



Friday, October 30th, 2020

Dear Seaquam students and families,

The month of November will be filled with a number of new and traditional processes and events. Some of our traditional events will need to be conducted virtually. For example, the Seaquam Fine and Performing Arts Department have been planning a virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony. Students and staff have been creating a video that captures multiple student performances and guest speakers commemorating the sacrifices of Canadians throughout our history as a country. The video will be shown in all classes on Tuesday, November 10th at 10:00am. We are inviting our greater community to view the video at the same time. The video can be accessed through the Seaquam website.

We will be experiencing new processes and events in November that include a Transition Day after Quarter 1 classes are completed and a Quarter 1 Final Report Card. We will provide more information to families on each of these events in the coming weeks.

Although our experiences are different this year, we will endeavour to create as much normalcy as possible in our student's educational experiences at Seaquam. Together, we will work to support our students in their educational journeys and wellness.

Upcoming events:

Monday, November 2nd Numeracy Assessment Grade 12 students who have not attempted the assessment
Tuesday, November 3rd Numeracy Assessment Grade 10 students with last names starting with A – F
Friday, November 6th Numeracy Assessment Grade 10 students with last names starting with G - N

- The remaining grade 10 students will write the assessments at a later date.
- Assessments will take place in the Theatre starting at 1:30pm

Wednesday, November 4th Take Our Kids to Work (Grade 9 students)
Tuesday, November 10th Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:00am (link to ceremony on Seaquam website)
Wednesday, November 11th Remembrance Day (no school)
Wednesday, November 18th Transition Day

The purpose of the Transition Day 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

Teachers will be communicating with students how this day will be organized.

Thursday, November 19th Quarter 2 classes start
Monday, November 23rd PAC meeting
Wednesday, November 25th Quarter 1 Report Cards posted in the Student Portal
Monday, November 30th Professional Development Day (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>

Informing the School of COVID Related Health Issues

In the event that a family experiences testing protocols related to the COVID-19 virus, we are requesting that families contact an administrator first to inform us of the testing results. We would like to centralize this process in the collection of this information, so we can effectively follow up to keep our community safe. **We will inform the teachers that your child will be absent.**

We would request that families do not contact the school for advice on whether to send your child(ren) to school or not. Please conduct the Daily Health Check or call 811 for advice. Our office staff or administrators cannot provide advice on this topic.

To contact an administrator, please call the Main Office at 604-591-6166 or email the appropriate grade administrator.

Mr. R. Mesich (Grade 12) rmesich@deltasd.bc.ca
Mr. I. Close (Grades 8 & 10) iclose@deltasd.bc.ca
Mr. V. Nikic (Grades 9 & 11) vnikic@deltasd.bc.ca

Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

Mental Wellness Resources

As we move through our school year, many students are struggling with our current environment that is new, fluid and unpredictable. As a school, we planned to implement Dr. Stan Kucher's Teen Mental Health curriculum last year after Spring Break, but due to the pandemic, we were not able to move forward with the curriculum. Some staff are currently incorporating aspects of the curriculum into their classes. We will re-launch the entire curriculum in the future.

Part of Dr. Kucher's curriculum includes a Parent Guide. Please see the link below to access the resource, "How to Parent My Teen".

<http://teenmentalhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/How-do-I-parent-my-teen.pdf>

The complete parent resource section of the curriculum can be accessed in the link below.

<https://teenmentalhealth.org/parents/>

The entire Mental Health Curriculum can be accessed in the link below.

<https://teenmentalhealth.org/>

Numeracy and Literacy Assessments

The provincial Numeracy and Literacy assessments will be taking place between November 2nd and 6th (see Upcoming Events section) for most grade 10 students and those students in grade 12 who have not written the Numeracy Assessment or would like another opportunity to write it. These assessments measure the proficiency of students in these areas and will show up on their final transcript. At this time, students are required to attempt the exam at least once in grades 10 through 12. Student achievement on these assessments is not linked to their ability to graduate. See the link below for more information on these assessments.

<https://se.deltasd.bc.ca/news-events/news/provincial-assessments/>

Quarter 2 Updated Schedule

To create more transition time between session 2 and 3 in our daily schedule, we have made adjustments to our schedule starting in Quarter 2. Please see the revised schedule below.

BLOCK SCHEDULE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MORNING SESSION 8:30 – 10:30	BLOCK A	BLOCK A	TEACHER COLLABORATION TIME 8:30 – 9:30	BLOCK A	BLOCK A
10:30 – 10:55	FLEXIBLE LEARNING TIME / NUTRITION BREAK	FLEXIBLE LEARNING TIME / NUTRITION BREAK	BLOCK A 9:40-11:05 FLEXIBLE LEARNING TIME / NUTRITION BREAK 11:05-11:35	FLEXIBLE LEARNING TIME / NUTRITION BREAK	FLEXIBLE LEARNING TIME / NUTRITION BREAK
AFTERNOON SESSION 11:05 – 1:05	BLOCK B	BLOCK B	BLOCK B 11:40 – 1:10	BLOCK B	BLOCK B
LATE AFTERNOON SESSION 1:20-3:20	SESSION 3 Quarter F2F/Student Support/Linear Courses/Teacher Prep/Remote Learning	SESSION 3 Quarter F2F/Student Support/Linear Courses/Teacher Prep/Remote Learning	SESSION 3 Quarter F2F/Student Support/Linear Courses/Teacher Prep/Remote Learning 1:25 – 3:25	SESSION 3 Quarter F2F/Student Support/Linear Courses/Teacher Prep/Remote Learning	SESSION 3 Quarter F2F/Student Support/Linear Courses/Teacher Prep/Remote Learning
2:50 – 4:10	X Block Courses	X Block Courses	X Block Courses	X Block Courses	X Block Courses

Graduation Scholarships and Post-Secondary Applications

Ms. Gehiere would like to remind grade 12 students to regularly check their deltalearns email accounts for regular updates and deadlines for scholarships and post-secondary applications. Please email Ms. Gehiere (jgehiere@deltasd.bc.ca) if students have questions.

Homework Club

The Homework Club provides students access to extra support for their classes. Homework Club can support students in person or through a Zoom meeting with Ms. Hudon and/or Ms. Duhamel, Educational Assistants.

Please see the link below for more information.

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

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 students' 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.

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 cross the street at a marked crosswalk on Lyon Road. It is important for everyone's safety to follow the traffic signs and pedestrian crossing markers.

Grad 2025 T-Shirts

We have a surplus of black 2025 t-shirts, all in size Small, that we are now selling for \$8 or two for \$10. Please see Ms. Akiyama at the Main Office for more detail.

Agenda Books

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 the Main Office. We are here to help families and students.

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