



SEAQUAM SECONDARY SCHOOL  
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Dear Families and Students,

It been a short and busy week here at Seaquam. Students are starting to realize that there are only 4 weeks left of school. So much to do in such a short time. Please encourage them to keep working hard right until the end. Also, please get them to attend all classes and be on time. That would be appreciated. For grads, senior “skip day” is not really a good thing. Please attend all classes

Seaquam had the pleasure of once again hosting the District Queer Prom. Students from around the district came to Seaquam and danced, danced, danced. It was a great evening. On Wednesday there was a groundbreaking event to kick of the track and playing field renewal, see more information below.

Enjoy the weekend!

**PAC: Seaquam Parents and Guardians!**

Our last PAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the library. There will be an election for the executive positions.

Our school relies on the community gaming grant money that we apply for every year but without a full PAC Executive we are ineligible to receive this money (approx \$30,000). These funds go a long way to subsidize our athletics programs, theatre improvements, as well as many clubs that Seaquam offers. If anyone is interested in any of the executive positions, please email [seaquampac@gmail.com](mailto:seaquampac@gmail.com) or come to the meeting on May 28th.

**Seaquam Track and Field upgrade**

The City of Delta will be making upgrades to the running track and grass field at Seaquam Secondary as part of the \$16 million grant it received from the province’s Growing Communities Fund.

On Tuesday there was a groundbreaking ceremony attended by elected officials from both the City of Delta and Delta School District trustees. Preparatory work on the project is scheduled to begin shortly, with construction of the new track and field facilities slated to start in late June and continue into the fall—during which time the track will be closed to the public. Please avoid the area during this time.

The preparatory work involves the removal of 82 trees from the school grounds that conflict with the new track layout, based on an assessment by an independent arborist. We recognize that there may be some concern over the removal of these trees. Rest assured that the remaining trees will be protected during the construction phase. The City will be planting 100 new trees in the surrounding area in line with Delta’s Tree Bylaw.

Construction of the new running track surface and grass infield are scheduled to be completed in late fall 2025, while the install of the synthetic running surface is planned for spring of 2026. From late fall 2025 to spring 2026, the paved running track will be open and available for use, while the grass infield will be fenced off to allow the new grass time to establish.

For more information on the project, please visit: <https://letstalk.delta.ca/seaquamtrack> If you have any questions, please contact me.

### **Athletics**

Congratulations to our Track & Field Team on an outstanding performance at the South Fraser Championships. Our Grade 8 Girls and Athletes with Exceptionalities brought home South Fraser banners, and the entire team placed an impressive 3rd overall out of all schools!

We had several first-place finishes: 800m, Javelin, Grade 8 Boys 4x100m Relay, Grade 8 Girls 4x400m Relay, special shoutout to Riyah P, who qualified for five events at the BC Championships!

So many other athletes had outstanding performances, and we're proud to be sending our biggest team ever to BCs!

The Badminton team dominated the Delta Cup on Thursday. We finished First.

Well done to our athletes and coaches!

### **Grad Camping**

On Tuesday I met with other schools' administration, senior management and students of Seaquam to gather further information. The Delta School District has also responded to the media with a statement about the events. My understanding is that there were two small groups, under 20 grads in total, of Seaquam students who camped at the official Jones Lake campground. This was not near the place where the social media video showed the devastation of garbage. The area shown in the video was a camping spot for many different groups including the general public and other schools. I am saddened by the atrocious state that the campers left the site. This is a poor reflection on those who camped there last weekend. Social media posts have put the blame on Seaquam students and I think this is unfair. Most of the posts that state the mess was left by Seaquam students appear to be from fake, burner accounts with no followers and no other posts. Our reputation and integrity as Seaquam families, students, staff and community members is important to all of us. I will continue to gather information and work with others in hopes of identifying those that were complicit in this and working with them on restitution. Grad camping is not a sanctioned school event and no staff was present or involved in the organization.

