



Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Seaquam families,

We hope that you and your families are well.

As we draw the 2019-20 school year to a close, the experiences we all shared will be remembered for decades to come. The school year has been a different one and the ending is not one that we would have expected. I would like to thank students and parents for their support in working with the Seaquam staff to continue to deliver the curriculum. I would like to thank the Seaquam staff for their work in quickly pivoting to a remote learning environment and for continuing to deliver the curriculum. As a community, we should be proud of how we confronted adversity and demonstrated resiliency during difficult times. I am sure that there were highs and lows along the way, but the lessons students have learned about grit, perseverance and coping will serve them well as they move through their young lives into adulthood. It has not been easy, but I hope the experience has been meaningful. I am so proud of our school community.

### **September 2020**

We are planning to open our doors on September 8 to welcome in new Grade 8s and also welcome back returning students. However, at this point it is difficult to know what the start of school will look like. You should have received a joint letter from Minister of Education Rob Fleming and BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils President Andrea Sinclair yesterday, which encourages parents to familiarize themselves with the five-stage K-12 Education Restart Plan as it provides a useful framework for understanding what the September restart will look like under different circumstances of COVID-19 transmission in BC. We anticipate receiving more direction from the Ministry of Education and Provincial Health Officer later in August. We will update you as soon as we are able to. Please check the Seaquam (<https://se.deltasd.bc.ca/>) and Delta School District websites ( <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/> ) regularly and look out for emails from the school in late August for more information.

### **Textbook and Chromebook Returns**

In preparation for September 2020, we need to gather all outstanding resources to ensure they are in place for the new school year. We encourage students and families to return all textbooks, Library books and Chromebook (with charger) to the Main Office. It is critical that these items are returned promptly. The Main Office will be open throughout the Summer.

### **Yearbooks**

Yearbooks have been distributed throughout the course of this week. If you missed your pick up time, please go to the Main Office to obtain your paid copy. Please bring your student card to show the office staff member that will be serving you. Also, all student fees must be paid up in full and textbooks, Library books and Chromebooks (with charger) must be returned before Yearbooks can be claimed.

## **Graduation Video Release**

As mentioned in a previous letter, the video compilation of our production event on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> is set to be released on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> to all Delta schools who worked with GradsBC. The video will chronicle the production event, but also include other special features to pay tribute to our graduating students. We encourage all families to organize a viewing celebration that meets the Provincial Health Officers safety orders.

GradsBC will be setting up individual accounts for each student on their website where families can download the entire video, personalized individual videos and photos. The accounts will be available after the video release date. The GradsBC website is <https://gradsbc.com/>.

Also, families had an opportunity to take photos after graduating students experienced the production event. These photos can be accessed through the Artona Studios website ( <https://artona.com/> ) and photos can be purchased.

More information on the release of the Graduation Video will be shared closer to the release date.

## **Report Cards**

The June Report Card has been uploaded to Student/Parent Connect. There will not be a Term 3 mark included on the final report card. Due to the pandemic and remote learning, the District felt that this mark was not required to be present. As marks are cumulative, all assessments done in Term 3 will be combined with the student's overall final mark. If you have any questions regarding marks, please contact your child's teachers via email.

## **School Fees**

We request that any outstanding fees be resolved prior to the start of Summer holidays. Fees can be paid via credit or debit card on Parent Connect or by cheque at the Main Office.

## **School Office Summer Hours**

Seaquam's Main Office will be open throughout the Summer. The Main Office will be open Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 1:30pm. The office will be closed for all statutory holidays during the Summer months.

On behalf of the Sequam administrative team and staff, we want to wish you all a healthy and safe summer.

Take care,

Rick Mesich  
Principal

Ian Close  
Vice Principal

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Vice Principal