



Friday, October 16th, 2020

Dear Seaquam students and families,

We are now more than halfway through the first Quarter that will be ending on Tuesday, November 17th. The Mid Term Report Card has been posted on the Student Portal as a progress update in the Quarter classes your child(ren) are currently experiencing. In this condensed schedule, it is crucial for families to discuss their child's progress with their child to develop a plan for improvement. Please reach out to your child's teachers and/or counsellor if your child is not experiencing success. In the following information items, there are supports at Seaquam to help students in their classes. Please do not feel that you are alone in this journey. We are here to help.

With Halloween fast approaching, the BC Centre for Disease Control has released some tips on how to celebrate as safely as possible:

Halloween tips:

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/social-interactions/halloween>

Upcoming events:

Suzanne Perreault Presentation Thursday, October 22nd
Inclusion Advocate See link below for more information

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/event/online-session-with-inclusion-advocate-suzanne-perreault-2/>

Pro D Day Friday, October 23rd (no school)

The following information will provide details on timely topics.

Daily Health Check

As we are about to enter into the cold, dark, rainy days of Fall, we will all be susceptible to colds and the flu. It is imperative that families monitor their child's health daily and keep students at home if they are not well.

Please refer to the link below for the Daily Health Checklist.

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

Midterm Report Cards and MyED

Midterm Report Cards are available for viewing in MyED. Only Quarter 1 classes are being reported on at this time. Families will be provided feedback on their child's progress in semester and linear classes in the near future.

Currently, the Parent Portal in MyED is not functional, so parents/guardians will be able to view their child's Report Card in the Student Portal. We will inform families when the Parent Portal is activated.

Students have been accessing their portal since last February and again this year to view their courses for the entire year. Please connect with your child as they are familiar with the log in process and navigating through the portal.

If you or your child is having trouble signing into the MyED Student Portal, please try one of the following:

- Students are required to share their MyED login information with their parents.
- If a student forgets their password, click "I forgot my password" option under the login credentials.
- If a student has never logged into MyED, they should request this information from their Block A teacher.

If all three options above have been attempted without success and the student is still unable to access the Report Card through their log-on process, please contact the main office for assistance or to request a copy of the Report Card.

If families have any questions or concerns about their child's Report Card, please contact the teacher directly via email.

Young Reporters for the Environment (YRE) Competition

Nine students from Seaquam Secondary (Gurleen Bhandal, Navreen Sekhon, Srishti Singh, Maggie Barrett, Charlotte Short, Katelyn Owsnett, Bailey Yi, Tim (Ziyi) Zou and Clark (Chenhao) Du) placed first, second or third in this year's National Competition.

Young Reporters for the Environment is a United Nations sponsored program where students investigate environmental issues in their communities, and share their findings through video, photography and writing. This is the fifth straight year that Seaquam students have been recognized in this competition.

Here is a link to the YRE site containing all winning projects: [<https://ecoschools.ca/yre/2020-winners/>]<https://ecoschools.ca/yre/2020-winners/>

Here is a link to the prizes: [<https://ecoschools.ca/yre/prizes/>]<https://ecoschools.ca/yre/prizes/>

This year's winners will have their work published in an international journal and are automatically entered into the YRE international competition against the winners from 40 other countries. Over 350,000 students from 45 countries throughout the world have participated in the YRE program.

Seaquam's winners will be honoured by the School on Friday, October 16th.

Congratulations to:

Gurleen Bhandal, Srishti Singh, Naveen Sekhon, “The Future of Our World”
– 1st Place – Photography Category, ages 15-18

Bailey Yi, ‘A Sea of Foam: The Invisible Dangers of EPS’
– 2nd Place – Essay Category 15-18

Tim (Ziyi) Zou and Clark (Chenhao) Du, Light Pollution: The Light and the Night
– 2nd Place – Video Category 15-18

Maggie Barrett, Charlotte Short, and Katelyn Owsnett
– 3rd Place – Photography Category, ages 15-18

Homework Club

The Homework Club started this week where students can access extra support for their classes. Homework Club can support students in person or through a Zoom meeting with Ms. Hudon and Ms. Duhamel, Educational Assistants.

Please see the link below for more information.

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

Reconvene Student Tutoring Service

A group of grade 12 Seaquam students, led by Jennifer Wang, have created a free virtual tutoring service for students. The mandate of these students is to engage with students socially online (Zoom, Google Meets) and help them academically during the pandemic.

This academic support can be accessed by visiting their website at reconvene.ca

The students are also looking for more student volunteers to help. The website provides a link to contact Jennifer.

Reconvene Tutoring was featured in an article in the Delta Optimist. See the link below for the newspaper article.

<https://www.delta-optimist.com/news/delta-students-offering-free-online-tutoring-1.24198173>

Updated – Quarter Dates and Reporting Dates for 2020-21

We have updated the calendar so the number of instructional days are equal in each quarter. Please see below.

Q1 = September 14th (M)- November 17th (T) = 43 teaching days

Q2 = November 18th (W) - February 2nd (T) = 43 teaching days

Q3 = February 3rd (W) - April 22nd (Th) = 43 teaching days

Q4 = April 23rd (F) - June 25th (F) = 43 teaching days

Interims from teachers to families will be in the form of either a phone call or an email. These Interims will be for students who are struggling or have a mark below 60%. Not all students will get an Interim. Mid Term Report Cards and Final Report Cards will be formal and can be viewed on MyED using the Student Portal when they are available.

Transition Days (Quarter and Semester Classes)

After each quarter and semester session, there will be a transition day prior to the start of the beginning of the next set of classes. The purpose of the transition days is:

- To provide opportunities for students to complete missing assignments or assessments
- An entire class can be called in to continue learning with an assessment or a project
- Some classes will be optional for students to attend

The use of the Transition Day will be at the discretion of the subject teacher.

The dates for the Transition Days will be:

Quarter classes:

- November 18th (after Quarter 1)
- February 3rd (after Quarter 2)
- April 23rd (after Quarter 3)

Semester classes:

- February 3rd (after Semester 1)

Linear classes:

- There will be no Transition Days as these classes continue for 10 months.

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.

Counsellor Contact Information

Seaquam currently has an unforeseen vacancy in our Counselling Department at the grade 11 level. In an effort to meet all of our student’s needs, our counselling team has been reassigned as follows:

Grade 8:

A-F	Ms. Costin (msalmon@deltasd.bc.ca)
G-K	Mr. Mian (hmian@deltasd.bc.ca)
L- Sharma	Mr. Sall (jsall@deltasd.bc.ca)
Shen - Z	Mr. Rickey (rrickey@deltasd.bc.ca)

Grade 9:	J. Sall (jsall@deltasd.bc.ca)
Grade 10:	M. Costin (msalmon@deltasd.bc.ca)
Grade 11:	R. Rickey (rrickey@deltasd.bc.ca)
Grade 12:	H. Mian (hmian@deltasd.bc.ca)

Once we fill the vacancy, we will revert back to having a counsellor for each grade. If families have any questions, please do contact your child's assigned grade counsellor as per above.

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.

Also, please remind your children to always use the labelled crosswalk points on Lyon Road. It is important for everyone to follow the traffic signs and road-sense rules.

Agenda Books for Sale

If you or your child would like to purchase a Seaquam Agenda, they can be purchased in the Main Office for \$13.

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.

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