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November 6, 2020

Dear Pacer Families,

With the vibrant colours of Fall around us and Remembrance Day nearing, I am amazed at how quickly the start of the school year has gone. We are six days away from the end of Quarter 1 and, as a school, teachers and staff are beginning to think about the start-up associated with Quarter 2 which begins on November 18th. *In these final days of Quarter 1, I want to stress the importance of students taking ownership of their learning and taking advantage of the built-in structures of Flexible Learning Time from 1:30 – 2:10pm each day to support their learning.* If you are worried about how your child is doing, please encourage them to use this time for additional support.

Below are some additional items for your information:

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. Our community's commitment to 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 will be reflected in schools. Thank you for keeping us safe by following these measures.

To ensure the safety and well-being of our school community, 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 when they enter the building and moving through common areas;
- Physically distancing of 2m and wearing a mask when you are with people outside your learning bubble and avoid congregating in large groups;
- 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.

I also want to express gratitude to our students for following the safety guidelines at school and not gathering outside their learning groups after classes have finished. Over time, I have reminded students of our safety measures and that we have a shared responsibility to keep everyone safe in the COVID environment. I also want to acknowledge the work of our staff who reinforce our safety measures with students on a regular basis. *As a general rule, school-wide notifications should not be expected, meaning "No news is good news."* Typically, hearing nothing means that the Fraser Health Authority has determined that there is no increased risk of transmission. For additional information on COVID-19 School Exposures:

<https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/coronavirus/school-notifications#.X5s1G62-Lwc>

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Upcoming (November) Events:

- November 10th - Virtual Remembrance Day Presentation at the end of Block B
- November 11th – Remembrance Day, no school in session
- November 17th – Quarter 1 Transition Day or “I” Day
 - *Students may be required to attend class on this day to complete a class related assessment or the teacher requires them for additional time to complete course assignments and assessments in order to meet learning outcomes.*
 - *Teachers will notify students if they need to be in attendance on November 17th or if this will be a day of non-instruction as a transition into Quarter 2.*
- November 18th – Start of Quarter 2 Classes (schedules on MyED)
- November 25th – Quarter 1 Final Report Cards posted November 25th on MyED
- November 30th – Non-Instructional Day, no school in session

Q2, 3 & 4 Student Schedules:

Counsellors have been balancing courses in Quarters 2, 3 and 4 and working with students regarding course requests. In order to do this, they may be moving students between courses in various sections to ensure classes in the upcoming quarters are not above required class size limits. *As a result, some students may have changes to their current schedule (i.e. English moved from Quarter 2 to Quarter 3).* **At this time 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.** 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.

- Mrs. Rohwer (E – Q & International Students) erohwer@deltasd.bc.ca
- Mrs. Greene (A – D & R – Z) sgreene@deltasd.bc.ca
 - *Mrs. Colls is currently on a medical leave (hcolls@deltasd.bc.ca)*
 - *Mr. Lalli is on medical leave until the end of November (hlalli@deltasd.bc.ca)*

MyED Access & Schedule Look-up:

From a desk top, students will need to log into MyED and complete the following steps:

1. Click on top tab “My Info”
2. Click on side tab “Current Schedule”
3. Select “FY” (for full year schedule) from the “Time” drop down menu
 - a. Q1, Q2, Q3 & Q4 refer to what quarter a class is scheduled

If there are problems logging in, have your student contact the office for some help – we cannot give out passwords but they can be reset and login information will be automatically sent to the student’s ...@deltalearns.ca email address.

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Extra-Curricular Activities at DSS:

Over the years, involvement in extra-curricular activities has been a key part of the student experience at DSS. Slowly, clubs at DSS are starting up following protocols similar to those we have in regular classes to make sure that students are safe while participating. Presently, meetings are done via Zoom but there may be some situations where face to face meetings can happen. Clubs starting up at Delta Secondary so far are: *Delta Youth Advisory Council (Mrs. Callander), Student Government (Mr. Rechlin & Ms. Collings), Interact Club (Mrs. Day), Alliance Club (Mrs. Munns), D & D Club (Mr. Eveleigh), Environmental Club (Mrs. Veltkamp), Improv Theatre Club (Mrs. Baydala), Delta Studio Club (Mrs. Jew), and Grad Council (Mrs. Bowling, Mr. Harkley & Mr. Pavão).*

In addition to clubs, school athletics under [BC School Sports Return to Sport Plan](#) and the Delta Secondary School Athletic Association are working on the return to training—providing an opportunity for student-athletes and their coaches to return in their particular sport under COVID-19 protocols. The purpose of the reintroduction is about the mental well-being of our student athletes and the reconnection between players, coaches and teammates. *At this time there are no plans towards, games, scrimmages or competition with other schools.*

Our Athletics director, Mr. Thompson is currently communicating with interested coaches and implementing the strict safety protocols required before training sessions can begin. For more information please visit our [Delta Secondary Athletics website](#) for more information.

DSS Cares Hamper & Food Drive:

Once again, Delta Secondary will be showing its true Pacer Pride and supporting our local community through our “*DSS Cares Hamper and Food Drive*”, a tradition that has been running since 1999. From November 18th – December 7th, we will be collecting non-perishable food items, gift cards, and cash donations to create Holiday Care Packages to support local families in need. This year we will be looking to provide hampers to 25 local families as well as supporting the South Delta Foodbank. We will be inviting students and families to join us in this act of kindness and good will. Please stay tuned for more information in a later communication.

Pacer Wear Pick Up:

Our Pacer Wear has arrived! Students who ordered clothing items through our online store will be able to pick up their items from Mrs. Callander from Tuesday November 10th – Friday November 13th from 1:30 – 3:30pm outside our conference room located beside the main office. If possible, we are asking students to bring their student ID card and a copy of their sales invoice to make pick up more time efficient.

Sincerely,

John Pavão,
Principal, Grade 12

Mike Annandale,
Vice Principal, Grade 8 & 10

Maggie Callander,
Vice Principal, Grade