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November 25, 2022

Dear Pacer Families,

If you have not already done so, we strongly encourage you to view the **semester one mid-term report cards** that were published on November 17th. Parents/Guardians can view report cards on Parent Connect.

This past Wednesday, over 200 Grade 11 & 12's arrived at DSS in their best dressed and had a wonderful time at our *Winter Wonderland Senior Semi Formal*. Thank you to our teacher sponsors, Grad Council, and staff volunteers for all your time, energy and work in organizing a fun night of dancing, music and photos!

Monday November 28th is a Professional Day for staff. This is a friendly reminder to all students and parents/guardians that classes will not be in session on Monday.

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:

- November 28th Non-Instructional Day (no classes in session)
- November 29th Twenty Days of Giving Drive Thru Food Drive (3:30 – 6:00pm)
- December 2nd Twenty Days of Giving Ends – Bring in your Food Items!
- December 7th Winter Holiday Music Concert, 6:00pm
- December 9th DSS One Act Plays, 7:00pm, Genesis Theatre
- December 10 – 18 Artona Grad Photos, Mobile Studio (book online)
- December 16th Last day of classes before the winter break
- January 3rd First Day of classes after the winter break
 - Delta Secondary will be closed from December 19th – January 2nd

Twenty Days of Giving (Hamper & Canned Food Drive)

Hey Pacers, one week into the campaign and we need your help in reaching our goal 20 Holiday Hampers to support local families this Holiday Season. **Remember to bring in your food items or cash donations to your Block A class. We need your help in reaching our goal of \$17,000 in food items.** Let's show our **#pacerpride** and make a strong push this week Pacers!

A reminder that we are having our **Drive Thru Canned Food Drive on Tuesday November 29th from 3:30 – 6:00pm in our front parking lot.** Pacer families and our extended community members will be able to **drop off food items, cash donations and gift cards to our student and staff volunteers in our front parking lot.** Let's see if we can make this year's campaign our best one to date! **#twentydaysofgiving #pacerpride #ladnerstrong**

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Grad Bottle Drive – Saturday, November 26th:

The Grads of 2023 are holding their first bottle drive this Saturday, November 26th from 10:00am – 3:00pm. Grads have delivered flyers to neighbourhoods where they will be picking up bottles. Please leave them in a bag marked for pick up with “DSS Grad Bottle Drive”. If you would like to drop off any bottles, a group of students will be receiving collections in the front parking lot by our main front doors. Thank you in advance for supporting our Graduating class and supporting this initiative.

Grad Update:

Graduating students are reminded to sign up for their grad composite photo (grad photos) with the Artona Photography Group. Artona will have a mobile studio in our back parking lot from December 10th – 18th for students to book a photo session. For more information, please visit their website: <https://artona.com/schools/DELT>

Pacer Athletics:

As our fall sports season comes to a close, I would like to thank all the staff sponsors/coaches, community coaches and student-athletes for representing our school on the playing field in both boys’ soccer, and boys’ and girls’ volleyball. Many of our teams qualified for playoffs and had successful seasons on and off the court. I also want to take a moment to give special recognition to the following teams for their successes this fall:

- **Grade 8 Boys Volleyball** – congratulations on their second-place finish in the South Fraser Championships.
- **Grade 8 Girls Volleyball** – congratulations on an undefeated league play season and for competing at this year’s Provincial Championships. Way to go Lady Pacers!
- **Junior Boys Volleyball** – congratulations on your strong season, and best wishes this weekend at the Provincial Championships in Kamloops
- **Senior Boys Volleyball** – congratulations on finishing 3rd in the South Fraser Championships and best of luck in this year’s Provincial Championships next week in Kelowna

With Fall Sports coming to a close, we turn our attention to the upcoming Winter Season and look forward to the start of basketball season. We look forward to having students and parents out to support our athletes and cheering on our basketball teams. For more information regarding athletics, please follow our teams on Instagram **@deltapacerathletics**

Spectators Code of Conduct

It is important that all spectators remember the *Spectator’s Code of Conduct* that exists in schools, the Delta School District and BC School Sports.

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Spectators should:

1. Treat everyone with respect

- a. *Cheer in a positive manner for all competitors*
- b. *Respect the decisions of the officials*
- c. *Be courteous and respectful to other spectators, all competitors, coaches, event organizers and officials*

2. Exercise Self-control at all times

- a. *Respect the rules and regulations of the facility*
- b. *Refrain from the use of foul or profane language*
- c. *Refrain from the use of physical force of any kind*

Fall into Vision 2030:

Last spring, we were thrilled to unveil our Vision for the next decade. In total, the voices of almost 3,000 individuals were considered in developing Vision 2030 following dialogue with staff, students, families, education partners and local First Nations Peoples. We're excited to follow this new direction as we support students present and future for the next decade.

Please [visit our school district website](#) to see our 2030 Vision, Mission and Values.

Communicable Disease Guidelines:

The School District is in the process of reviewing the updated [Provincial Communicable Disease Guidelines](#) for K-12 School Settings that were released on August 25. Over the coming days, we will ensure that our school's communicable disease prevention plan aligns with the latest public health advice. To ensure we are collectively doing our part to keep our school community safe we are going to ask that students and families continue to do the following this year:

- **Complete a Daily Health Check** and **stay home when your child is sick**
 - **Do NOT come to school if you are ill, have symptoms or not able to participate fully in routine activities**
- **Respiratory etiquette** and respect the personal space of others
- **Good hand hygiene** - wash and sanitize your hands often
- **Remember to "Be kind, be calm, be safe" to others.**

We want to thank you for your continued patience and support during the month of November. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or inquiries. Continue to stay safe, healthy and well.

Sincerely,

John Pavão,
Principal
Grade 12's

Mike Annandale,
Vice Principal
Grade 8 & 10's

Margaret Callendar,
Vice Principal
Grade 9 & 11's