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December 17, 2021

Dear Pacer Families,

On the final day of classes before the holiday break, there is much anticipation for time to relax, recharge and connect with family and friends. From the BC floods to the creation of Christmas Hampers, we have seen our school and the Ladner community come together to support others in the hopes of bringing joy, happiness and relief during this holiday season. When our school community was hurting, we came together to support one another, care for one another and heal together, showing why Delta Secondary is such a wonderful school community and why we are #ladnerstrong.

December was a busy month for our school with many initiatives, activities and events happening in and around our school. Basketball season is officially underway, school clubs have been busy with their many leadership and service initiatives and our office elves helped launch another successful holiday door decorating competition. A special shoutout to this year's door decorating winner, Mr. Brar and his Computer Animation Class! Special mention and honour also go out to Mr. Adamson's Life Skills class, Mr. Allan's Socials 9 class, and Mr. McNaughton's Career Life 10 class for their amazing door decorating this year.

December also brought many student successes and celebrations outside of the classroom, where our students demonstrated their #pacerpride:

- The second annual *Twenty Days of Giving Campaign* saw our school and the Ladner community come together to help local families. Our combined efforts resulted in more than \$14,000 in food, clothing, toiletries, gift cards and cash donations being raised to support local families with holiday hampers. The appreciation we received from those families for our generosity was heartwarming and we want to thank everyone for their involvement and support of this wonderful initiative.
- Our Delta Youth Advisory Council (DYAC) and Student Government wrote over 200 Christmas cards that were delivered yesterday to local care homes, bringing joy, support and well wishes to the seniors who reside there.
- DYAC also organized and hosted a Games Afternoon with our international students. From monopoly to giant sized Jenga, there were many laughs and great conversations over the games and an opportunity for our students to make connections and build community.
- In athletics, we saw success on the volleyball court and this was highlighted by both our Senior Girls Volleyball team and our Grade 8 Boys Volleyball team. Congratulations to our Senior Girls for their 7th place finish at this year's AAA Provincial Championships.

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- Congratulations also goes out to our Grade 8 Boys for winning the South Fraser Athletic Zone Championship and a new banner to hang from our gym rafters.
- In Fine Arts, Mrs. Campbell's Beginner, Intermediate and Senior Band along with our Choir and Wind Ensemble performed a variety of festive and classical songs to parent and family over three nights, highlighting the musical talents of our students.

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:

December 20 – January 3	School Closed for Winter Holiday Break
January 4	School Re-opens (Day 1 – A, B, C, D)
January 19	PAC Meeting, 7:00pm (Zoom)
January 24 – January 28	Provincial Assessments Literacy 10 & Literacy 12
January 27	Last Day of Semester 1 Instruction
January 28	Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D Day)
January 31 – February 2	"I-Day" / Semester Transition Day
February 3	Start of Semester 2 Classes

14-Day Rule for Schools – International (USA) Travel

14-Day Rule for Schools Now that the US border is open for non-essential travel, **please be reminded that unvaccinated or partly-vaccinated students who travel outside of Canada – by land, air or sea - are unable to attend school for 14 days following their return.** *Although unvaccinated children less than 12 years of age who enter Canada with a fully vaccinated parent are not required to quarantine if the child follows all the requirements outlined in the federal travel guidance, they are still subject to several restrictions, which include not attending school, camp or day care for 14 days after arrival.* If you are going to travel internationally during the school year, please coordinate with your teacher and school to ensure your child stays on top of schoolwork while they are away, and for the 14 days following their return.

January Provincial Assessments:

Provincial Assessments – Numeracy & Literacy

All students prior to graduation as part of the graduation program are required to complete three assessments (Numeracy 10, Literacy 10 & Literacy 12) in addition to the 80 credits (minimum requirement). Mr. Annandale will be communicating with students and sending information to families throughout the year. All grade 10's and any grade 11/12's who have not yet written the specified assessment will be scheduled to write during the sessions below:

- Jan. 24-28 - Literacy 10 & Literacy 12
- Apr. 25-29 - Numeracy 10
- Jun. 13-17 – for any students missing an assessment or requiring a re-write.

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Interact Club – African Ruggedized Education System Project Fundraiser

The DSS Interact Club is doing holiday gift wrapping this Saturday, December 18th from 10am-4pm to fundraise for the African Ruggedized Education System (ARES) Project - which provides educational materials to rural communities with limited resources. People can bring their unwrapped gifts to the Port of Vancouver Delta Office at Trenant Park Square and return later to pick up their gifts and make a donation. More information about the ARES Project can be found at <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/1355/sitepage/the-ares-project>.

COVID information and Safety Protocols

With more information regarding the Omicron variant, we ask that you all review the safety information below and the UPDATED Daily Health Check form. These measures continue to keep our school community safe:

- **Stay home when sick** (have symptoms)
- Do the UPDATED [Daily Health Check form](#) with your student before they attend school
- Wear a mask and avoid long face-to-face exposures with others
- Wash and sanitize your hands often
- Seek a COVID test as soon as possible after mild symptoms occur. This will significantly help to speed up the contact tracing process if the test result is positive.
- Check the [District website](#) for updates
- Remembering to **“Be kind, be calm, be safe” to others.**

Although the holidays may still be different than what many of us are used to, we hope you will find safe ways to connect with family and friends. We would like to take this opportunity to extend our wishes of peace, love, joy and hope to all members of our Delta Secondary community. From our families to yours, we want to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and continued health, happiness and prosperity in 2022.

Sincerely,

John Pavão,
Principal

Mike Annandale,
Vice Principal

Maggie Callander
Vice Principal

