

August 19, 2019

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to the 2019 – 2020 school year! I hope that this mailing finds you rested and re-charged for the challenge and excitement of our new school year. Welcome back to our returning students and their families, and a special welcome to our many new students and families, as they prepare to take their first steps as a part of the Pacer community. I would also like to extend a special welcome to our Graduating class of 2020 as they begin their final year of high school.

I am pleased to extend a warm Pacer welcome to our new staff members who will be joining our DSS community in September:

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| • Ms. Margaret Callander | Vice Principal |
| • Mr. Justin Cotter | Science |
| • Ms. Megan Ellis | English |
| • Ms. Bryarley Gillis | Counselling |
| • Ms. Sydney Hadziadic | English |
| • Ms. Stephanie Kates | French |
| • Mr. Joe Proctor | Career Education/Business Education |

With August coming to a close, we turn our attention to key start up details. We have posted all school start-up information on the Delta Secondary School website <http://de.deltasd.bc.ca/>. Under the “About” tab, you will find all of the information (including our opening day schedule, calendar, student accident insurance info, PAC information, etc.) that you may need to begin the year successfully. Printed copies are available from the main office, during regular business hours.

The Pacer Agenda APP can be found on Apple’s iTunes or Google’s Play Store. To download your agenda app: **My School Day App**. After downloading the app click on Region (British Columbia) > School District (Delta #37) > School (Delta Secondary) to get your Pacer Agenda App. Allow Push Notifications and Allow Reminders in order to receive important school information.

The school will be open and all grade 8 students are welcome to come to the gym on Thursday, August 29th at 1:30 p.m. to pick up their locator cards. There will be some of our “big buddies” here to help them find their classrooms. All students who are new to the school are also welcome to come in at that time.

As in the past, we have tried to keep this mailing small. Through the use of Parent Connect and by posting information to our website, we are reducing our paper and postage usage, while striving to improve the quality of our communications. Once again we will be using an automatic email to report any unexcused absences that your child may have. Please contact the teacher directly if there is a discrepancy in the attendance reporting. Please ensure that your email address is correct on Parent Connect. We thank you for your support of this initiative and we welcome your feedback and suggestions.

Please turn to the back of this page to see the full listing of Permission Forms Information.

Once again, welcome back!

Mr. John Pavão
Principal

Important Start-Up Dates

Sept. 3 rd	First day of school
Sept. 4 th	Photo packages to be handed out in homeroom
Sept. 17 th	School Photo Day
Sept. 19 th	Welcome BBQ for Gr. 8’s and Parents, 4:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
Sept. 19 th	Meet the Teacher Night: Welcome at 6:15 pm.
Oct. 10 th	School Fee Day