



August 4th, 2020

Dear Sequam Grade 8 Families,

Welcome to Sequam! You are now a Seahawk ☺

We hope that your family has been enjoying the summer break and you were able to rest, connect and stay safe during this time.

Unfortunately, due to the current pandemic, our traditional ways of welcoming our grade 8 students and families needed to be changed – our spring barbeque was cancelled, June “grade 7 tour” postponed, and many introductory activities have been delayed. In order to get our students familiar with Sequam’s building, our DYAC (Delta Youth Advisory Council) has created a virtual tour of the school – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ogusj-Yyfaw>. Additionally, we are inviting our upcoming grade 8 students to come to school during the last week of August (August 24 to 28) to get a closer look at Sequam’s facilities and get familiar with our building.

In order to maintain appropriate Social Distancing and follow the recommendations from our Ministry of Health, we are holding multiple visiting sessions throughout each day that will accommodate a maximum of 17 students and their “tour guides.” The plan is to pair up each grade 8 student with one of our Senior PE Leadership students who will then walk around the school and visit ALL of the classrooms that are currently listed on grade 8 students’ schedules. We will be providing individualized snacks for each student, specially made by Chef Boyle who runs our Culinary Arts and Train in Trades (Cooking) programs.

In order to register for this event, please complete the following Google Form by August 17, no later than noon: <https://forms.gle/adJQ4GyQpQjUr2cPA>

Additional Information to Consider

Google Account and DeltaLearns (student) Emails

If a grade 8 student already has a Deltalearns Account, please move to the next section of this letter; otherwise, please read the information below in detail.

The Delta School District is committed to embracing 21st Century Learning and each student is given their unique Google Account. This Web-portal is specifically designed for our students to maximize their communication and learning opportunities at our school. Additionally, if the remote learning continues, our staff will be connecting with students primarily through the student’s @deltalearns email and through the use of the Google Apps for Education platform.



Delta School District's Google portal (Deltalearns) has been approved by FIPPA and it is considered to be a safe and reliable communication tool for our staff and students. All students, nonetheless, will need to have parental consent in order to activate their Deltalearns account; the consent is given electronically over *Parent Connect* – please visit our website for more details on how to provide consent for the use of our electronic devices and/or services

<https://se.deltasd.bc.ca/parent-community/programs/>

Many questions with regards to Deltalearns can be answered on our FAQ page: <https://deltalearns.ca/google/faqs/> or for more detailed instructions, go to our website: <https://se.deltasd.bc.ca/student-resources/deltalearns-accounts/>

Parent Connect

Parent Connect is a district web-based program which allows parents to view student information including schedules, attendance, report cards and interim marks, course assignments, history of grades, contact information, the school calendar, parent-teacher conference appointments, assessed student fees, assigned textbooks, and IEP documents. Please contact the school for any changes to your phone number, address, etc.

Communication – Home and School

We believe in the importance of open communication between the home and the school to help students find success. Seaquam uses a variety of communication methods to provide families with updated information. These methods include email, the Seaquam website (<https://se.deltasd.bc.ca/>), our Twitter feed (@seaquamsec) and the Seaquam App.

Seaquam Mobile App

Students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to use the Seaquam mobile app to keep their courses and activities organized throughout the year. Grade 8 students are welcome to use the app as well, however printed Agenda Books are provided to grade 8 students to initiate their organizational skills.

The app integrates three basic communication methods - push notifications, news bulletins, and the school's social media feed. Once downloaded onto a device, students and parents alike can receive broadcast messages from the school office on important events or news items pertaining to Seaquam. Students and parents can subscribe to school-defined channels for their interests and courses. Only broadcast messages and those for channels you are subscribed to will show an alert on your phone. Seaquam teachers, coaches, club leaders may create their own channel to communicate with students. It should be noted that these are only information providing channels. There is no means for two-way communication via the app user and the channel manager. Students and parents will need to reference the school website for their teacher's email address to initiate a two-way conversation. Our community can access the Seaquam App by searching "My School Day" at the



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App Store or through Google Play.

For more specific information about the app including links on where to download it and reference guides to navigate the app, please check out the dedicated page on our school website. The link to the website is below.

<https://se.deltasd.bc.ca/news-events/news/seaquam-secondary-app/>

If you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us by email.

We are looking forward to welcoming and working with your child soon.

Sincerely,

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