



SEAQUAM SECONDARY SCHOOL
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Dear Families and Students,

Another fabulous week at Seaquam. Students for the most part seem settled in classes and being able to navigate the hallways of the school.

Volleyball teams are practicing and starting to play games. The cheerleading team is practicing and looking forward to showing their support to the Senior Boys Football team that plays on Saturday at 11am on the school back field. Boys soccer will be up and running soon. Student Council is planning many exciting things this year. Clubs are starting to get going and many new ones are crossing my desk for approval. There will be a Club Day on early October.

There is so many ways for students to get involved in extracurricular activities at Seaquam. Please encourage your student to get involved.

Pac Meeting

We will be holding our first PAC meeting of the school year on Monday, September 25th in the Library @ 6:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Drop off and Pick ups

Families, please do not drop off your student in the school parking lots. This is a huge safety and organizational issue. Student safety is paramount. In the past, we have had near misses and students being hit by vehicles dropping off students in the parking lot. We also request that vehicles do not make a U turn on Lyon Road.

Student Cars at school

In order for a student to park their car at Seaquam they need to register their car and also have a parent permission document that needs to be signed by a parent/Guardian. The registration can be found by clicking on the QR code and the parent documents can be found at:

<https://se.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/36/2019/08/Grade-12-Student-Parking-Regulations.pdf>



Lockers

If you need a locker, please see Mr. Close and he will get you one.

Grade 8 Retreat

The Grade 8 retreat is coming this week. We are creating an opportunity for our new grade 8 students to build connections with each other, as a class and with our greater school community. The event is on Thursday, September 21. There will be more detailed information

coming to families this week. The retreat will be an afternoon event at Wade Road Park. There will be Pizza lunch at Seaquam prior to going to the Park. Students will need to report to their Block H class for attendance purposes. There will be a cost applied to student fees for this event. This will cover the cost of locks, t shirt, lunch and supplies for the event. Students will return to Seaquam by 2:40. One aspect of this community building is a Grade 8 retreat on Thursday, September 21.

Parents will need to sign off on the Walking Field Trip permission form on Parent Connect.

Grad Information

I met with the Grads at an assembly on Friday. I have sent the Grads a copy of the slide deck to their @deltalearns email address. If you have any questions, please let me know

Grade cruise ticket sale will start on Wednesday, September 20, Via Parent Connect. Those Grads that have the Parent Code of Conduct signed off will be able to buy tickets immediately. Each day Ms. Lavoie will update the fee section as more students get their Code of Conduct signed off. Please have the Code of Conduct signed off by September 22. The Grade cruise ticket sale will happen in Parent Connect under fees. The Code of Conduct needs to be signed off on Parent Connect. Tickets for the Cruise will be cut off on Friday, September 29. The price of the Tickets is \$145 this year. The price includes transportation, dinner, dessert, DJ, and a 3 hour cruise around False Creek.

Also, students need to be in good standing in order to buy tickets.

Families and students in financial need

We realize that sometimes families struggle financially. The BC Government has created a new fund called Feeding the Future. The monies that schools will receive will go directly towards feeding students at school and outside of school. We do not have all the details yet of the parameters of what we can use the money for but we are eager to find out and support students and families. Student and Family Affordability Fund from last year is no longer – it was a one year pilot. Please contact your child's counselor or administrator if your family requires financial support in relation to food security. Discretion will always be maintained.

The school does put aside some monies to help with other financial needs of families. Please reach out to me if you need some help.

Communications with Families:

Most of our communication will be done electronically through our website, weekly/monthly newsletters, emails, Seaquam App and Parent Connect. Please ensure you have provided us a current email address, updated all your contact information and are able to log into Parent Connect. Please contact the office if you require assistance.

Permission Forms:

There are many forms on Parent Connect for you to review and authorize. Please login to Parent Connect, review the notices and select the appropriate response to each form. It is mandatory that all forms be reviewed and responded to by each student's parent/guardian by Sept 30. Forms are:

- Personal Information Consent Form
- Outside Media in Schools
- Electronic Communications

- Walking Field Trips Permission
- BC Fruits and Vegetables Program Permission
- Demographic Information
- Student Emergency Release, and GAFE (google apps for students)
- Grad Code of Conduct

Athletics

Seaquam athletics is up and running. For the Fall Season we offer: Football, Cross-Country, Aquatics, Volleyball and Boys Soccer (Girls Soccer is in Spring). If your student/child is interested in playing in any of these activities, they need to make note of all tryout dates. Any parents looking to be involved with coaching? If so, please contact Mr. Todd Clarke (tclarke@deltaschools.ca).

For more information, please check out: www.seaquamseahawks.com

Cafeteria

The cafeteria will begin with limited food service starting this coming week. It will be mostly baked goods. The Hawk Shop is selling some items as well. Last year we transitioned to adding a Debit machine. Due to inflation, there will be an increase in the cost of lunches and snacks. We ran a deficit last year and we need to be able to break even this year.

Vending Machine

Seaquam does not own the vending machines. We have a contract with a company to maintain and fill them. If there is a problem, ie money is lost, students need to contact the vending company directly themselves and report an issue. Each machine has a clearly displayed phone number on it. Please do not come to the office to look for refunds.

Calendar events

September

- 15 Grade 12 Flex Assembly, Fire Drill
- 18 Grade 9 Flex assembly
- 19 Grade 10 Flex Assembly
- 21 Grade 8 Flex Assembly, Grade 8 Retreat
- 22 Pro D Day (school closed)
- 25 Grade 18 Flex Assembly
- 25-29 Truth and Reconciliation Week
- 29 Recognize National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – Altered Bell Schedule (no Flex)

October

- 2 School Closed

Sincerely,

Mark Robinson, Principal Ian Close, Vice Principal Maggie Callander, Vice Principal