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November 27, 2020

Dear Pacer Families,

I hope you all have had the opportunity to review your child's Quarter 1 final Report Card. A copy of the report card can be seen in your child's MyED student portal as well as through our Connect System (Parent Connect/Student Connect). The report card provides information on the final assessment for Quarter 1 classes and allows for students and their parents to gain a better understanding of their child's progress in each of these courses. As we near the second week of Quarter 2, the report card should serve as a time of reflection, goal setting and action planning for this quarter—with the goal to maintain or improve student performance around learning.

While it takes a village to raise a child, it is the responsibility of the individual student to take responsibility for their learning and to create a plan for continued or future success. Students need to be committed to their learning, have supports at home as well as school in order to create positive routines. In meeting families regarding report card results, the same themes seem to come out over and over again with regards to student success:

- Committing to an organizer (paper-based agenda, electronic calendar or app)
- Regular attendance in classes
- Completing homework, learning activities and assignments
- Seeking out assistance or additional help during Flexible Learning Time
- Establishing a focused study routine and environment at home

Ultimately it comes down to creating positive work habits at school and at home. Teachers will be reaching out in the next week if your child is struggling in their courses and we ask that you continue to communicate with teachers around your child's progress. While this year is not a normal or typical year, we will continue to try and create as much normalcy as possible in our students' educational experience while supporting them on their educational journey.

A reminder that Monday November 30th is a Professional Day (non-instructional) and students will not have scheduled classes. Please see a couple of additional information items below:

Twenty Days of Giving—December 1st Community Drive Thru:

We are almost at the halfway point in our *Twenty Days of Giving* campaign. Students and staff have been busy working towards collecting food items, gift cards and cash donations to support the 25 local families we are building hampers for as well as the South Delta Food Bank. While we are on our way towards that goal, we realize it will take our entire Delta Secondary Community to help us collect enough donations to make a positive difference this holiday season for those families who will benefit the most from our hampers.

Our Interact Club is hosting a **Community Drive Thru Food Collection on Tuesday December 1st from 3:00 – 6:00pm.**

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Community members will be able to drive up to drop off any donations they have in our front parking lot under one of our large outdoor tents. We are still in need of and looking for healthy non-perishable food items, new toiletries, gift cards and cash or cheque donations. If you cannot make our Drive Thru event, you can contact the school to drop off your food item, gift card or cash donation at the school main office.

Counselling Department Update:

Delta Secondary would like to welcome Mr. Harvir Lalli (Counsellor) and Ms. Dee Stacey (Child Youth Counsellor) to Delta Secondary and our Student Services Department. Below is an update of how our counselling department is supporting families.

Counsellor – Student Caseloads:

- Last Name A – D Mr. Lalli hlalli@deltasd.bc.ca
 - *Mr. Lalli works Mondays, Wednesday afternoons and Fridays*

- Last Name E – I Mrs. Rohwer erohwer@deltasd.bc.ca

- Last Name J – L Mrs. Greene sgreene@deltasd.bc.ca
 - *Ms. Colls is currently off on a temporary leave and covers families (E – K)*

- Last Name M – Q Mrs. Rohwer erohwer@deltasd.bc.ca
 - *Mrs. Rohwer also supports our International Students*

- Last Name R – Z Mrs. Greene sgreene@deltasd.bc.ca
 - *Mrs. Gillis is off on a maternity leave and covers families (R – Z)*

- CYCW Referrals Ms. Stacey dstacey@deltasd.bc.ca

Upcoming (November) Events:

- November 30th – Non-Instructional Day, no school in session
- December 1st – DSS Cares Drive Thru Food Drive, 3:00 – 6:00pm

COVID-19 Safety Reminders:

As you are aware, the number of people contracting COVID is on the rise and this is particularly the case in the Fraser Health region. With the start of Quarter 2, teachers will be reviewing our Safety Protocols, Procedures and Expectations with our students as we continue to message around the importance of following the basic health measures of regular handwashing, practicing physical distancing, wearing a mask when in public, staying at home when ill and avoiding large gatherings. We will be emphasizing the role we each play in our collective effort to flatten the curve and keep our school community and the wider community safe.

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We are asking families to help us reinforce the messaging we have been sharing with our students:

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

Informing the School of COVID Related Health Issues:

In the event that a family experiences testing protocols related to the COVID-19 virus, we are requesting that families contact an administrator to inform us of the testing results as soon as possible. We would like to centralize the collection of this information, so we can effectively follow up to keep our community safe. We will inform teachers that your child will be absent and begin the process of continuity of learning while they are away.

To contact an administrator, please call the Main Office at 604-946-4194 or email the appropriate grade administrator:

Mr. J. Pavão, (Grade 12)	jpavao@deltasd.bc.ca
Mr. M. Annandale (Grade 8 & 10)	mannandale@deltasd.bc.ca
Ms. M. Callander (Grade 9 & 11)	mcallander@deltasd.bc.ca

Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

For additional information on COVID-19 School Exposures: <https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/coronavirus/school-notifications-.X5s1G62-Lwc>

As we enter the month of December and the final month of this 2020 year, we want to thank you for your support as we continue to find ways to support your child in their educational journeys and wellness. Continue to stay healthy and well.

Sincerely,

John Pavão,
Principal, Grade 12

Mike Annandale,
Vice Principal, Grade 8 & 10

Maggie Callander,
Vice Principal, Grade 9 & 11