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January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dear Pacer Families,

Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a safe holiday break and an opportunity to relax, recharge and spend time together as a family.

With the new year comes an optimism for a new beginning and a fresh start. The 2020 year tested our resiliency, forced us to adapt and make sacrifices. Despite these challenges, the past year highlighted the importance of family, connection with others and finding joy and gratitude in what we have. When I reflected on our school this past year, I was so proud of our Pacer community and our ability to be resilient, flexible and supportive while we worked to find ways to keep our students engaged, connected and supported in their learning. We were able to maintain a sense of community showing why we are **#ladnerstrong** and have **#pacerpride**.

Below are some additional items for your information:

### **Attendance:**

Student attendance continues to be viewable in Parent Connect and families will receive emails if their child has an unexcused absence. Starting on January 7<sup>th</sup> the school will now be posting an additional attendance code, "O" (Off-Site) for students scheduled in a hybrid class or support block. Students are marked as "off-site" on the day that they do not attend their hybrid class. If you have any questions regarding attendance please contact the school office.

### **Reporting and Assessment:**

Quarter 2 mid-term report cards were released to families on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Report Cards are viewable on students MYED portal, and Parent Connect. If you are unable to view your child's report card, please contact the school for assistance on how to access the report card. *If you have any concerns about your student's progress, please contact the teacher directly via email. A reminder that students have the opportunity for support and assistance every day from 1:30pm – 2:10pm during Flexible Learning Time.*

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

### **Quarter 3 Transition:**

Reminder that the final day for Quarter 2 classes will be Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, with February 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Teachers will inform their students closer to the end of the quarter regarding their attendance and participation on that day.

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## **Quarter 3 & 4 Student Schedules:**

Once again, 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. Over the next two weeks we will be reviewing class rosters and student requests to see where we may be able to accommodate students. *Unfortunately we are limited in the number of changes that we can make to a student's schedule due to learning group restrictions and timetable limitations.*

School Counsellors are available to provide a number of supports for our Delta Secondary students and families. Please have your child reach out to their Counsellor through email for an appointment.

Below is the Counselling Department's contact information (email):

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

## **Student Fees:**

Reminder that student fees and deposits have now been assessed for all classes and are viewable under fees on Parent Connect. Some fees have been reduced to reflect the reality of COVID and that some opportunities will not be available to students. We are encouraging families to use the online feature in Parent Connect to pay. If families want to pay by cash or cheque, they can place cash or a cheque in an envelope with their child's name and student number and hand it in at the school office.

If you have any questions regarding fee payment please contact Mrs. Bowling at [hbowlng@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:hbowlng@deltasd.bc.ca) or by phone at 604-946-4194. If there is a financial need please contact your child's grade administrator and we can discuss how we can help.

## **COVID-19 Safety Reminders:**

**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**

We each play an important role in our collective effort to flatten the curve and keep our school community and the wider community safe.

We expect all students to do the following with regards to safety protocols:

- **Completing the [Daily Health Check](#)** and staying home if you are not feeling well or exhibiting any symptoms;

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- **Wearing a mask is required when:**
  - Entering the building and moving through common areas such as hallways;
  - **Keeping a physical distance of 2 metres** from people outside their learning cohort is not possible—this includes school grounds and, in the community,
- **Washing hands or using sanitizer before entering** the building or a classroom;
- **Not sharing food or snacks** with peers and friends;
- Remembering to **“Be kind, be calm, be safe” to others.**

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

## **Upcoming events:**

January 20 <sup>th</sup>	Online session: Parents as Career and Education Coaches at 7pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Register here: <a href="https://rb.gy/mphdae">https://rb.gy/mphdae</a></li></ul>
January 20 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting, 7:00pm (Zoom)
January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pro-D Day (No School)
January 25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>	Numeracy & Literacy Assessments (1:30 – 3:30pm)
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Quarter 2/Semester 1 Transition Day
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First Day of Quarter 3
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Quarter 2/Semester 1 Report Cards Released

We hope 2021 continues to bring you all health, happiness and prosperity as we look forward to the brighter days ahead. Thank-you to our entire Delta Secondary school community for your continued support. If you require support or are seeking answers, please contact teachers, counsellors, administrators or contact the office. We are here to help families and students.

Sincerely,

John Pavão,  
Principal, Grade 12

Mike Annandale,  
Vice Principal, Grade 8 & 10

Maggie Callander,  
Vice Principal, Grade 9 & 11