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March 8, 2024

Dear Pacer Students & Families,

A Happy [International Women's Day](#) to all the exceptional female students, staff, siblings, and parents of our Delta Secondary Community. Today we recognize the many achievements, accomplishments, and successes of women. Please click on the link above to learn more about the history of women's rights and the United Nations contribution to the cause.

This past week has been a busy week for our school. Last week we welcomed our Grade 7 Families and welcomed the class of 2029 to our school community. Last night, Mrs. Campbell held her Pacer Pops Spring Concert which showcased the many musical and vocal talents of our aspiring musicians in front of a full theatre audience. Yesterday, also signified the return of Rugby to Delta Secondary as our Senior Boys Rugby team opened their season in a competitive game vs. Burnsvie Secondary. Yesterday, also saw Mrs. Jow's Recreation Leadership 11/12 class hosted a Grade 6/7 basketball tournament with our student leaders serving as officials, score keepers and tournament organizers – great work Pacers!

Report Cards were published last night on MyED and Connect. For linear courses, the report card is a formal Term 2 Report. For semester courses, the report card is an interim report card for students, primarily those who are struggling or not meeting learning outcomes. If you have not looked at your child's report card yet, please log in to the MyED parent portal or Parent Connect to view your child's learning progress. Next Thursday we will be having our Parent-Teacher Interviews (PTI's) and look forward to welcoming parents into our building to discuss their child's learning. As parents, you play an important role in your child's education and an integral part of their support network working alongside and communicating with teachers, counsellors, and administration to ensure they are finding success in and out of the classroom. **The priority for next week's PTI's is for our semester 2 classes and any linear students who are not meeting the learning outcomes of the course and in jeopardy of failing. To book an interview, please sign on to Parent Connect.** If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's learning experience, please do not hesitate to contact the school and those individuals who work closely with your child.

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:

- 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 1st Easter Monday – School Closed
- April 2nd First Day of Classes After the Break (Day 1 – A, B, C, D)

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School Hours Over the Break:

Maintenance and custodial staff will be on site from March 18th – 29th from 8:00am - 4:00pm.

The school office will be closed during the break.

The doors to the school will be locked so if any person requires access to the building you will have to call the number posted on the front door. If there are any general inquiries, please leave a voice message on the school phone (604-946-4194) or send the school an email at deltasecondary@deltaschools.ca

Course Selection for the 2024 - 2025 School Year:

A reminder to students who have not selected their courses for next year that **tonight is the deadline for course selection in MyED.**

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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DSS Theatre Company Production of The Dining Room:



Delta Secondary's Theatre Company is proud to present A.R. Gurney's "The Dining Room" April 11 – 13 and April 18 – 20. Doors will open at 6:15pm and the performance starts at 7:00pm.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students in advance (online) and \$25 and \$20 at the door if spaces are available.

Tickets can be purchased online at the link below:

- <https://genesis-theatre.tickit.ca/>

The play covers eighteen, non-interrelated stories, that play out in a Dining Room over the span of the past hundred years. The scenes are a mosaic of social and generational perspectives and how adversity and conflict can be motivators for change and understanding. The play deals with some mature content with comedy and tragedy and is recommended for a PG13 audience. Accessible seating is available.

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Pacer Athletics:

With the winter season wrapping up, we turn our attention to spring sports and wish our Pacer Athletes a successful season. For more information be sure to follow our teams and athletics program on Instagram **@deltapacerathletics**.

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/>

In this month's newsletter you will find information on:

1. Career Programs: **Applications due before spring break**
Apprenticeships, Junior Fire, CADD, ECE
2. [Education Planner BC](#): Recording available from February session
3. [Financial Literacy Sessions](#): Mark your calendar! One session for parents and one for teens.

Community / Parent Information (Workshops):

Safer Schools Together Presentation - Understanding Sextortion in Today's Digital Landscape:

Canada's National Tip line saw an 85% increase in sextortion reports between December 2022 and August 2023. This notable increase highlights the need to address the complexities of sextortion. Join us for a complimentary educational session where we will discuss the intricacies of sextortion, how it can happen, best practice for supporting targets/victims, and essential insights on how to protect yourself and today's youth in a digital age.

- **Date: March 12, 2024 from 9:00am – 11:00am**
- **Location: Zoom (livestream)**
- [Register Here:](#)

With one week to go before Spring Break, we hope the upcoming break will provide everyone with the opportunity to relax, recharge and reconnect. For those who are travelling, we wish you safe travels to and from your destination, and that your time as a family is a memorable one. 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