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Friday November 17, 2023

Dear Pacer Families,

If you have not already done so, we strongly encourage you to view the **semester one mid-term report cards** that were published yesterday (November 16th). Parents/Guardians can view report cards on MyED and/or Parent Connect.

It has been a busy week at Delta Secondary. Tuesday, Mrs. Ahuja and a number of student volunteers put on a celebration for Diwali, the Festival of Light. Delta Secondary has also been hosting the South Fraser Association Sr Boys Volleyball Championships. Tonight, they take on Steveston-London for the SFA Zone Championship and the top zone seed at this year's Provincial Championships. First serve is at 7:30pm.

We would also like to wish our swim team all the best as they compete in Nanaimo at this year's Provincial Championships as well as our Senior Boys Soccer team who as they begin their Provincial Championship on Monday in Burnaby.

This is a friendly reminder to all students and parents/guardians that classes will **not be in session on Monday November 27th as it is a Professional Day for staff.**

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:

- November 18th Grad Bottle Drive @ DSS (10:00am – 3:00pm)
- November 20th Twenty Days of Giving Kick-off (Nov. 20 – Dec. 15)
- November 27th Non-Instructional Day (no classes in session)
- December 5th Twenty Days of Giving Collection @ Save-on Foods
- December 7th Math FUNction Student Exhibition 5:00 – 6:30pm, Library
- December 7th Winter/Holiday Concert, 6:30 – 8:00pm, Genesis Theatre
- December 9 – 18 Artona Grad Photos, Mobile Studio (book online)
- December 15th Twenty Days of Giving Ends – Bring in your Food Items!
- December 22nd Last day of classes before the winter break
- January 8th First Day of classes after the winter break
 - *Delta Secondary will be closed from December 25th – January 5th*

Twenty Days of Giving (Hamper & Canned Food Drive)

Hey Pacers, our 4th Annual Twenty Days of Giving campaign kicks off Monday November 20th. We need your help in reaching our goal of 30 Holiday Hampers to support local families this Holiday Season. **Remember to bring in your food items or cash donations to your Block B class. Grade 8's to B1, Grade 9's to B2 and Grade 10 – 12 to their Block B classes. We need your help in reaching our goal of \$19,000 in food items.**

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Let's see if we can make this year's campaign our best one to date! **#twentydaysofgiving**
#pacerpride #ladnerstrong

This year, our Interact Club will be stationed outside Save-on Foods on **Tuesday December 5th** to collect any food or cash donations from the public community. Feel free to stop by and drop off a donation on that day.

Grad Bottle Drive – Saturday, November 18th:

The Grads of 2024 are holding their first bottle drive this Saturday, November 18th from **10:00am – 3:00pm**. Grads have delivered flyers to neighbourhoods to promote this event. **Bottles can be dropped off at the front of Delta Secondary School** (Look for the bins and the Grad volunteers). Thank you in advance for supporting our Graduating class and their fundraising initiatives.

Grad Photos/Composite Photos:

Graduating students are reminded to sign up for their grad composite photo (grad photos) with the Artona Photography Group. Artona will have a mobile studio in our back parking lot from December 9th – 18th for students to book a photo session. For more information, please visit their website: <https://artona.com/schools/DELT>

Pacer Athletics:

As our fall sports season comes to a close, I would like to thank all the staff sponsors/coaches, community coaches and student-athletes for representing our school in cross country, swimming aquatics, soccer, and volleyball. I also want to take a moment to give special recognition to the following teams for their successes this fall:

- **Cross Country Team:** - Qualified for Provincial Championships
- **Swim Team:** Qualified for Provincial Championships
- **Junior Boys/Girls Volleyball** – Delta Playoffs and South Fraser Championships
- **Grade 8 Boys/Girls Volleyball** – Delta Playoffs & South Fraser Championships
- **Senior Boys Volleyball** – South Fraser Championships and qualifying for Provincial Championships

With Fall Sports coming to a close, we turn our attention to the upcoming Winter Season and look forward to the start of basketball season. We look forward to having students and parents out to support our athletes and cheering on our basketball teams. For more information regarding athletics, please follow our teams on Instagram **@deltapacerathletics**

Attendance & Student Absences:

Student attendance is directly correlated to student success in the classroom. Students are expected to be in class, on time, unless there is a justifiable reason for absence.

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When students are absent, they miss valuable teacher instruction, opportunities to demonstrate their learning, and the shared experiences that help build class belonging and connectedness. A **“parent excused absence” is still considered an absence** - these absences are known and acknowledged by the parents. Occasionally, students must miss classes for unavoidable reasons such as illness or emergencies. A reminder to parents to contact the school by phone (604-946-4194) or email (delta.sec@deltaschools.ca) to advise us of the absence and it will be recorded on our attendance system.

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.

- **Last Name A – Che** (*Mr. Lalli on leave*) **Ms. Colls** hcolls@deltaschools.ca
- **Last Name Cli - Lei** **Ms. Greene** sgreene@deltaschools.ca
- **Last Name Leo – Or & International** **Ms. Rohwer** erohwer@deltaschools.ca
- **Last Name Os – Z** **Ms. Gillis** bgillis@deltaschools.ca

Career Programs Update:

Each month the district puts out a newsletter related to Career Programs, Work Experience and Apprenticeship opportunities. Please see this month’s newsletter:

<https://deltalearns.ca/careers/newsletters/>

We want to thank you for your continued patience and support. Continue to stay safe, healthy and well. Enjoy the weekend and the beautiful fall weather.

Sincerely,

John Pavão,
Principal
Grade 12’s

Mike Annandale,
Vice Principal
Grade 9 & 11’s

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