

JOHN BARSBY COMMUNITY SCHOOL STORY 2023-2024



John Barsby Community Secondary is situated on the traditional and unceded territory of the Snuneymuxw Nation. We are part of a neighborhood with long time residents and have strong ties and good commitment from community partners to support our students. As part of our space and place, the school is centrally located in the Harewood community and is in close proximity to the Chase River, Colliery Dam and Vancouver Island University.

Our students are proud of their school; especially their engagement in the diversity of activities offered in the school. Students are involved in an array of activities ranging from athletics to the fine arts. Staff stay at Barsby because they are committed to our students and their families. Our school is a generational school in that many of our current staff taught and worked with the parents, grandparents, aunties and uncles of today's students. They hold many of the stories of our families as they walk through the door.

BARSBY COMMUNITY:

790 STUDENTS

87 STAFF

"Do the right thing, try your best and get better each day."

BARSBY GOALS

- Continuing the Journey of Truth and Reconciliation
- Facilitating Social Responsibility
A wide umbrella that focuses on environmental stewardship, personal growth, allyship
- Developing Confident and Resilient Learners
- Fostering Responsive Practices
A focus for staff to develop creative strategies to support students who need enrichment and a variety of interventions. Staff will continue to focus on improvement of instruction and assessment while building strategies on student self-regulation.



DEMOGRAPHICS

John Barsby is situated in a diverse socio-economic community. Many of our students and families are supported by community services and our school provides access to programs such as the Food Mob which is supported by Loaves and Fishes, as well as daily breakfast and lunch food programs.

Of our 790 students; nearly 250 of our students identify as First Nations, Inuit or Metis. Approximately 45 International students visit us from a variety of countries around the world, some staying for a year and others staying to graduate. We also include a growing population of immigrants and refugees from Syria, Afghanistan, Ukraine and other countries, in our student body.

Our Harewood community is very supportive of the school. We have received ongoing financial donations from Steve Marshall Ford, Heisterman Farms and Deni's Dynamite deals. Our Parent Advisory Committee is a strong and vibrant group of parents who are involved, quick to volunteer with school events and fundraising opportunities and who want to make Barsby the best school it can be.

WHAT WE OFFER

Barsby offers a wide variety of extra-curricular opportunities for students to engage in the school community. This includes a strong focus on athletics, art, the environment, and student service clubs.



WHAT WE ARE PROUD OF

CONNECTING WITH STUDENTS

There are a variety of ways that students can engage in the school culture at John Barsby. Our staff offer a variety of extracurricular activities and clubs throughout the year and students are encouraged to join. Some of the activities are:

- Photography Club
- Study Hall and Book Club
- Hulquminum
- Textiles Club
- Drama & Art Club
- Computers Club
- D & D Club
- School of Rock
- Intramurals
- Weightlifting
- Swimming, Cross Country, Volleyball, Football & Basketball and more!



INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING

Since the pandemic, we have witnessed the resiliency of our students as they enter our hallways and classrooms again. We are proud to see many students thrive in their courses and engage in extra-curricular activities and school clubs. There are some students who have had difficulty re-engaging in their education. Our focus is to provide a variety of learning opportunities so students can find success in their courses while having a sense of belonging and attending regularly.

This year, we have created some innovative programs that will meet students social and academic needs. We have an enrolling Indigenous Education Program that provides students a safe space to work on their courses and engage in cultural activities. We have also created an Outreach Program which is designed to provide academic courses for students who may have learning gaps and need a flexible learning environment where they can work at their own pace.

To support our students, we are creating an environment where respectful relationships are at the forefront between our staff and students. Our focus this year is to build a stronger sense of belonging for our students by being in the hallways and welcoming students as they walk through the doors of their classrooms.

