



September 2021

Dear Grade 9 Parents,

The Niverville High School (NHS) Parent Advisory Council (PAC) wishes to extend a warm welcome to you and your family! We are so excited to have you here with us!

Grade 9 will be a busy year of change and adjustment as your student begins their first year of high school! As the new school year gets under way, we want to remind you that we are pleased to support our student and parent communities and our school administration. And as parents of those students, **you** are an integral part of our PAC!

Traditionally, Parent Councils at the high school level have assumed a single advisory role. Since NHS's grand opening in 2019, we have worked with our School Administration and are excited to briefly introduce our framework in the following pages and how we work within our mission of:

**Participate. Build. Support.**

We invite you to visit the school website and learn more under the Parent Council tab.  
<https://nhs.hsd.ca/parents/pac>

In September or at any time of the year - check us out at any of our events, or regular meetings. NHS PAC invites you to participate and be informed of our future school community needs while supporting our students.

Please take a moment to learn who we are, what we do, how we work within our mission and how you can help us get there.

We look forward to meeting you and working with you,

NHS Parent Advisory Council



## Who are we?

- An Executive of parent volunteers in positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Committees that include Fundraising, Morning Snack Program, Communications and our Grant research and writing. We are always open to growth in volunteers, and welcome new faces with fresh ideas!

## What do we do?

- The Executive complies with Governance and reports to Parents, Administration and the Division on a regular basis.
- Our Executive and Committees work together to plan Fundraising.
  - Gone are the days where parents and students fundraise only at the elementary level. You already have experience fundraising, and at NHS - many needs still exist, and government funding does not cover it all.
  - Parents are responsible for the financial support and implementation of school green space enhancements, and assisting our students and school where they need those extras.
  - Government budgets and funding only go so far, and doesn't include things like an outdoor classroom and benches or morning snack programs.
  - PAC liaises with the parent community sharing information, resources, goals and celebrations. We keep our local community connected for support, encouragement and even sponsorship to give our kids the best that we possibly can.
  - We work with our students and administrators in being mindful of what our school and kids need to help them **Connect. Grow. Thrive.**

## Where do we do this?

- At the NHS and in our Community. We work virtually where it suits and when needed!
- Watch for our regular parent emails and social media shout outs to get involved and support your student in their journey all the way to graduation.

## When do we do this?

- We meet monthly at the school to do our reporting and planning and keep updated on committee progress.
- We show up at tournament canteens and parent-teacher conferences.
- We hold zoom meetings, or meet for a local coffee to get work underway.
- Watch for us at future PAC events; join us and support your student's school community.



## Why should you be a part of our group?

- Parents around a table can bring about great change and ideas, and satisfy those 'governing tasks'. And, many hands are needed; the same number of parents coming to the table each month will grow tired and run out of ideas and steam!
- Join us (meeting dates on the PAC webpage) and learn about our goals and plans for the coming year.
  - This is a great way to represent your grade level, meet other parents, and get to know your executive and what's ahead.
  - Perhaps a committee, event, or task peaks your interest and you want to give your time or creativity to help.
  - We know many of you are stretched; we are too. We recognize there are many ways to contribute.

### *Before joining:*






- Complete the Volunteer and Child Abuse Registry forms. New forms must be completed regularly. Check the parent portal to verify your renewal date.
- There is no cost to you. Contact our School Office for the form and give us 5 mins of your time to complete.
- This form is necessary to volunteer on school property, with PAC, or participate in coaching or on trips, and interacting with our students.

## How can you help?

- Join a committee to plan or do a specific task
- Work a Canteen shift at NHS tournaments
- Sell Raffle tickets
- Donate an event prize or even a financial donation for a specific cause
- You can bake or cook for appreciation events. Maybe even help BBQ or serve!
- Volunteer in the school, write letters for our fundraising, create posters, help us with grant writing.
- The list can be endless.....just ask us. We don't ask everyone to join every meeting, but many hands make light work!
- Here are a few goals we have in the works where extra hands are always welcome:
  - Grants / Fundraising / Sponsorship
    - 3D Printer
    - Morning Snack Program - program coordinator / volunteers needed
    - Outdoor Classroom (pergola/canopy, outdoor seating)
    - Science Lab - Hydroponic Garden
    - Outdoor Volleyball court
    - Grad Awards; Graduation event support
    - Student and Staff Appreciation events



## Stay in Touch and be informed!

- Visit [Niverville High School](#) website for daily announcements, policies and calendars.
- View [Parent Advisory Council | Niverville High School](#) for Parent updates and resources.
- Before you hit delete - scan those *NHS PAC Update* emails; find out what we're doing or where we need support for our kids!
- Follow the school to stay connected:
  -  NivervilleHS
  -  NivervilleHS
- For PAC community events; including volunteer and support shout-outs, follow us on our local community pages, and at:
  -  @high\_pac
  -  nivervillehspac
  -  nivervillehighschoolpac

## Ask us questions!

Email us at: [nhsparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:nhsparentcouncil@gmail.com)

Ask us questions at any time throughout the school year. While September to June is our key season, we do our best to manage the mailbox during the summer too!