



Friday, October 2nd, 2020

Dear Seaquam students and families,

As we move into October, teachers will be reaching out to provide families with feedback on how students are performing in each of their classes. In each quarter, families will receive a Mid Term Report and a Final Report Card for quarter long courses (9 weeks). The Quarter 1 Mid-Term Report will be posted in MyED on Thursday, October 15th, and can be accessed through the Student MyED portal. There are different reporting dates for Semester (half year) and Linear (full year) courses that will be published at a later date.

This feedback needs to be used in a process for improvement or maintenance. We suggest that students reflect on their learning, set some realistic goals and create an action plan. The part of the process that tends to break down over time is the execution of the plan. Students need to be committed, with the support of their families, to their scheduled activities in order to create positive routines. In meeting with families regarding teacher feedback, the same themes seem to come up over and over again. The themes include committing to an organizer (paper-based or electronic), regular attendance, taking advantage of supports at school and establishing a focused study routine at home. Ultimately, it comes down to creating positive work habits at school and at home.

In their planning, students should consider reaching out to their subject teachers and scheduling an appointment for a meeting. Teachers are available for the vast majority of courses in session 3 of our daily schedule.

Also, the Homework Club will be starting up next week where Ms. Hudon and Ms. Duhamel, Educational Assistants, will be providing support to students from Monday to Thursday, either in person (in the Library) or virtually. Please see the link below for more information.

<https://se.deltasd.bc.ca/news-events/news/after-school-homework-club/>

The following information will provide details on timely topics.

Daily Health Check

It is imperative that families monitor their student's health daily and keep students at home if they are not well. Please refer to the attached Daily Health Checklist – this is a new version provided by the Ministry of Health.

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/09/BCCDC-Daily-Health-Check-Sept-11-2020.pdf>

Upcoming events

Doug Sheppard, Superintendent, Virtual Address hosted by the Delta District Parent Advisory Council

Monday, October 5th at 7pm - 8pm

Wednesday, October 14th at 7pm

These meetings will be an opportunity to learn more about this year's back to school plan, ask questions, and share your feedback and concerns. To register and submit questions in advance, please visit:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZVZ4dRx42o2sg3cU2W7CGrNoyNBCbU-5Yja4IMFCQayOcgQ/viewform>

Guy Felicella Presentation

Thursday, October 8th

The district is providing a series of parent education sessions. The first session is on substance abuse and recovery. Please see the link below for more information.

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/event/substance-use-prevention-addiction-and-recovery-presentation-with-guy-felicella/>

Mid-Term Report Posted

Thursday, October 15th

Grade 12 Graduation Credit Review

In an effort to ensure that all grade 12 students are informed about their graduation progress, we will be conducting physically distanced assemblies in session 3 in the Theatre where students will be reviewing their graduation credits, reviewing their full year schedules and making requests to adjust their courses in quarters 2 to 4 to meet graduation requirements and any post-secondary requirements. Each assembly will start at 1:30pm.

Regular Curriculum Students

October 5th - students with the last name A-D

October 6th - last name E-L

October 7th - last name M to S

October 8th - last name T-Z

IB Students

October 14th - full diploma IB students – 1:30-2:30pm in the Library

For partial IB students, please attend the regular curriculum sessions by last name as noted above. If you have a conflict and cannot attend, please let me know and we will hold an additional session to accommodate.

The meeting agenda will include:

CLC/Capstone

Mr. Clarke

Grade 12/Grad

Mr. Mesich

Grad Credit Review

Mr. Mian and Miss Gehiere

Post-secondary/Scholarships

Miss Gehiere

District School Calendar

The district has revised the school year calendar that reflects the beginning and end of each quarter and the reporting dates throughout the year. Please see the link below to access the calendar.

