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Friday September 22, 2023

Dear Pacer Families,

A happy Professional Day to our Pacer families. I hope you all get an opportunity to enjoy the sunshine and appreciate the beautiful fall colours that are around us. With the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September past, us, students should be in full swing. Next week our school clubs will be set up in the cafeteria and foyer for Clubs Days – students are encouraged to view the various school clubs offered at Delta Secondary and to sign-up for a club. On September 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be recognizing Truth and Reconciliation with [Orange Shirt Day](#) and encourage all **Pacers to wear Orange on Friday**. Schools will be closed on Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup> and I encourage all of you to take some time to reflect on your journey in Truth and Reconciliation.

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

### **Important Dates:**

- September 25 – 29<sup>th</sup> Truth & Reconciliation Week at DSS
- September 26 – 28<sup>th</sup> DSS Club Days @ lunch in the foyer/cafeteria
- September 29<sup>th</sup> Orange Shirt Day
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> National Truth & Reconciliation Day – Statutory Holiday
- October 5<sup>th</sup> Gr 12 Post-secondary Admission & Scholarship Night, 6:30pm
- October 9<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving – Statutory Holiday

### **Flexible Learning Time:**

Monday September 25<sup>th</sup> will be our last prescribed Flex Time (where the school dictates where the students go). Over the past two weeks, teachers have been teaching lessons on goal setting, executive functioning and helping students navigate their student connect accounts to sign-up for Flex Blocks.

Moving forward, students will have the ability to sign-up for Flex Time with one of their current teachers. *Students are required to sign-up for Flex Time in advance and we ask that parents work with their child to determine what flex blocks they should attend to meet their learning needs.*

Reasons for Flexible Learning:

- Complete assignments and reduce homework
- Receive additional help from their teacher(s)
- Catch up on missed work due to absence/illness
- Review and study for upcoming assessments
- Practice or review to build foundational skills
- Extend the learning and inquiry in a particular subject

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## Athletics Home Games:

With fall sports underway we want to wish all of our student athletes a successful fall season! Please come out and support your student athletes and show your Pacer Pride. Go Pacers Go! Be sure to follow our athletic teams on Instagram **@deltapacerathletics**

Below are some upcoming volleyball home dates to come cheer on our Pacers!

- September 26<sup>th</sup> Jr. Girls Volleyball vs. Southpointe Academy, 3:30pm
- September 27<sup>th</sup> Sr Girls Volleyball vs. Panorama Ridge, 7:30pm
- September 28<sup>th</sup> Gr. 8 & Jr. Girls Volleyball vs. North Delta, 3:30pm
- October 3<sup>rd</sup> Jr. Girls vs. Gr. 9 Girls Volleyball, 3:30pm
- October 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. 8 & Gr. 9 Boys Volleyball vs. Delview, 3:30pm
- October 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. 8 & Jr. Girls Volleyball vs. Seaquam, 3:30pm

## Counsellor Support:

A reminder to students and families that our counsellors are available to meet with students to address any concerns, issues or challenges they may be having in or out of the classroom. Students can email their teachers or visit them during a break to set up an appointment.

- **Last Name A – Che** **Mr. Lalli \* on leave**
  - *Last Name A – Bal* see Ms. Gillis until the vacancy is filled
  - *Last Name Ban – Bo* see Ms. Rohwer until the vacancy is filled
  - *Last Name Br -Che* see Ms. Greene until the vacancy is filled
- **Last Name Cli - Lei** **Ms. Greene** [sgreene@deltaschools.ca](mailto:sgreene@deltaschools.ca)
- **Last Name Leo – Or & International** **Ms. Rohwer** [erohwer@deltaschools.ca](mailto:erohwer@deltaschools.ca)
- **Last Name Os – Z** **Ms. Gillis** [bgillis@deltaschools.ca](mailto:bgillis@deltaschools.ca)

## Communications with Families:

Most of our communication will be done electronically through our website, monthly newsletters, emails and Parent Connect. **Please ensure you have provided us a current email address, updated all your contact information and are able to log into Parent Connect.** Please contact the office if you require assistance. Newsletters sent out from the school will be posted on our school website on our home page under the “Principal’s Bulletin.”

## Permission Forms:

Thank you to those families who have already completed the various permission forms on Parent Connect. For those who have not, we ask that you **please login to Parent Connect, review the notices and select the appropriate response for each form. It is mandatory that all forms be reviewed and responded by each student’s parent/guardian by September 30<sup>th</sup>.**

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## **PAC (Parent Advisory Council)**

Our first PAC meeting took place Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in our Learning Commons. It was a pleasure to meet some of our Pacer families and you are all encouraged and welcome to attend an upcoming PAC meeting. For more information on PAC or the minutes from any of our meetings, please visit our PAC website:

- <https://deltasecondaryschool.wordpress.com/>

We want to thank you for your continued patience and support this month as we worked through the many tasks associated with the start of a school year. If you continue to have questions as to which option is best for your child(ren), please do not hesitate to contact us at the school. Have a restful, safe and well-deserved weekend.

Sincerely,

John Pavão,  
Principal  
Grade 12's

Mike Annandale,  
Vice Principal  
Grade 9 & 11's

Joanna Macintosh,  
Vice Principal  
Grade 8's & 10's