



Friday, November 13th, 2020

Dear Seaquam students and families,

On Tuesday, we received notification from Fraser Health informing us that someone who attended Seaquam on November 2nd and 3rd has tested positive for COVID-19. That person is self-isolating and there is no direct exposure risk currently. Fraser Health has made us aware that the contact tracing for the exposure at Seaquam is likely complete. Please be reminded, individuals will not be contacted by public health unless they were directly exposed to COVID-19. If your child has not been contacted directly by Fraser Health, you are encouraged to have them attend school unless they feel sick. As a staff, we have reacquainted ourselves with the Provincial, District and School safety protocols and have made sure that we and students are following all of them while at school. We are relying on families and students to do their part and follow safety practices and protocols at home to keep all of us safe. Please keep practicing the following common practices:

- wear a mask in all public areas
- keep at least 2 meters/6 feet from people outside of your bubble/cohort
- regularly wash/sanitize your hands
- sneeze and cough into the crease of your elbow
- Social gatherings of any size with people outside the immediate household aren't allowed in private homes in the Fraser Health and Vancouver Coastal Health regions as part of a two-week provincial health order

Over time, complacency may set in to follow these protocols. We need everyone to practice these protocols to keep us all safe.

We are coming down to the last few days before the end of classes for Quarter 1. Teachers should have reached out to families if their child is in jeopardy of failing a course. Teachers should have developed a plan and should be sharing that with you and your child. If you are worried about how your student is doing, please contact the appropriate teacher. Also, encourage your child to schedule time with their teacher(s) during session 3 of the daily schedule or attend Homework Club that runs Monday through Thursday starting at 2:45pm in the Library or via Zoom. If your child missed a class or they are having difficulty in a specific course, please get them to make use of these supports.

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:

Tuesday, November 17th Last Day of Quarter 1 classes

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

Quarter 2 Student Schedules

Students can obtain instructions on how to use My Ed to view their Quarter 2 schedule by visiting our website at <https://se.deltasd.bc.ca/student-resources/myed-information/> and then selecting "How to View Your Course Schedule for Quarter 2."

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>

If you find that your child is not feeling well, please do not send him/her to school. Have your child see your family doctor or call 8-1-1.

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.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Information Meeting for Grade 10 Students

The IB Program is organizing an information meeting on Wednesday, November 25th at 1:30pm via Zoom. Current grade 10 students are encouraged to attend this meeting if they are interested in applying for the IB Program for next year (September 2021 entry). Those students who are interested in both full or partial diplomas should attend this meeting. The meeting will focus on a general program outline, requirements, benefits IB and the application process. The Zoom link will be posted on the IB website (www.seaquamib.com) prior to the start of the meeting.

Return to Sport

The Seaquam Athletics Program will be offering athletic opportunities for students starting in the coming weeks. Mr. Brown, Athletic Director, is currently working through the safety protocols with coaches before inviting athletes into our facilities. Mr. Brown is currently organizing opportunities for students interested in playing Volleyball. More athletic opportunities will be available as we move forward in the school year.

If you have questions about our Athletic Program, please contact Mr. Brown by email at ebrown@deltasd.bc.ca.

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/>

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/>

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>

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

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.

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.

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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