



SEAQUAM SECONDARY SCHOOL
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September 8, 2023

Dear Families and Students,

Welcome back. It has been a fast and furious week but we made it – new classes, new bell schedule, more flex times, linear classes, different counselling organization, new faces and new staff. So much to take in and then catch up with classmates. It was amazing to see our students back in the school this past week. There is a good buzz in the classrooms as our first week ends. Mr. Close, Ms. Callander and I had the privilege of speaking to each grade at our grade assemblies and we are looking forward to the upcoming year as we all strive to find our passions and our purpose this school year. We are all going to have a great year! Families and Students please do not hesitate to reach out to the Admin or Counsellors if you need some help or have a question that needs answered.

Counsellors have been working hard last week, this week and next week to address all of the course request changes and issues with timetables. Please be patient as they work through it. Counsellors are only looking at the google doc for information about what the issues are. We are not taking appointments with counsellors regarding course selection nor are we allowing students/families to drop in to speak to the counsellor for the next week or so. We need to get through all the requests. If the counsellor needs to speak to a student they will reach out via email or get the students from classes. If your student needs to see a counsellor about some mental health issues or other such things please have them see one of the administrators and they will decide if you need to see a counsellor right away. We do recognize that the start of the school year can be stressful!

I will attempt to publish a weekly newsletter during the year with timely and relevant information. Our website also has a great deal of information. Please check it out.

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

We have more students than we have lockers. We are working through the process of finding out who wants one and who does not. If your block A teacher is offering you a locker and you don't want it please let them know. If you don't have a locker and want one please let your block A teacher know. We are hoping to have that concluded by the end of this coming week.

Grade 8 Retreat

Seaquam values building community in our school environment as it's an integral part of our Seaquam C.A.R.E.S focus. 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. One aspect of this community building is a Grade 8 retreat on Thursday, September 21. We can not provide all the details as we are working them out. We will be doing something different from last year but the focus will still be on team building. These activities are sure to foster an appreciation for each team member's strengths, and increase the group's awareness of the importance of shared work and play within a team or community. Details, registration forms and costs will be delivered to students and parent inboxes next week.

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 a number of 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)

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

We are looking for someone to coach the Senior Boys Soccer. If you are interested please contact Mr. McKenzie – dmckenzie@deltaschools.ca

Cafeteria

The cafeteria will begin with limited food service starting later next week. They should be up for full service starting on Sept 18. Food service will only be available at lunch. 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.

Bell Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Collab	n/a	n/a	8:30-9:25	n/a	n/a
Period 1	8:30-9:40	8:30-9:40	9:30-10:35	8:30-9:40	8:30-9:40
Flex	9:45-10:20	9:45-10:20	n/a	9:45-10:20	9:45-10:20
Period 2	10:25-11:35	10:25-11:35	10:40-11:45	10:25-11:35	10:25-11:35
Lunch	11:35-12:15	11:35-12:15	11:45-12:25	11:35-12:15	11:35-12:15
Period 3	12:15-1:25	12:15-1:25	12:25-1:30	12:15-1:25	12:15-1:25
Period 4	1:30-2:40	1:30-2:40	1:35-2:40	1:30-2:40	1:30-2:40

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
- 25 Grade 11 Flex Assembly
- 25-29 Truth and Reconciliation Week
- 29 Recognize National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Sincerely,

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