### **Grads and Parents**

- **Photos are needed for the Grad Banquet Slideshow.** Grads - Grad Banquet is fast approaching. This slideshow is shown during the dinner/dance portion of Grad Banquet. We would like photos to be sent in of students from Grades K - 12 include school field trips, class photos, boat cruise etc. Please send photos of your child throughout the years to [swithenshaw@deltalearns.ca](mailto:swithenshaw@deltalearns.ca) the cutoff to submit photos is **June 1st**.
- **Walk across the stage speech.** On the evening of the Grad Commencement, each grad will have their name called and photo displayed during their 15 seconds on stage. In that moment a staff member will read a short statement about what that student's future plans

are or state perhaps thanking the people responsible for getting them to this milestone. We request that each grad reflects on their journey and their next steps and captures that in a short statement to be read. Our expectation is that this statement is respectful and positive and adds to the general celebratory vibe of the evening. Consider connecting with a teacher if you are not sure if your comment meets that expectation. Keep the comment short and around 3 sentences max.

The statement should be written in **3rd person** perspective... "Garfield is planning on sitting on the couch after graduation and not moving for several months. He would like to thank Odie for his friendship in helping him through and thank Jon for always filling his bowl." Mr. Annandale will be connecting with all grade 12 students next week during their English 12 class to prompt students to complete the task and answer any questions specific to the task. Link – <http://bit.ly/3Zihhc8>. Due it NOW! Closes on June 11 – Any students who do not contribute a statement will have a generic comment read in it's place.

### **Dry Grad volunteers needed**

Volunteer opportunities for "2025 - Seaquam Red Carpet and Dry Grad Volunteer Sign Up Sheet" are now open.

Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet:

<https://volunteersignup.org/7LWCW>

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

Any questions, comments or concerns,  
Please reach out to [seaquamdrygrad2025@gmail.com](mailto:seaquamdrygrad2025@gmail.com)  
Or contact 604-518-3074.

Thank you for volunteering!

Your 2025 Seaquam DryGrad Committee

### **Career News – <https://deltalearns.ca/careers/newsletters/>**

Highlights:

- Aquatics leadership: [accepting applications](#)
- Are you working with a red seal journey person? Get high school credits
- Career Panel Playback [available now](#)

### **Cafeteria menu**

| Seaquam Café Menu |                                     |                                        |                                                 |                                            |                      |
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| May 26-30.25      | Monday                              | Tuesday                                | Wednesday                                       | Thursday                                   | Friday               |
| Special #1        | Butter Chicken<br>Penne Garlic Naan | Cajun Alfredo<br><b>**Vegetarian**</b> | Totchos<br><b>**Vegetarian Option available</b> | Mediterranean Chicken Burger & Greek Salad | Pulled Pork Sandwich |

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| Special #2 | Chicken Bahn Mi Sub Sandwich               | Jerk Chicken & Rice Bowl   | Beef Stroganoff                                     | Pizza<br><i>** Vegetarian<br/>Option available</i> | Cauliflower Tacos<br><i>**Vegetarian**</i>              |
| Special #3 | Chicken Strips & Fries Honey Mustard Sauce | Philly Cheesesteak & Fries | BBQ Chicken Skewers Sour Cream & Onion Potato Salad | Mongolian Beef & Broccoli Rice Bowl                | Chicken Schnitzel Mashed Potatoes Garlic Parmesan Sauce |

**Calendar events**

May

29 Grade 8 field trip to Boundary Bay Regional Park

30 Fit for Life field trip

June

5 Awards night

11 Athletics awards

13 Final Music Concert

14 Red Carpet, Banquet and Dry Grad

20 Last day of regular classes, yearbooks distributed

20 Commencements

26 Learning Updates and Learning Summary posted

Sincerely,

Mark Robinson, Principal    Mike Annandale, Vice Principal    Maggie Callander, Vice Principal