



December 1, 2023

Dear Families and Students,

Busy week at Seaquam. We hosted two days of Provincial Volleyball championships, lots of extra people and cars around. The girls and boys teams are both vying for positions 5-8. Games continue tonight and tomorrow. Grade 6 and 7 students from Cougar Canyon and Sunshine Hills joined our Grade 8 students for a very valuable presentation about social media and safety and the internet.

Next week the Grade 8's have an Explorations rotation on Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Close sent out information about this on Friday. The teachers have also prepared students and will support them in the move. On Wednesday we are having a Senior Snowball Dance. Grade 10's will have an opportunity to buy tickets starting on Monday. There are limited quantities. If students wish to attend then they need to have all of their school fees paid off. On Tuesday and Wednesday the Grads will come to the library for their TVR's – see below for more details

All the best. Three more weeks to go.

Grade 12 TVR distribution

December 5 and 6 in the library Grads will be called down by last name. The TVR stands for Transcript Verification Report. This is a record of all the courses that we have on record in MyEd. The purpose of this verification is to make sure that students have all the courses they need to graduate.

Nourishing November Food Drive

The Solution Society Club is running a school wide food drive alongside the Surrey Food Bank. Please bring donations to your Block C classes! Non-perishable items such as: canned proteins and soups, pastas, and baby items, including formula/food and diapers are needed. The class that donates the most food, will receive a mysterious prize.

International Baccalaureate Program at Seaquam

The IB Diploma Programme at Seaquam is starting the application process for September 2024 entry into the Diploma Programme. All application information will be posted to the Seaquam IB website (www.seaquamib.com). 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 finished 9th at the provincial championship last weekend. Congratulations to the team and coaches.




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.

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>

A GUIDE TO YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS



Proficiency Scale (Grades 8-9)


Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
demonstrates initial understanding of the expected learning	demonstrates partial understanding of the expected learning	demonstrates complete understanding of the expected learning	demonstrates sophisticated understanding of the expected learning
<i>I don't get it yet, but I'm trying.</i>	<i>I'm starting to get it.</i>	<i>I get it.</i>	<i>I really get it and can teach others how to do it.</i>

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.

Cafeteria Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Special #1	Bacon & Egg English Muffin Sandwich	Spaghetti & Jumbo Italian Meatball	Cajun Chicken Ciabatta	Penne Alfredo & Garlic Bread	Baja Fish Tacos Chipotle Lime Creama
Special #2	Taco Salad Bowl	Cheeseburger or Falafel Burger	BBQ Chicken Drumsticks Loaded Baked Potato	Grilled Greek Chicken Wrap w/ Tzaziki	Butter Chicken, Basmati Ric & Naan
Special #3	Philly Cheesesteak	Chicken & Sausage Jambalaya	Assorted Sushi	Pork Stir-Fri w/ Jasmine Rice	Burrito & Tots

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

December

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| 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 on My Ed |
| 15 | End of Hanukkah |
| 20 | Grads Breakfast with Santa |
| 22 | Last Day of Classes before Winter Break |

Sincerely,

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