

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>

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.

Midterm Report Cards and MyEd

Midterms Report Cards will be available for viewing in MyEd on Thursday, October 15th in the evening. Only quarter 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 at this point, so parents/guardians will be able to view their child's Report Card in the Students Portal. We will inform families when the Parent Portal is activated. If families are having difficulties accessing the Student Portal, please contact the office for help – we cannot provide passwords as we do not have access to them, we can only reset them. In a worst case scenario, we can print the report card and send it home with your child. Students will be able to pick up the Report Card at the Main Office.

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 the through the portal.

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

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.

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.

We wish all of our families a safe, healthy and happy Thanksgiving weekend,

Rick Mesich
Principal

Ian Close
Vice Principal

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Vice Principal