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Friday September 10, 2021

Dear Pacer Families,

It was amazing to see our students back in the school this past week. Our grade 8's had a wonderful orientation day and there is a good buzz in our classrooms as our first week comes to a close. I had the privilege of speaking to each grade at our grade assemblies and look forward to the upcoming year as we all strive to find our passions and our purpose this school year. I am sure the upcoming weekend will be well deserved for many as our bodies readjust to full-day schedules and in-person instruction.

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:

- September 15th First PAC Meeting (7:00pm, DSS Learning Commons)
- September 20th School Photo Day (Artona Photography)
- September 23rd *Meet the Teacher Night *** Tentative more info to come*
- September 24th Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D)
- September 30th Non-Instructional Day: BC – Day of Truth & Reconciliation

DSS Bell Schedule – Late Start Wednesdays (9:30am)

There may have been some confusion for parents and students regarding bell schedules and formalized teacher collaboration sessions. For the purpose of bell schedules, **EVERY Wednesday, school will begin at 9:30am for students.** Below we have reposted a generic bell schedule for the 2021 – 2022 school year.

Sample Daily Bell Schedule:

| Period | Time | Day 1's | Day 2's | Wednesday Schedule | |
|--------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 8:30 – 9:50am | Block A | Block B | Period 1 | 9:30 – 10:35am |
| 2 | 9:55 – 11:15am | Block B | Block A | Period 2 | 10:40 – 11:45am |
| Lunch | 11:15 – 12:00pm | Lunch Break | Lunch Break | Lunch Break | 11:45- 12:30pm |
| 3 | 12:00 – 1:20pm | Block C | Block D | Period 3 | 12:30 – 1:35pm |
| 4 | 1:25 – 2:45pm | Block D | Block C | Period 4 | 1:40 – 2:45pm |

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How to Log into MyED

Login ID - is your MyED "Student ID" printed on the front of your schedule. If you have forgotten your password (or this is your first time logging in), click "I forgot my password" and instructions on how to reset it will be emailed to your "...@deltalearns.ca" email account. You can also access a video and handout with instructions here:

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/resources/myeducation-bc/>

Course Change Requests:

This first week, our school priority has been on students with incomplete schedules (less than 8 courses) or students with duplicate schedules, and counsellors are now turning their attention to students' course change requests. If you require a course change, please click on the following *Course Change Request Link*: <https://forms.gle/uDMH3uMMQmZRJZKK6>

****We will be very limited with the number of changes that we can make to a student's schedule due to timetable constraints.*

Counselling Update:

We are very pleased to welcome Ms. Victoria Keller to our counselling department and she will be filling in the remainder of Mr. Lalli's part-time schedule. Both Mr. Lalli and Ms. Keller will be able to support each other's students if one of them is away.

For any inquiries regarding your child this school year please do not hesitate to contact your child's counsellor:

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| • Last Name A – B (C – E) | Mr. Lalli (W/R/F) | hlalli@deltaschools.ca |
| • Last Name C – E (A – B) | Ms. Keller (M/T/W/R) | vkeller@deltaschools.ca |
| • Last Name F– H (R – Z) | Ms. Greene | sgreene@deltaschools.ca |
| • Last Name I– Q/International | Ms. Rohwer | erohwer@deltaschools.ca |
| • Last Name R – Z | Ms. Gillis | bgillis@deltaschools.ca |
- *Ms. Gillis will be returning mid-October to DSS and will work with students with the last name R – Z.*

Communications with Families:

Most of our communication will be done electronically through our website, monthly newsletters, emails and Parent Connect. **Please ensure you have provided us a current email address, updated all your contact information and are able to log into Parent Connect.** Please contact the office if you require assistance.

Permission Forms:

There are a number of permission forms on Parent Connect for you to review and authorize. Please login to Parent Connect, review the notices and select the appropriate response for each form. It is mandatory that all forms be reviewed and responded by each student's parent/guardian by September 30th.

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Pacer Athletics:

This week our senior students were in the gym as part of our Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball teams. Our Athletic Director, Mr. Thompson is currently working to line up coaches and sponsors for the fall, winter and spring athletic competition seasons. If any parents are interested in coaching this year, please contact Mr. Thompson by email sthompson@deltaschools.ca and he will be able to assist you. More information will come out over the course of the year.

PAC (Parent Advisory Council)

This year's PAC Chair is Ms. Keri Deane. School PACs provide feedback and input to the school administration and play an integral role in supporting extracurricular programs and student lead legacy projects and initiatives.

All parents, especially our new Grade 8 parents are invited to join our PAC. For more information, please visit the DSS PAC website: <https://deltasecondaryschool.wordpress.com/>
Our first PAC meeting will take place Wednesday September 15th at 7:00pm in our Learning Commons. More information will come out closer to the meeting date.

Delta Secondary Safety Protocols:

At our grade assemblies we talked about our collective responsibility to ensure everyone is healthy and well as we work towards a return to our new normal. For more information regarding the various protocols and policies around COVID-19 and our Communicative Disease Plan, please visit the school district website: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/news-events/news/information-for-parents-guardians-novel-coronavirus/> The best way to keep our school community healthy is for people to stay home when feeling ill. Please check your child daily for signs and symptoms of illness using the [Daily Health Check](#) before they arrive at school.

We want to thank you for your continued patience and support during our opening week as we worked through school start-up, student schedules, and the many tasks associated with the start of a school year. If you continue to have questions as to which option is best for your child(ren), please do not hesitate to contact us at the school. Have a restful, safe and well-deserved weekend.

Sincerely,

John Pavão,
Principal
Grade 12's

Mike Annandale,
Vice Principal
Grade 8 & 10's

Margaret Callendar,
Vice Principal
Grade 9 & 11's