that the total amount of instructional minutes of all NVTA members is correct for the year. There should be no pressure applied by admin for you to stay past noon. If you do encounter such pressure, please do not hesitate to contact us at the NVTA.**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING NVTA PRESIDENT

Who could have possibly predicted on September 3, 2019 that the 2019-2020 school year would turn out the way that it did? This year has been a very challenging year for all of us. When we were told on March 17, 2020 that, after Spring Break, in-class teaching was to be suspended, nobody had a clue what that would look like. It definitely seemed like an insurmountable challenge. I want you to know that I am so proud of what you all have been able to accomplish for your students. It definitely hasn't been easy. But as teachers we are a resilient group of people and you have managed to pull off what seemed impossible. The toll that it has taken on each and every one of you is definitely not lost on me. A well-deserved rest is definitely what is needed. I also want to thank the NVTA Executive Committee for all their support during the year. In particular, I want to thank Katrina Russell and Carolyn Pena for their assistance during this challenging time. In addition, I would like to personally thank you for all of the support you have given me throughout the years that I have worked as an NVTA table officer. As we near the end of the school year, I want to wish you a restful and wonderful summer. You deserve it. I understand that not knowing what September might look like will be on everyone's mind but I encourage you to try not to think too much about it. The unknown is always challenging but for your own health and well-being you all need to "unplug" in order to rejuvenate yourselves for the 2020-2021 school year.



## NVTA OFFICE SUMMER CLOSURE INFORMATION...

The NVTA office officially closes for summer break on Friday, July 3, 2020. The NVTA answering machine will be checked occasionally through the summer and the NVTA President, Carolyn Pena, will check her email periodically. Emergency situations may require you to phone the BCTF at 604.871.2283. *Have a restful, healthy summer!*

# NVTA MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR – 2020-2021

## AUGUST

31 NVTA office reopens

## SEPTEMBER

2 NVTA Executive Summer Planning Session

7 Labour Day

8 Schools reopen

16 NVTA Representative Assembly

30 NVTA General Meeting - adopt NVTA Goals/Priorities, Budget Fee)

## OCTOBER

2 NVSD Curriculum Implementation Day

5 World Teachers' Day

12 Thanksgiving

16-17 BCTF Zone Meetings

21 NVTA Representative Assembly

23 Professional Development Day

## NOVEMBER

6-7 BCTF Representative Assembly

11 Remembrance Day

18 NVTA Representative Assembly

## DECEMBER

4 NVTA Christmas Party (TBC)

16 NVTA Representative Assembly

**December 19, 2020 – January 3, 2021 – CHRISTMAS BREAK**

## JANUARY

4 Schools reopen

20 NVTA Representative Assembly

27 NVTA General Meeting - elect delegates to the BCTF Annual General Meeting

29-30 BCTF Representative Assembly

## FEBRUARY

15 Family Day Stat Holiday

17 NVTA Representative Assembly

26 District-wide Professional Development Day

## MARCH

10 NVTA Representative Assembly meeting with BCTF AGM Delegates

**March 13, 2021 – March 28, 2021 – SPRING BREAK**

20-23 105<sup>th</sup> BCTF AGM

29 Schools reopen

## APRIL

2-5 Easter Long Weekend

16-17 BCTF Zone Meeting

21 NVTA Representative Assembly - followed by NVTA All Candidates Meeting

## MAY

10 District-wide Professional Development Day

12 NVTA Annual General Meeting & Social - elect NVTA Executive & Chairs for 2021-2022

19 NVTA Representative Assembly

24 Victoria Day

28-29 BCTF Representative Assembly

## JUNE

14 Retirement Tea (Seymour Golf & Country Club – TBC)

16 NVTA Representative Assembly

29 Last day of school

30 Administration Day