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February 19, 2021

Dear Pacer families,

With the second week of Quarter 3 in the books, I hope your child(ren) has found their groove with regards to pacing and workload with their courses. Next week is our “interim week” and teachers will be contacting families of students that are struggling or not meeting the minimal expectations for the course in the hopes that we can establish a plan of action to bring them to a level of success before the mid-quarter report card that will go out on March 11th.

February is also when we begin our preparation for the next school year and begin the course selection process. Last night, we had our Parent Information session regarding course selection for next year and we will be visiting classrooms next week to inform students of their options and the process for selecting courses for the 2020-2021 school year.

Below you will find some additional information regarding a variety of upcoming topics:

Course Selection February 18th – March 5th

The course planning process for next year has started with our system opening last night (Thursday February 18th). Students will be able to enter the courses they would like to take next September through the Student Portal in MyED. **This process is NOT based on a “first come, first serve” model, so we ask students and families to take a mindful approach when selecting courses as the timetable for next year is based on the course selections made now.**

We also ask that students seriously consider the elective and alternate courses they select as those will become the default courses if we are not able to schedule your child based on all of their requests. ***For elective and alternate course selections, students will be able to prioritize or rank those courses and that will be the order we use to complete student schedules.*** For more information regarding course selection, our course catalogue, and graduation requirements, please visit our school website: <https://de.deltasd.bc.ca/programs-courses/course-planning/course-selection/>.

The system will be open until **Friday, March 5th**.

Families who were not able to attend the online meetings can access the presentations on the [Delta Secondary website](http://deltasd.bc.ca) where there are several resources available for students to help them make their decisions for next year.

As we mentioned in our presentations, we encourage families to reach out to the appropriate grade Counsellor or Administrator if there are questions about the process.

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Pink Shirt Day – February 24th :



Pink Shirt Day will be taking place next week on Wednesday, February 24th. Pink Shirt Day is the day each year when Canadians are asked to take a stand against bullying – and to make that stance public by including an article of pink clothing in their ensemble. Let's all wear pink next Wednesday in support of this important initiative!

For more information about Pink Shirt Day, please see the link below.
<https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/about>

Schedule Survey for 2021 – 2022:

Delta's Secondary Schools are currently in discussions around scheduling and timetabling for the upcoming year. While the restrictions around learning groups cannot be predicted at this time, feedback from staff, students and parents will assist to inform building a schedule for various public health scenarios. If you have not yet completed the survey, please take a few minutes to provide us with your perspective on the current quarter system and your child(ren)'s learning this year. Your feedback will help to inform decisions about how we will organize structures/schedules for the next school year while being in compliance with requirements outlined by the Ministry of Education. The deadline to complete the survey is February 22nd. Survey Links below:

- **Parent Survey** - <https://forms.gle/TFFpCf1Gw5RXT4fJ8>
- **Student Survey** - <https://forms.gle/Q75gEqswvQB48zsm7>

Upcoming events:

February 22 nd – 25 th	Course Selection Presentation to Students (Zoom)
February 25 th	Gr. 7 Course Planning Parent Session (Zoom)
February 26 th	Non-Instructional Day (No classes in session)
March 5 th	Course Selection Deadline for Students (MyED)
March 11 th	Mid Quarter 3 Report Cards Available (MyED)
March 15 th - 26 th	Spring Break (School Not in Session)
March 29 th	School Reopens

Film Academy Information Session:

Those students interested in film making have the opportunity to submit an application for the district's Film Academy. There will be an information on Saturday, February 20th at 10:00a.m. through Zoom. Interested students can register to attend this information session at:

- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdPmFeb4aoZQZVTs6_VswxiEkb1ULDDgQb_jhAR4DxmXdm8ubA/viewform

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An Online Session with Suzanne Perreault:

The Inclusive Learning Department is offering an evening presentation with Suzanne Perreault on Wednesday, February 24th at 6:30pm. Suzanne is a trained Counsellor and advocate for children with learning challenges.

As an active participant in community development & mentorship for over 20 years, Suzanne is guiding families with children on the Autism Spectrum, ADHD & Anxiety. Having worked in the health care industry, employed within the higher educational institutes, ran for School Trustee & is a public speaker she offers a milieu of insight as a Counsellor. Through her advocacy on fair inclusion, Suzanne has positioned herself as a strong collaborator to create bridges between those who need a voice & those who are willing to hear.

To learn more, please visit this link to view Suzanne Perreault's TED Talk.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gu5XFdT7q8k>

To register, please email Stacey Jones: sjones@deltasd.bc.ca

Youth Empowering Youth (YEY):

YEY is a program of Low Entropy, a registered Charity that is making personal growth accessible to all, and in doing so providing people with the tools to change themselves and the world. What's unique about the program is that it has a template and a structure to foster growth and development in an intentional, adaptable, customizable, and scalable way. Change starts from within, and we see personal growth as a vehicle for global change.

YEY has opened registration for upcoming online leadership programs for children aged 8-12 and youth aged 13-18. For more information or to register, please see the link below:

- <https://lowentropy.org/services/youth-empowering-youth/>

Delta Career Programs:

The district offers a variety of programs for students to discover their passions in a variety of fields that count towards their graduation requirements. Please see the links below to learn more about these programs and how students can access them.

- <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/news-events/news/career-program-options-for-delta-students/>

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COVID- 19 Safety Protocols:

As the number of positive cases of COVID 19 in the Lower Mainland are still high, we cannot stress enough that we, collectively and individually, need to follow all of the safety protocols as set by our Provincial Health Officer and Fraser Health:

- Complete the daily health check: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/09/BCCDC-Daily-Health-Check-Sept-11-2020.pdf>
- Stay home if you are sick
- Maintain at least 2 metres from people outside of your bubble/cohort
- Wear masks all the time except when seated in your classroom at your seat, when eating/drinking or when a barrier is present. At all other times students must wear masks
- Wash and sanitize your hands often
- Avoid gatherings that are beyond your immediate household
- Ensure your child knows they must not gather with other students before and after school

Contact numbers for Fraser Health for questions/advise specific to COVID and schools

- * **Fraser Health COVID Hotline 604-918-7532**
- * **COVID SCHOOL HUB Hotline 604-587-4769**

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