<https://se.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/36/2020/10/2020-2021-Calendar-Secondary-Quarters-Sept.-30.pdf>

Attendance Notifications

At this time, we are not sending email notifications to families due to technical issues in the migration of data from My Ed. Families can review attendance information on Parent Connect under the Attendance Tab. The district has developed a new reporting symbol for students in Hybrid courses. The symbol “O” refers to offsite for those students who are enrolled in a hybrid class, but they are not present as it is not their turn for in class instruction.

General School Fees

Every year, we charge families a general school fee to cover the costs of items that students receive either as a service or an item of sorts. We normally charge \$30, but due to the limitations of us being able to offer activities for students, we have reduced this fee to \$15 for all students. There is an additional \$5 charge for grade 8 students for the Student Agenda and a \$35 Grad Fee charge for grade 12 students. The \$15.00 fee covers replenishing the Emergency Container, the annual fee for our School App, Student Go Cards and Student Council Activities.

We are encouraging families to use the online payment option through Parent Connect in the Fees section. Families can also pay in person by making an appointment with Ms. Lavoie (alavoie@deltasd.bc.ca) in the Main Office.

As always, if families are in financial hardship and need help with covering these fees, please reach out to your child's counsellor or administrator.

Counsellor Contact Information

Students may require the help of their grade Counsellor for a variety of different reasons. Please have your child reach out to their Counsellor through email for an appointment. If it is an emergency, students should report to the Main Office to obtain immediate help.

Below is the Counselling Department's grade allocation for the 2020-21 school year. Please feel free to contact them at 604-591-6166 or by email.

Grade 8 Mr. R. Rickey (rrickey@deltasd.bc.ca)

Grade 9 Mr. J. Sall (jsall@deltasd.bc.ca)

Grade 10 Ms. M. Costin (msalmon@deltasd.bc.ca)

Grade 11 Mr. J. Day (jday@deltasd.bc.ca)

Grade 12 Mr. H. Mian (hmian@deltasd.bc.ca)

Support Classes (Learning Assistance, Assist, ELL, Grad Quest)

The implementation of the Quarter schedule does not lend itself to offering support to students throughout the year in an enrolling class environment. When schedules are released, you will not see these classes on your child's schedule in sessions 1 and 2. There may be a session 3 (block C) class on your child's schedule. These classes are simply groupings for teachers' information.

We are going to be offering a support model that will include scheduled support, pull out sessions, additional teachers or Educational Assistance in classrooms and virtual support using Zoom. Our student support teachers will be sharing detailed information with students and parents shortly.

Self-Directed Study Area

Students who would like to attend school to conduct self-directed study for their Hybrid classes can do so in the Library. Students will be required to sign in and out of the Library and sit in the designated study area. There will be limited space in the library for student access. We will assess the demand and develop other self-directed study areas if the demand materializes.

Collaboration Mornings (Wednesday Schedule)

Every Wednesday in our Quarter schedule there is Collaboration Time for staff to engage in collaborative professional learning from 8:30am-9:30am. **Please do not drop students off early.** We ask that students arrive to school no earlier than 9:25am as the first session classes start at 9:40am. The link below provides you with the Quarter weekly schedule.

<https://se.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/36/2020/09/SECONDARY-QUARTER-SCHEDULING-Full-Extended-Day-Option.pdf>

Student Drop Off and Pick Up

In an effort to ensure Seaquam school grounds are safe for students to walk into the building, we ask that parents/guardians **DO NOT** drop off or pick up their children on school grounds. We ask that you arrange with your child to meet on Lyon Road. We will have staff members supervising these areas reminding those who forget where they may drop off or pick up. Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

Parents/Legal Guardians Requesting Appointments

If parents or caregivers need to contact the school Administration, grade Counsellor or a teacher, please contact the office by phone or email. In-person visits should only be for specific purposes and arranged in advance by appointment. Visitors must wear masks, be aware of and follow safety protocols and be limited in their access to necessary spaces only.

If you require support or are seeking answers, please contact teachers, counsellors, administrators or contact the office. We are here to help families and students.

Sincerely,

Rick Mesich
Principal

Ian Close
Vice Principal

Vlad Nikic
Vice Principal