

PLEASE remember ... Wear a mask and physically distance ... we are all in this together.



Principal's Bulletin #31

April 23rd, 2021

It has been another eventful week. As always, a sincere thank you for your patience and your support.

We are all doing an amazing job as a school and a community. I am especially proud of our students and the way they keep adapting to each new change as it comes. Masks have become “normal” with very few forgotten at home, and very few reminders needed. Even given the pressures of the “COVID cloud” we are all under, and the constant changes and restrictions, our school is still a very happy and vibrant place. I know that under all of the masks there are smiles and an underlying confidence that we will be OK, and a knowledge that we will eventually look back on this year as a success in the face of some pretty formidable odds.

The countdown is now 40 ... that is 40 instructional days left until the last day of classes on June 22. This will well and truly feel like a sprint to the end, and it will be here much faster than we think. Once again we have entered another Quarter, and with the shift comes another change in student timetables and room numbers. (It was interesting to see all of the students trying to find their classrooms on Wednesday morning!)

I feel it is important that I re-emphasise the adjustments that need to happen as a result. I have included an outline below ([CLICK HERE](#)) which covers the following:

- Student breaks and hallway traffic
- Students eating snacks and lunches
- Student entrance/exit of the building
- Students who forget a mask

Please review these with your child. In addition, traffic has increased recently from students being dropped off by car. This creates traffic concerns both inside and outside the building, since students prefer to enter the school by the back door. Please review the guide for drop-off at the school [HERE](#). Each grade has been assigned an entrance to reduce hallway congestion. Observing all of these guidelines keeps us all safe. Given the return of the nice weather, it is actually preferable and recommended that students walk to school whenever possible.

As always, please ensure that you stay updated on the province-wide restrictions (listed [HERE](#).)

Once again, this week's information items are included below. Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Please be safe and take care of each other.

Rob McLeod
Principal

Note: You can click on the Seycove Logo above to go to the Seycove Website

- **Previous Bulletins:**

All previously posted Principal's bulletins and communications can be found [HERE](#).

- **COVID Guideline reminders for Quarter 4**

- **Student breaks and hallway traffic:**

Students are asked to remain in their classroom area during their mid-class break. Students who wander the hallways increase hallway traffic and cause cohorts to mix, making it virtually impossible to monitor.

- **Students eating snacks and lunches:**

There are now a number of students mingling or walking through the hallways while eating and not wearing a mask as a result. Students are reminded that eating must be done while they are stationary, and not while they are in transit. **Lunch is to be eaten in the hallway area outside the classroom where students had their morning class.**

- **Student entrance/exit of the building:**

Students are reminded that they are to be entering and exiting the school by the door closest to their classroom. It is been particularly bad at the end of class, and the hallways are filling up. PLEASE help us by reminding them about proper protocols. This is going to require constant vigilance. Thanks so much for your support!

- **Students who forget a mask**

Once again, students who do forget their masks are asked to enter the school **only through the front entrance of the school** where masks are available.

- **Course Verifications *(new post)***

A hard copy of course verifications was put in the mail today. Please look for it sometime next week and check it carefully. Please note that this is NOT a confirmation of their timetable but a list all of the courses that students have requested for next year. A careful scrutiny of course requests is imperative since we use these specific course request numbers to build next year's timetable. Please make sure it is accurate, as it is unlikely that student-initiated course changes will be able to happen in September. Requests for changes that cannot be accommodated will be waitlisted, and should a course not run, students will be placed in one of their alternate choices. If you have any questions, please contact you students' grade counsellor. More information can be found [HERE](#).

- **Course fees *(new post)***

Quarter 4 Supplemental Course Fees will be attached to students in School Cash Online on Monday, April 26, 2021. Supplemental fees are charged for supplies associated with optional enrichment activities and take-home items that enhance the learning experience for students beyond their basic educational program. Supplemental fees are published on the website and are available [HERE](#).

- **Calendar Highlights *(updated)***

- April 28th ... Report Cards Published
- April 30th ... Provincial Student Learning Survey closes
- May 3rd ... Course verifications Due to the office ([CLICK HERE](#))
- May 10th ... District Wide ProD
- May 14th ... Capstone Presentations
- May 21st ... Hybrid Switch

- May 24th ... Victoria Day Holiday

- **Important reminders for Grads: (reposted)**

- Grad Fees. Currently, we have several grads who have not paid the Graduation fee in the School Cash Online account. This fee of \$45.00 helps to cover some of the costs associated with the graduation production including the cap and gown that students get to keep, the production video as well as the graduation memory box. If you have not paid this fee, we kindly ask you to do so soon.

- Your Grad write-up that will be read as you 'cross the stage'. This has been assigned in MSTeams and is to be submitted through the **Grade 12 Team** on MSTeams.

- Valedictorian applications can also be found on the **Grade 12 Team** on MSTeams. Applications are due on April 26, at 11:55 am.

- **Summer Learning 2021 – Registration May 1-June 24 (reposted)**

Summer Learning provides an engaging learning environment where students can challenge themselves academically and fulfill their personal learning goals. In 2021, Summer Learning will maximize in-person instructional time in its complete suite of course offerings (click on the program for more information):

- [Full Credit Academic Courses](#)
- [7/8 Transition](#)
- [English Language Learning \(ELL\)](#)
- [Numeracy and Literacy Foundations](#)

A plan is in place to transition to remote or blended (online and in-person) learning should the need arise.

Registration is open to all students within and beyond the North Vancouver School District. A list of courses, including the new Careers 10 Summer Learning online course, is available via the *Summer Learning Website* [HERE](#).

- **Provincial Student Learning Survey 2020/2021 CLOSING APR 30th (reposted/revised)**

I have sent a number of emails about the provincial *Student Learning Survey* (SLS) ... this is just a reminder that it is still available online for submitting feedback. Its name is deceiving; the survey is open to feedback from not just students but parents/guardians/caregivers, and teachers as well.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until April 30th. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 604-903-3666.

• Updated “Covid” resources:

- Call **8-1-1** for health information
- Use the **Daily Health Check** before sending your child to school ([https://www.sd44.ca/COVID-19/dailyhealthcheck/Pages/default.aspx#/=">\)](https://www.sd44.ca/COVID-19/dailyhealthcheck/Pages/default.aspx#/=)
- Visit the **BC Centre for Disease Control** website (<http://www.bccdc.ca/>)
- Visit the **Vancouver Coastal Health** website (www.vch.ca)
- Bookmark the **NVSD COVID-19 Resource web pages** (www.sd44.ca/COVID-19)
- Ministry of Education **BC’s Back To School Plan** – updated Nov 10, 2020 (previously dated Sept 24, 2020)
- **BCCDC Schools FAQ** web page – Sept 24, 2020
- **NVSD Back to School September 2020 FAQs** – NVSD **PUBLIC** webpage - updated on an on-going basis
- **NVSD Website COVID-19 Information** – NVSD **PUBLIC** webpage - Misc. resources including copies of Supt letters, updated on an on-going basis

SPECIAL EVENTS:

• **Student Council Bottle Drive:**

For more information, click [HERE](#).