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February 11, 2022

Dear Pacer Families,

This week we had the pleasure of welcoming a number of new students who have joined us for the start of the semester. This also includes a number of new international students that have joined us from different parts of the world. With our first full week of semester two classes completed, we hope students have settled into a groove and finding success in their courses.

February also signifies the start of the basketball season playoffs and we want to thank all of our student athletes, parent coaches, staff coaches and sponsors for all their efforts as they proudly represented our school in competition. While the Senior teams still have another week of league play before their zone playoffs, we want to congratulate our Grade 8 Girls, Junior Girls and Junior Boys teams for a successful regular season and playoff run – making it to the district semifinals. Our Grade 8 Boys team plays this Saturday in the District Championship Final vs. South Delta Secondary and we wish them all the best this weekend. Good Luck Pacers!

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 10	Semester 1 Final Report Cards Published on MyED
February 11	Semester 1 Final Report Cards Published on Parent Connect
February 16	PAC Meeting, 7pm (Zoom)
February 17	Grade 8 – 11 Course Selection Information Night, 6pm (zoom)
February 18	Non-Instructional Day (District Pro-D Day)
February 21	Family Day Statutory Holiday (School Closed)
February 23	Pink Shirt Day – Anti Bullying
February 23	Delta School District Budget Information Night (zoom)
February 24	Grade 7 Course Selection Information Night, 6pm (zoom)

### **Course Selection for the 2022 - 2023 School Year:**

Starting on February 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Course Information Night Presentations (Zoom):**

Delta Secondary will be offering a course information night for parents and students currently in Grade 8 – 11 on Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

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provided below and any presentation slides from these sessions will be made available on our school website on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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

- Zoom Link: <https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/2700018757>
- Meeting ID: 270 001 8757
- Passcode: Pacers

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

- Zoom Link: <https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/68992896336>
- Meeting ID: 689 9289 6336
- Passcode: Pacers

*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 needed for graduation and program requirements.*

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

- Last Name A – B (C – E) Mr. Lalli (W/R/F) [hlalli@deltaschools.ca](mailto:hlalli@deltaschools.ca)
- Last Name C – E (A – B) Ms. Keller (M/T) [vkeller@deltaschools.ca](mailto:vkeller@deltaschools.ca)
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- Last Name M – Q/International Ms. Rohwer [erohwer@deltaschools.ca](mailto:erohwer@deltaschools.ca)
- Last Name R – Z Ms. Gillis [bgillis@deltaschools.ca](mailto:bgillis@deltaschools.ca)
  - Ms. Gillis is also our school's Indigenous Support Advocate

**Draft Budget 2022/2023:**

The Delta School District is committed to transparent budget planning and resource allocation that is directly aligned with the strategic vision, goals and objectives established by the Board. We would like to invite parents/caregivers to attend the following Zoom sessions to learn more about the budget and to provide feedback on their upcoming funding priorities for 2022 – 2023.

- **Wednesday, February 23, 7pm – 8pm:** A budget webinar, which will contain presentations and short videos aimed at explaining the budget process and providing an overview of district departments and their priorities.
- **Tuesday, March 8, 7:30pm – 9pm:** A budget public input session, where the focus will be on encouraging open discussion and gathering important feedback on the community's priorities for the draft budget.

Please register using this link: <https://forms.gle/dBsaxBdwdNu6E66A7>

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## **2022 - 2023 Secondary Futures - Schedule:**

Over the next few months, we will be entering into a process to decide on a schedule for next year. Since entering into the pandemic environment, our students and staff have experienced a Quarter schedule (2 classes over a shorter period of time with long classes daily) and a Semester schedule (4 classes daily over 5 months occurring twice in a school year).

Traditionally, Delta Secondary has created a Linear schedule where students would experience 8 classes separated into 4 classes per day alternating throughout the week. Each schedule has its pros and cons and this process is to get feedback from students, families and staff.

A survey will be sent to all stakeholders to help with the decision-making process. In preparation for this survey, the link below provides an overview of the schedules starting on page 6 of the document. The overview exhausts perspectives on each schedule. This document will hopefully provide our community with information that will allow for our stakeholders to be informed when completing the upcoming survey.

[https://cdn.cyberimpact.com/clients/29367/public/cab73408-7860-4e5c-15a1-aa9217f3e704/files/Weekly/2021\\_Q2\\_Apr\\_Jun/BCSTA\\_Secondary\\_School\\_Timetable\\_Design\\_Options\\_Report.pdf](https://cdn.cyberimpact.com/clients/29367/public/cab73408-7860-4e5c-15a1-aa9217f3e704/files/Weekly/2021_Q2_Apr_Jun/BCSTA_Secondary_School_Timetable_Design_Options_Report.pdf)

We will also be consulting our stakeholders on other aspects of the schedule, like Flex Time and Collaboration Time, that impact the overall instructional time of our students.

If there are questions, comments, queries or concerns about this upcoming process, please reach out to us.

## **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 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

Please join us on Wednesday February 23<sup>rd</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.

## **DSS PAC President Message:**

The DSS "PAC" (Parent Advisory Council) is the official collective voice of the parent community and is made up of all DSS students' parents/guardians.

**It is the forum for parents to provide feedback to the school respecting any matter relating to the education of their students.**

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The DSS PAC has an executive consisting of six positions: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications and DPAC Rep. They hold seven monthly meetings each school year (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month), which are currently held virtually and include a school update report presented by Principal John Pavão.

**A major role of the PAC is to manage the spending of the BC Gaming grant of approximately \$23,000 (\$20 per student), by budgeting the funds according to teacher wish-lists aimed at enhancing student extracurricular opportunities.** There is no other PAC fundraising done at DSS. **The PAC will need new executive members next year, to fill the openings left by four retiring members. Please consider volunteering one or two hours a month for your child's school!**

**The next PAC meeting is Feb 16 @ 7pm via Zoom** and a link will be sent out at a later date. If you have questions, contact DSS PAC Chair Kerri Deane at [kgdeane@telus.net](mailto:kgdeane@telus.net)

### **COVID information and General Safety Protocols**

Thank you for your assistance with the implementation of our general safety protocols as these measures continue to keep our school community safe:

- **Stay home when your child is sick or exhibiting symptoms** (cold, flu, covid)—**please contact the school to notify them of any absence that is illness related**
- **Complete the [Daily Health Check form](#)** with your student before they attend school
- **Wear a properly fitted mask** & avoid long face-to-face exposures with others
- **Physically distance from others** – think 2m apart when interacting with another person
- **Wash and sanitize your hands often** (entering school, a classroom, before eating, etc.)
- **Seek a COVID test as soon as possible after mild symptoms occur.**
- Remember to **“Be kind, be calm, be safe” to others.**

We would like to thank our entire Delta Secondary school community for your continued support during our educational journey this year. Please do not hesitate to contact us at the school if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John Pavão,  
Principal, Grade 12

Mike Annandale,  
Vice Principal, Grade 9 & 11

Maggie Callander,  
Vice Principal, Grade 8 & 10