

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



December 1st, 2020

Principal's Bulletin #14

Happy December.

Good evening everyone. My apologies for the delay in sending this out. As you will see, there have been some changes at Seycove which I wanted to include in this bulletin.

It is truly with mixed emotions that I announce that Jagruti Desai will be leaving the Seycove family and will be travelling west to join the Handsworth Administration team after winter break.

Jag came to Seycove in September of 2019 and brought a whole new energy and expertise to our administrative partnership – she has added so much in a very short time. It represents an exciting move for Jag, to a brand new (and much larger) school, and a larger admin team, and I know that she will rise to the challenge. They are very fortunate to have her on their team, she will be missed.

On behalf of the Seycove family, I would like to offer our very sincere thanks for Jag's contributions to our School community. Her steadfast and calm demeanor through all of the complex situations brought on by COVID has been so appreciated. In particular, her strong understanding of MyEd and timetabling and her recent leadership in steering our Careers program in whole new directions has made such a difference to the school.

With Jag's move, I also need to take this opportunity to welcome Ms. Sarah Best to our team. Sarah's move to Seycove represents a homecoming of sorts, as she and her family are long-time Deep Cove residents, having lived east of the Seymour for over 25 years. Sarah first started her career as an EA, eventually moving into teaching, then counselling, and most recently as Vice Principal at both Windsor, and Handsworth. She brings with her significant experience in curriculum, assessment, systems and inclusive education. I know that Seycove will benefit from her insight, energy, and skill.

Please join me in congratulating both Jag and Sarah as they embark on their new roles in January 2021.

As you will see below, I have re-posted reminders below about mask protocols in our school. In general, I am very impressed with our students and their diligence inside the building in the hallways and common areas. My biggest concerns remain with the daily number of students

who come to school without a mask, and walk through the school to the office to get one. Please review the mask protocols (below) with your child.

Thank you for your continued support as we strive to keep our school and community safe.

Please find this week's information items listed below. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Please be safe

Rob McLeod
Principal

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

• **Previous Bulletins:**

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

• **Mask Protocols in the School**

- In common areas masks are required at all times. Students & staff should put on their mask prior to entering school and leaving class.
- Students within a learning cohort are not required to wear a mask in the classroom.
- Masks are not required in the hybrid class as cohorts are small, unless physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Even when masks are worn, physical distancing will still be required to maintain physical distance from people that are from outside of the cohort.
- Students and staff are welcome to wear a mask at any time.

Please note: Students are still arriving daily at school without masks: we now distribute a minimum of 150 facemasks per week. Please ensure that leaving the house with a mask is a part of your daily routine, and part of your child's required [Daily Health Check](#).

• **Student support sessions ... Arrival times at school**

Teachers are available for student support every day after 08:30 by appointment. These sessions need to be pre-arranged with the teacher.

With the rainy season upon us, students who arrive early have been congregating indoors in the hallways and increasing congestion. In an attempt to reduce this congestion, and the potential risk of increased exposure, I would like to request that students who are not coming in for extra help arrive at school no earlier than 09:25. (NOTE: This does not include students who are coming for early morning band or choir.) Thank you for your support with this.

- **Quarter 2 ... Nov 18- Jan 28**

Hybrid delivery switch, December 17th ... Grade 10/11/12 courses switch delivery methods. AM classes become Hybrid, PM classes become face to face.

- **Provincial Assessments**

All Grade 11s are registered to write the **Numeracy 10 assessments on Monday, January 25th, and Tuesday, January 26th, 2021**. Start times for the assessments are 8:30 and 12:30. The assessment lasts for 2 hours.

Details, including Schedules, will be outlined on a notice board outside the office closer to the date. Please find detailed information about this assessment on our school [website](#). The page on "Provincial Assessment" can be found under our quick links.

- **Update on "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)
- Review the **NVSD COVID-19 Management of Illness and Confirmed Cases FAQs** (www.sd44.ca/COVID-19/ConfirmedCasesFAQ/)
- 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)
- [Ministry of Education COVID-19 Planning Resources](#) – miscellaneous links to Ministry Aug 28
- [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

Other School Announcements:

Shirts to Donate?

In quarter two, the Senior Textiles class will be completing a project of sewing quilts to be donated to the North Shore Crisis Services Society. The quilts will be given to youths to keep who are in a transition house. Our class is asking for donations of cotton shirts (not T-shirts) that we can cut up and use for the quilts. Ideally these shirts should be close to 100% cotton with no stretch in them. Button down, flannel or dress shirts work really well. All sizes and colours are welcome to be donated. There will be a laundry basket placed outside of the library labeled

“Shirts for Senior Textiles” for students to drop them off starting on Monday. Thank you for your donations!

Student Council – “All I Want For Christmas Gift Drive”

Let’s show our Christmas spirit by supporting the “All I Want for Christmas Gift Drive.” The Student Council is collecting gifts and gift cards on behalf of *Family Services of the North Shore*. The drop off bin is located at the main entrance and Student Council members will be accepting gifts first thing in the morning and at lunchtime before the start of afternoon classes. New gifts only and please make sure they are unwrapped. **Items will be collected until December 4th.** There will also be opportunities for students bringing in gifts to get a ticket to enter a draw for prizes.