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January 26, 2024

Dear Pacer Students & Families,

We hope this letter finds you all well. This week marks the half-way point of the school year as we prepare to start semester two on Thursday February 1st. With a semester turn-around it is also a time of the year where we say good-bye to a few staff members who will be leaving us after this semester and welcome those who are joining us for semester two.

DSS Staff Leaving after Semester 1:

I want to take this moment to recognize the following staff who will be leaving us at the end of this semester. Thank you for all your efforts this year and your care for our students. I wish you all the best in your next endeavour. You will be missed.

- Mrs. Heather Colls – Counsellor
- Mrs. Pam Mann – English Teacher
- Mrs. Emma Peckinpough – Physical Health Education Teacher

Welcome New Staff for Semester 2:

I also want to take a moment to welcome our newest staff members who will be joining us for the second semester. Welcome to Delta Secondary.

- Mrs. Marnie Jamieson – Counsellor (working with Families A – Che)
- Ms. Lauren Sortome – Science Teacher
- Mr. Robert Taylor – English & Socials Teacher

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 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
- February 8th Semester 1 Final Report Cards Posted MyED & CIMS
- February 16th Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D District Day)
- February 21st PAC Meeting, 6:30pm (Conference Room)
- February 28th **Pink Shirt Day (wear pink in support of anti-bullying)**

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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).

- “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

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.

Semester 1 Report Cards:

Semester 1 final marks will be released to students and families on February 8th. Report Cards will be viewable on the MyED student portal as well as on student and parent connect. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s progress, please reach out to the classroom teacher by email. *We are currently in the process of setting up the MyED Parent Portal and hope to have this up and running prior to the mid-semester two report cards. More information to follow closer to the launch date.*

Semester 2 Student Schedules:

We are reminding students to view their schedules on MyED on January 30th & 31st and email their counsellor and to make an appointment if they notice an error or have a course request. *We will be very limited with the number of changes that we can make to a student’s schedule due to timetable constraints.* Please have your child reach out to their Counsellor through email for an appointment

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Course Selection for the 2023 - 2024 School Year:

Starting on February 23rd Delta Secondary will begin the process of course selection for the next school year. Counsellors will be presenting information during grade assemblies and following up at a later date to address student questions. **Students will complete course selection in MyED between February 23rd and March 8th.**

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Course Information Night:

Delta Secondary will be offering a course information night for parents and students currently in Grade 8 – 11 on Thursday, February 22nd. This **in-person presentation** will provide an overview of the course options for students to consider for next year as well as address any questions parents may have. A slide deck of the presentation will be available on our school website on February 26th.

Grade 9 Course Selection Presentation: (For current Grade 8 students)

- **Date:** Thursday February 22nd
- **Time:** 7:00 – 8:30pm
- **Location:** DSS Learning Commons (Library)

Grade 10 – 12 Course Selection Presentation: (For current Grade 9 – 11 students)

- **Date:** Thursday February 22nd
- **Time:** 7:00 – 8:30pm
- **Location:** DSS Genesis Theatre

We are asking families to please be informed and involved through the course selection process—the courses selected determine what courses and how many sections of each course will be offered next year. We want to ensure students take the time to pick the courses they are interested in and for our senior students, those needed for graduation and program requirements. More course selection material will be available on our website in February.

February is Black History Month:

Delta School District is proud to celebrate Black History Month. The Learning Services team has curated various resources to help our staff and students celebrate, honour, explore and learn about Black History over the next few weeks and beyond. Please visit the district's [website](#) to access these resources, which include articles, videos and webcasts.

Pink Shirt Day February 28th:

Please join us on Wednesday February 28th and wear the colour pink in support of anti-bullying. For more information regarding Pink Shirt Day and the origin of the story, please visit the [Pink Shirt Day website](#). We are encouraging all students to wear pink and help us raise awareness for anti-bullying initiatives and work towards creating a more kind, inclusive world that celebrates diversity and inclusion.

Pacer Athletics:

Our Winter Sports Season is underway with Gymnastics, Curling and Basketball teams representing Delta Secondary. Many of our teams will be entering playoffs later in February with teams competing to win district, regional and provincial championships. Please come out and support our student-athletes and cheer them on. Go Pacers Go!

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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**

Athletic Home Games

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
Monday January 29 th	Gr. 8 Girls (3:30pm) & Gr. 8 Boys (5:00pm vs North Delta
Monday January 31 st	Sr. Girls (6:00pm) vs ND & Sr. Boys (7:30pm vs. Steveston-London)
Friday February 2 nd	Gr. 9 Boys (3:30pm) vs. Tamanawis
Wednesday February 14 th	Sr. Girls (6:00pm) vs. NS & Sr. Boys (7:30pm) vs. RHS
Thursday February 15 th	Sr. Girls (6:30pm) vs. Tamanawis
Tuesday February 20 th	Sr. Boys (7:00pm) vs. South Delta

Senior Semi-Formal Dance:

This year's Senior Semi-Formal Dance will take place on Wednesday February 7th from 6:30pm – 9:00pm. *This dance is open to all grade 11 & 12 students who are in good standing (attendance, academics, graduation requirements met). Tickets will be sold at lunch time only out of the school office. Grade 12's can start to purchase tickets starting on Thursday January 29th. Grade 11's can start to purchase tickets on Monday January 29th. Tickets will be on sale every lunch hour until they sell out.*

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/>

We wish you a relaxing and restful weekend. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or inquiries.

As we bring this first semester to a close, we would like to thank our entire Delta Secondary school community for your continued support. We wish you a relaxing and restful weekend. Please do not hesitate to contact us at the school if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John Pavão,
Principal
Grade 12's

Mike Annandale,
Vice Principal
Grade 9 & 11's

Joanna Macintosh,
Vice Principal
Grade 8 & 10's