

NOTEBOOK

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Congratulations NVTA Scholarship Recipients

Argyle: Emma O'Brien

Carson Graham: Zephan Shroff

Handsworth: Leela Bolton Ghosh

Seycove: Madeleine Briden

Sutherland: Julia Wardell

Windsor: Ella Holtby

First NVTA Indigenous Scholarship
Misty Adrian (Carson Graham)

Administration Day Reminder

Friday, June 28, 2024 is an Administration day that ends at 12pm. 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 administration for you to stay past noon on June 28, 2024. If you do encounter such pressure, please contact us at the NVTA office, 604.988.3224.

For the 2024-2025 school year, the following dates are also shortened work days for teachers:

- September 3 – First Day of School – 2 pm
- December 6 – Curriculum Implementation Day – 2 pm
- June 27 – Administration Day – 12 pm

President's Message

I just watched my youngest child walk across a stage, graduating from high school and marking the end of my parental relationship with the public school system. This type of transition is happening across our province, and I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the important work that you all contribute to the development of BC's children.

First, there is the kindergarten teacher who welcomes the little 4 and 5 year olds into school for the first time. Each child comes with their own life experience and readiness then reacts in their own way to this new experience. You help them navigate the emotional and social turmoil of this first year and manage to also teach them the curriculum.

As they navigate K-7, these children are taught not only by their classroom teacher but also the countless specialists who support elementary students and teachers. Many will also get help from various paraprofessionals to meet their specific needs.

As they make their way through secondary school, with 8 blocks per year, continued support from counsellors and LSTs, participation in sports teams, clubs, and other extracurricular activities, the number of adults in our school system influencing our kids sure does add up.

Each of our students will likely receive service of some form or another from over 50 different teachers. I would like to personally thank each one of you. As a parent, I am forever awed by the ways in which my children's teachers have influenced their worldview and their thinking. In this environment of social media influencers and divisive politics, it is increasingly crucial that children have the guidance of thoughtful, well educated, caring adults. Thank you for helping prepare my own and everyone else's wonderful and complicated kids for their next adventures.

It is a privilege to continue to serve you, the hard-working teachers of North Vancouver. I hope that you can all enjoy your summer break. Be well. Be safe. Relax. Connect. Have fun.

School's out!

TTOC Experience Credit Transfer for Part-time teachers

June 30th deadline!

There are two opportunities in the year for members to transfer their experience as TTOCs across to their contract experience within the same district. This applies to part-time teachers that also TTOC in the district. It also applies to TTOCs that have had a temporary contract. You can do this in November and June. Here are the particulars:

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1. Transfer of experience is only from TTOC silo to contract silo.
2. Transfer can only be made in whole months (17 days of TTOC experience).
3. Transfer is for the entire amount in a TTOC bank with the exception of any days left over from whole month calculations (1-16 days).
4. One month TTOC credit will count as one month in the contract silo when transferred.
5. Transfer form must be submitted before **November 15** to take effect December 31 and before **June 30** to take effect August 31.
6. Use Form A to apply in June and Form B to apply in November. These forms can be found on the NVSD Portal under District > Forms > Department > Payroll.

Sometimes it may make sense to keep your experience credit in the TTOC silo, instead of immediately transferring it. If you are not sure about your situation or if you have any questions, please contact the [NVTA](#).

NVTA OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

The NVTA office will close for summer break at 3 pm on Friday, June 28, 2024. We reopen at 8 am on Monday, August 26, 2024.

The NVTA answering machine will be checked *occasionally* through the summer and the NVTA President, Katrina Russell, will check her email *periodically*.

Have a wonderful
summer break!



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2024 – 2025 Calendar (tentative)

AUGUST

- 26 NVTA office reopens
28 NVTA Executive Summer Planning Session

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Labour Day**
3 Schools reopen
18 NVTA Representative Assembly
25 NVTA General Meeting (adopt NVTA Goals/Priorities, Budget & Fee 2023-2024)
30 Truth & Reconciliation Day

OCTOBER

- 5 World Teachers' Day
14 Thanksgiving
16 NVTA Representative Assembly
25 District-wide Pro D Day (PSA)

NOVEMBER

- 1-2 BCTF Representative Assembly
11 Remembrance Day
20 NVTA Representative Assembly

DECEMBER

- 6 Curriculum Implementation Day
6 NVTA Christmas Party
18 NVTA Representative Assembly
Dec. 21, 2024 – Jan. 5, 2025 WINTER BREAK

JANUARY

- 6 Schools reopen
15 NVTA Representative Assembly
29 NVTA General Meeting (elect delegates to the BCTF AGM)
31 BCTF Winter Representative Assembly

FEBRUARY

- 1 BCTF Winter Representative Assembly
14 District-wide Pro D Day
17 Family Day Holiday
19 NVTA Representative Assembly

MARCH

- 12 NVTA Representative Assembly
15-18 109th BCTF AGM
Mar. 15, 2025 – Mar. 30, 2025 SPRING BREAK
31 Schools Reopen

APRIL

- 16 NVTA Representative Assembly
18-21 Easter Weekend

MAY

- 5 District-wide Pro D Day
14 NVTA Annual General Meeting & Social
19 Victoria Day
21 NVTA Representative Assembly
30-31 BCTF Spring Representative Assembly

JUNE

- 9 NVTA Retirement Tea
18 NVTA Representative Assembly
26 Last day of school
27 Administration Day