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January 12, 2024

Happy New Year Pacer Families,

We hope that you all had a safe holiday break and an opportunity to relax, recharge and spend time together as a family. We wish you continued health, happiness and success as we start a new calendar year.

We are now less than three weeks from the end of semester one and are encouraging students to take advantage of Flex Time and to connect with their teachers for any additional supports during these final weeks to be successful in their courses. The final day of semester one instructional classes is January 29th. Semester two classes will begin on February 1st.

In addition to this letter, information regarding general school information can be found on our **school website**: <https://de.deltasd.bc.ca/>. Please see the important information items below:

Important Dates:

- January 16th Literacy 10 Assessment (& Literacy 12) 8:30am – 11:30am
- January 17th PAC Meeting, 6:30pm **note new start time* (Conference Room)
- January 18 – 20th Pacers Classic – Sr. Boys Basketball Tournament
- January 26th Non-Instructional Day (Professional Day)
- January 29th Last Day of Semester 1 Classes
- January 30th – 31st Semester 1 Classes “I-Days” *** *Gr 8 & 9 classes still in session*
- February 1st Start of Semester 2 Classes
- February 7th Senior Semi Formal Dance, 6:00 – 9:00pm

January Provincial Assessments:

Literacy 10, Numeracy 10 & Literacy 12 are required components of the graduation program and students in grade 10 – 12 must write all three Provincial Assessments prior to graduation. These assessments focus on the demonstration and application of numeracy and literacy. Students will be excused from their scheduled classes for any assessments that they need to write. Below are the dates the assessments will be taking place this school year:

- Literacy 10 – January 16th 8:30am – 11:30am
 - *Specific assessment dates and times will be shared in an email to students*

Transition Days / I- Days – January 30 & 31

Semester classes only will NOT have scheduled classes on Tuesday January 30th and Wednesday January 31st. These days are “transition days” for semester teachers to wrap up their semester 1 responsibilities (transition plans for students, invite specific students to come in to demonstrate any learning standards to provide a student a final mark for the course, to allow teaches time to finalize any reports or mark any pending or missing student work).

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- “I-days/Transition Days” are NOT a time for students to submit substantial amounts of incomplete assignments or write multiple assessments without prior coordination with the teacher. Any students with an “Insufficient Evidence” or in jeopardy of failing a course should be making plans with their teachers and using Flex time prior to the end of the semester.

Linear classes (Grade 8 & 9) WILL have scheduled classes on Tuesday January 30th and Wednesday January 31st. Students will follow their regular schedule as their classes run the entire school year (September – June) and students will be expected to be in session for those days. Any linear students who are struggling to meet minimal expectations in their course work should also utilize Flex time to address those concerns.

Pacer Athletics:

Our Winter Sports Season is underway with Gymnastics, Curling and Basketball teams representing Delta Secondary.

Thank you to all our staff, parents and community coaches who are volunteering their time to coach and mentor our student athletes. For more information regarding athletics, please follow our teams on Instagram [@deltapacerathletics](https://www.instagram.com/deltapacerathletics)

Athletic Home Games

Monday January 15 th	Gr 8 Boys (3:30pm) & Gr 8 Girls (5:00pm) Basketball vs Burnsvie
Tuesday January 16 th	Jr Girls “A” (3:30pm) & Jr Boys (5:00pm) Basketball vs. South Delta
Wednesday January 17 th	Gr 9 boys (3:30pm vs. SDSS & Sr. Boys (7:00pm) vs. Richmond
January 18 – 20	DSS Pacer Classic (Sr Boys & Sr Girls Tournament)
Monday January 22 nd	Gr 8 Boys (3:30pm) vs. Sands & Sr Boys (7:00pm) vs. MacNeil
Tuesday January 23 rd	Jr. Girls “A” vs. Jr Girls “B” (3:30pm)
Wednesday January 24 th	Sr. Girls (5:00pm) vs Sands & Sr Boys (7:30pm) vs. Burnett
Thursday January 25 th	Jr. Girls “A” (3:30pm) & Jr. Boys (5:00pm) vs Delview
Thursday January 25 th	Sr. Girls (6:30pm) vs. Fraser Heights

Semester 2 Student Schedules:

We are asking students to view their schedules on MyED and make an appointment with their counsellor if they notice an error or have a course request. Over the next two weeks we will be reviewing class rosters and student requests to see where we may be able to accommodate students. **We will be very limited with the number of changes that we can make to a student’s schedule due to timetable constraints.**

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A – Z of Vaping – Resources:

The Province of British Columbia recently launched another A-Z of Vaping social marketing campaign, that provides youth and their caregivers with information and resources related to the risks of vaping. This campaign concept was developed with input from youth and is currently running on most popular social media platforms. Posters, brochures and exterior signage have arrived from the Ministry for each of your schools.

- Link: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/vaping/tools-for-schools>
- BC Lung Foundation: <https://bclung.ca/how-we-can-help/vaping/vaping-prevention-toolkit>

January Career Education Newsletter:

Please see the district's January Career Education Newsletter and the opportunities available to students and their families: <https://deltalearns.ca/careers/newsletters/>

Highlights in this edition:

1. [Parents as Career Coach –](#) North Delta Secondary on Jan 17, 2024 at 7:00pm.
Discover high school career program opportunities and learn how you can support your student on their future career journey.
2. [EducationPlannerBC –](#) Online session Feb 7, 2024 at 6:30pm for post-secondary programs, admission requirements, and application dates.

Communicable Disease, Student Illness, and Procedures

With cold and flu season upon us, we want to remind families that students should not attend school if they are sick or exhibiting symptoms of illness. To ensure we are collectively doing our part to keep our school community safe we are going to ask that students and families continue to do the following this year:

- **Complete a Daily Health Check** and **stay home when your child is sick**
- **Do NOT come to school if you are ill, have symptoms or not able to participate fully in routine activities**
- **Respiratory etiquette** and respect the personal space of others
- **Good hand hygiene** - wash and sanitize your hands often
- **Remember to “Be kind, be calm, be safe” to others.**

We hope 2024 continues to bring you all health, happiness and prosperity. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or inquiries.

Sincerely,

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