



November 24, 2023

Dear Families and Students,

The sun is shining but it cold and crisp out there. It looks like it will for a while. Please get out and enjoy it. Ask your student to be careful in the parking lots and sidewalks if there is ice or frost on the ground.

Monday is a Pro D day and we do not have school. Friday next week we are having an early dismissal day so that Teachers and Staff can work on preparing a Learning Update (Term 1 Report Card). See below for the schedule for the early dismissal. Interested in IB for next year? There is a parent meeting on Wednesday, November 29 in the library. Come on out and get some information.

This week there we some great events for students. We had a Grade 8 dance where we see so many students enjoying music and each others company. Thursday night we were treated to the Premier Concert Music night. The bands and choir did an amazing performance.

All the best.

Early Dismissal on Friday, December 1

- 8:30 – 9:30 Period 1
- 9:35 – 10:35 Period 2
- 10:35 – 10:55 Nutrition Break
- 10:55 – 11:55 Period 3
- 12:00 – 1:00 Period 4 – student can leave school at this time
- 1:00 – 1:45 Lunch

International Baccalaureate Program at Seaquam

The IB Diploma Programme at Seaquam is starting the application process for September 2024 entry into the Diploma Programme. Students must enter the Diploma Programme in the grade 11 year so we are currently hosting information meetings for both students and parents of current grade 10 students. All application information will be posted to the Seaquam IB website AFTER the parent meeting (www.seaquamib.com). The parent meeting will be held on November 29 at 6pm in the Seaquam Library. Parents from all schools are welcome to attend. The application deadline is February 5, 2024. Applications that come in after the deadline will be waitlisted based on space available.

Athletics

The Junior Girls Volleyball start the provincial championship this weekend while the Senior Boys and Girls start their provincial championships next week. Go Teams!

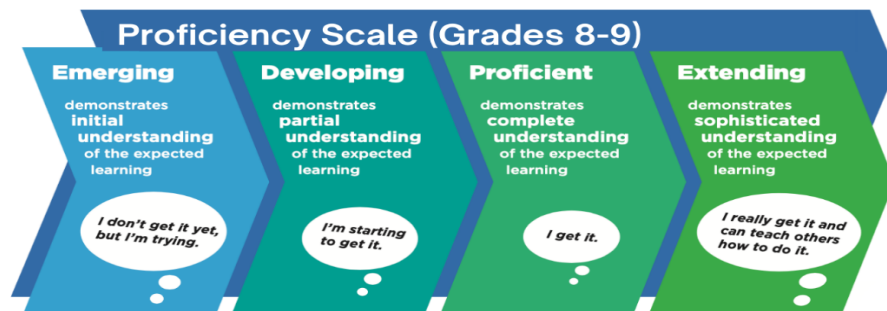
Basketball coach wanted: We are looking for someone to coach the Grade 9 boys basketball team this year. Please connect with Mr. Brown (ebrown@deltaschools.ca) if you are interested.

The Winter Athletic newsletter was sent to all families yesterday. Please have a read as it provides a great deal of information about Athletics at Seaquam.

Changes in K-12 Student Reporting

On December 14th a Term 1 Learning Update will be available on MyEd for all Seaquam students and families. From now on you will get two types of "report cards": a Learning Update (term end) and a Learning Summary (end of year). These reports will look different from report cards in the past. The Ministry is requiring teachers to report out Performance Standards on report cards this year for all students enrolled in Grade 8 and 9 classes. Students in Grade 10-12 will get Percentages and Letter Grades. You will still see written feedback (comments) on the reports, but going forward that feedback will focus on students' learning progress. These changes are part of the curriculum modernization that started in 2016. For more information, please visit:

1. [K-12 Student Reporting One Pager for Parents and Caregivers](#)
2. [K-12 Student Reporting Presentation for Parents and Caregivers](#)
3. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023ECC0051-000985>



Letter Grades and Percentages

(Grades 10-12)

- A excellent or outstanding performance (86-100%)
- B very good performance (73-85%)
- C+ good performance (67-72%)
- C satisfactory performance (60-66%)
- C- minimally acceptable performance (50-60%)
- IE Insufficient Evidence of Learning means student has not provided sufficient evidence of learning
- F has not demonstrated minimally acceptable learning (0-49%)

More info here

Core Competencies

- C** The **Communication** competency encompasses the knowledge, skills, and processes we associate with interactions with others.
- T** The **Thinking** competency encompasses the knowledge, skills, and processes we associate with intellectual development including specific thinking skills as well as habits of mind and metacognitive awareness.
- PS** The **Personal and Social** competency is the set of abilities that relate to students' identity in the world, both as individuals and as members of their community and society.

Career Corner

<https://deltalearns.ca/careers/newsletters/>

Cafeteria Menu

Nov. 27- Dec 1					
Seaquam Café Menu					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Special #1	Pro D Day	Turkey Club Sandwich & Fries	BBQ Chicken Pizza	Baked Tortellini	Early Dismissal
Special #2	Pro D Day	Penne Bolognese & Garlic Toast	Ham & Cheese Stuffed Chicken Garlic Smashed Potato	Buttermilk Fried Chicken Spicy Cajun Potato Wedges, Coleslaw	Chicken Strips & Fries Honey Mustard Sauce
Special #3	Pro D Day	Thai Chicken Curry Jasmine Rice	Beef Empanada	Chicken Parm Sandwich	Early Dismissal Bell

Parent Workshops

Social Media Awareness

Description: In partnership with The Ministry of Education and Childcare's erase strategy, due to high demand, we are offering an additional "Social Media Awareness" Family Session on December 5th at 6:30pm. This 60 minute session will be held virtually via zoom.

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/family-session-establishing-safe-caring-respectful-digital-communities-tickets-765337273387?aff=oddtcreator>

December 5, 6:30 - 7:30pm

Virtual Event: ADHD - **The Real Deal**

Description: Join us in watching a video by Dr. Duncan, who will dispel the many myths surrounding ADHD by presenting scientific facts about cause, prevalence, diagnosis, and treatment. He will explain how and why the ADHD brain works the way it does.

Registration: FamilySmart - Events <https://familysmart.ca/monthly-events/>

Dates:

December 5th 6:30pm-8pm

December 6th 6pm-7:30pm

December 7th 12pm-1:30pm

December 12th 6:30pm-8pm

December 14th 6pm-7:30pm

Virtual Event: **Help for the Hard Times Workshop Open House for Professionals**

Description: The Help for the Hard Times Workshop series provides a framework for parents/caregivers to consider as they support their child after a crisis. Join this information session to learn more about Help for the Hard Times, and how you, as a Service Provider, Educator, Police and RCMP can help connect families to this free workshop.

Registration: FamilySmart - Events <https://familysmart.ca/monthly-events/>

Dates:

December 13th 12pm-1pm

Calendar events

November

- 28 Fire Drill
- 29 IB Parent meeting

December

- 1 Term 1 Ends
- 1 Early Dismissal for students and staff working on Report Cards
- 5/6 Transcript Verification Records (grade 12's)
- 6 Senior Winter Snow Ball Formal Dance
- 7 Beginning of Hanukkah
- 11 Scholarships Music Concert
- 14 Report Cards posted
- 15 End of Hanukkah

Sincerely,

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