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February 23, 2024

Dear Pacer Students & Families,

We are now three weeks into the second semester and semester teachers are preparing interim report cards for their students. *Interim report cards are required for students who are not meeting the minimum expectations of a course or those who may be struggling this semester with inconsistencies around attendance, engagement, or ability to demonstrate their learning.* Our linear teachers will be preparing term 2 report card marks and an update of where students are at in their courses. Interim report cards will be available on Parent Connect and MyED on Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup>. If parents do have any inquiries regarding their child's progress or any concerns with their child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or grade administrator.

On February 10<sup>th</sup>, our Grade 9 & Junior Boys Basketball teams competed in the district championship finals, with our Junior Boys team beating South Delta to capture the district championship. Congratulation Boys! Last week, Mrs. Campbell's band and choir students were in Anaheim California where they represented our school at a major competition in Disneyland where they did an exceptional job representing our school and music program. Great work Pacers!

We also want to remind students and families that we are currently in the process of course selection for the upcoming school year. Course selection is accessible to students on MyED from February 26<sup>th</sup> to March 8<sup>th</sup>. More information regarding course selection can be found on our school website under the tab Programs & Courses and the side tab [Course Selection](#).

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:

- February 28<sup>th</sup> **Pink Shirt Day (wear pink in support of anti-bullying)**
- February 29<sup>th</sup> Grade 7 Parent Information Night (Course Planning)
- March 7 Semester Interim/Linear Term 2 Report Cards
- March 14 Semester 2 Parent Teacher Interviews
- March 15 Last Day of Classes before Spring Break
- March 16 – 31 Spring Break Vacation – School is Closed
- April 1<sup>st</sup> Easter Monday – School Closed
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> First Day of Classes After the Break (Day 1 – A, B, C, D)

### **Course Selection for the 2023 - 2024 School Year:**

Starting on February 23<sup>rd</sup> Delta Secondary will begin the process of course selection for the next school year.

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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 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup>.**

*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.

Please have your child reach out to their Counsellor through email for an appointment if you have any questions regarding course selection:

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### **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 28<sup>th</sup>:**

Please join us on **Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup> 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:**

We want to congratulate all of our teams for their efforts this winter season representing our school and community. We want to wish our gymnastics athletes all the best when they head to Prince George to compete in the BC Highschool Gymnastics Championships. Go Pacers Go!

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](#)

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## **Careers Education Newsletter:**

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

## ***Highlights in this edition:***

1. **Education Planner BC:** Online session Feb 7, 2024 (register now)
2. **Financial Literacy Sessions:** One for parents and one for teens.

## **Accessibility Plan:**

The Delta School District is committed to ensuring that every individual has full access to our programs and services. An important part of this work is to ensure that students, staff and community members with disabilities have a voice in identifying, removing, and preventing barriers in our district learning environments, workplaces, or school communities. You can find the district's Accessibility Plan and share your feedback here:

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/district/accessibility/>

## **2024/2025 School Year Budget:**

In preparation for development of the 2024/2025 budget, the Delta Board of Education is encouraging parents/caregivers, staff, partners, and rights-holders to share their priorities for the upcoming school year.

For the last few years, the board has offered public input sessions via Zoom to gather feedback. As a result of limited participation, the board is taking a different approach with the aim of increasing engagement and gathering more feedback from the community. This new approach involves an online survey, as well as more traditional methods such as email, mail and through the school's PAC.

Following the release of the draft budget recommendations on April 18, the board will again invite feedback from parents/caregivers, staff, partners, and rights-holders.

Please [click here](#) to learn more about this year's consultation process and to access the first online [survey](#). The deadline for completing this survey is 12 noon on March 18, 2024.

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Sincerely,

John Pavão,  
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Grade 12's

Mike Annandale,  
Vice Principal  
Grade 9 & 11's

Joanna Macintosh,  
Vice Principal  
Grade 8 & 10's