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February 1, 2021

Dear Pacer Families,

We hope this letter finds you all well. This week marks the half-way point of the school year as we prepare to move into quarter 3 on Wednesday. This letter contains new information as well as some important reminders as we transition into the next quarter.

Although our COVID numbers in the Fraser Valley have improved slightly and there has been some optimism with the roll-out of the vaccines, the PHO continues to stress the importance of following the provincial guidelines. At the school we continue to stress vigilance around our health and safety protocols as we try to keep all our students, families and faculty safe. As we transition to our next quarter, teachers will again re-emphasize our health and safety protocols within their classes, and we ask that all students continue to adhere to our health and safety procedures. **We are encouraging all students to wear a mask this week in their classes to support this transition to their new learning cohorts. Please continue to complete the 'Daily Health Check' and remain at home when not feeling well.**

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/09/BCCDC-Daily-Health-Check-Sept-11-2020.pdf>

In the event that a family experiences testing protocols related to the COVID-19 virus, we are requesting that families contact an administrator or office first to inform us of the testing results.

Fraser Health Winter Update and Resources for Families

Recently, Fraser Health shared a brief update on how we can all help to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in schools. We encourage you to take a read: [click here](#) to view it. Also, a reminder that the Fraser Health website offers a wealth of valuable resources for families. [Click here](#) to access them.

Family Day

Family Day is on Monday, February 15th. We encourage all families to continue to follow the [public health orders](#). Currently, this means you should limit your Family Day activities to the members of your immediate household. Please do not:

- Invite friends or family to your home
- Host gatherings outdoors
- Gather in your backyard
- Arrange playdates for children

Many thanks in advance for continuing to help keep our community safe.

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Quarter 2/Semester 1/Linear Assessment

Quarter 2 and Semester 1 final marks will be released to students and families on February 11th, 2021. 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.

Quarter 3 Transition

Reminder that the final day for Quarter 2 classes will be Monday, February 1st, with February 2nd scheduled as a "Transition Day/I-Day". The "Transition Day" will be used by staff to allow students to complete missing assessments prior to the end of quarter 2, and prepare for our third quarter. Many classes on the transition day will be optional for students to attend but will be at the discretion of the classroom teacher. By this point, students and their families should have received an email from their Quarter 2 teachers regarding what is expected for our February 2nd "Transition Day".

Quarter 3 & 4 Student Schedules

As per Mr. Annandale's email on January 29th, we are asking students to view their schedules on MyED and make an appointment with their counsellor if they notice an error or have a course request.

Grade 11/12 block A classes in Quarter 3 will be run as "hybrid" classes. Students in "hybrid" classes should receive an email from their quarter 3 block A teachers indicating which days they should attend classes in person. If you have any questions, please reach out to the classroom teacher by email.

2021-2022 Schedule

The Ministry of Education and District are hopeful that we will be able to start the next school year in Stage 1 (Full Return). We will continue to plan for a variety of scenarios, including remaining in quarters and learning groups. We will most likely see a modified bell schedule with the hope of increasing face to face time for students while meeting the requirements prescribed by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health. We will communicate any changes with our families as they become available.

Course Selection for the 2021-2022 School Year

Starting on February 22nd Delta Secondary will begin the process of course selection for next school year. Counsellors will be presenting information virtually in students' classes and following up at a later date to address student questions. Students will complete course selection in MyED between February 22nd and March 5th.

Course Information Night

Delta Secondary will be offering a course information night for parents and students currently in Grade 8 – 11 on Thursday, February 18th.

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This virtual 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 Zoom link has been provided below and more information will come out later this month. Any presentation slides will be made available on our school website following the session.

Topic: Grade 9 Course Selection (Current Grade 8's)

Time: February 18, 2021 07:00 PM Vancouver

- Zoom Meeting Link: <https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/61498732079>
Meeting ID: 614 9873 2079
Passcode: dsspacers

Topic: Grade 10 - 12 Course Selection Presentation (Current Grade 9 – 11's)

Time: February 18, 2021 07:00 PM Vancouver

- Zoom Meeting Link: <https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/65625466357>
Meeting ID: 656 2546 6357
Passcode: dsspacers

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. If you have any questions regarding course selection please contact your child's counsellor.

- Mr. Lalli hlalli@deltasd.bc.ca (A – D)
- Mrs. Greene sgreene@deltasd.bc.ca (E – H & R – Z)
- Mrs. Rohwer erohwer@deltasd.bc.ca (I – Q & International Students)

2021-2022 Registration

Non-Catchment and non-District application forms will be available on the Delta School District website starting February 1st. Due to COVID-19 restrictions all applications and supporting documents will be submitted electronically. For more information visit:

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/student-registration/>

Registration forms **do not** need to be completed by Grade 7 families currently attending a Delta Secondary feeder school (Ladner Elementary, Holly, Hawthorne, Nielsen Grove and Port Guichon). If you have any questions, please contact our Student Data Coordinator, Ms. Deane, in the office for more information.

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Parent Drop-off Notice

With the winter weather upon us we have noticed increased traffic in both our front and back parking lots. This has led to some safety concerns and for this reason **we will be limiting the front parking lot to only school and district staff and the school busses that transport our students. Parents may drop off their child(ren) along 51st Street, 47th Avenue or the back parking lot (by the tennis courts).**

Student Parking Lot

We have had some concerns from staff and parents regarding our student drivers in the back parking lot (tennis courts). We are speaking with our student drivers and asking that if your child(ren) drives to school, you review the expectations associated with New Drivers (i.e., number of passengers in a vehicle) and the use of caution when operating a vehicle in the parking lot. *Unsafe driving in our school parking lot along with any Motor Vehicle Act violations will result in a loss of the privilege to park in our back parking lot.*

Upcoming events:

February 2 nd	Quarter 2/Semester 1 Transition Day
February 3 rd	First Day of Quarter 3
February 11 th	Quarter 2/Semester 1 Report Cards Released
February 18 th	Gr. 8-11 Course Planning Parent Session (Zoom)
February 25 th	Gr. 7 Course Planning Parent Session (Zoom)
February 26 th	Non-Instructional Day (No classes in session)

Thank you to our entire Pacer school community for your continued support. If you require support or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Sincerely,

John Pavão,
Principal, Grade 12

Mike Annandale,
Vice Principal, Grade 8 & 10

Maggie Callander,
Vice Principal, Grade 9 & 11