

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



To everyone in our wonderful Seycove Community, we hope that you all have a very safe and restful holiday break.

... Be kind, be calm and be safe ...

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



December 18th, 2020

Principal's Bulletin #17

It is with mixed emotions that I write the final Principal's bulletin of 2020.

It has been a year like no other, and I am sure that like me, many of you will be very happy to say goodbye to 2020 and greet 2021 with open arms. While the challenges of the school year are by no means over, turning the page to 2021 represents a fresh start, with everyone hopefully returning energized after a much-needed break. I do have to say however, that as hard as the past 10 months have been and the incredible toll it has exacted on us all, I could not be prouder of the resiliency of our community and the willingness of staff and students to take on all of the new challenges created by COVID.

To all of the Seycove Parents and guardians, I also want to acknowledge your incredible patience and support as we worked through changes and challenges day after day. We have proven, and continue to do so every day, that together as a community we can safely and successfully guide our students to the finish line. We will continue to regroup and improve ... we will continue to celebrate the strength, courage, perseverance, ingenuity, and accomplishments of all of our staff and students. We will succeed.

As you know, we will start the new year with a new Vice Principal. While we will certainly miss Jagruti Desai and all of the expertise she brought with her to Seycove, we also look forward to welcoming Sarah Best and the all of the energy and experience she has to offer.

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

I wish everyone a safe and restful holiday, and let's all look forward to a very Happy New Year!

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](#).

- **PAC (Parent Advisory Council) ... *Joining the Email List***

If you are interested in receiving emails and announcements directly from your PAC, and want to know more about how PAC works to support Seycove, please click the following link to register: [PAC EMAIL REGISTRATION](#)

Questions about PAC? ... Click [HERE](#) to go to the PAC page on the Seycove Website.

- **PAC Meeting:**

Please see this month's PAC Meeting Powerpoint [HERE](#).

- **Special Scholarship information for Grad's:**

GRADS: have you picked up or downloaded your Seycove local scholarship application yet??? Make sure you carefully...carefully read the notice on Ms. Henderson's *Scholarship Central* 2020-2021 MS Team and get your application in on time. **All Seycove local scholarship applications are due by Friday Jan. 8 at 1:30 pm.**

- **January Calendar Highlights**

- Jan 18th ... ProD
- Jan 28th ... Last day Quarter 2
- Jan 25th ... Provincial Assessments
- Jan 29th ... RCE "Turnaround"
- Feb 1st ... First Day of Quarter 3

- **Provincial Assessments: (reposted)**

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 [HERE](#).

- **Excerpts from the New Provincial COVID-19 Restrictions – K-12 Sector**

... **Questions and Answers** ... Please see Principal's bulletin # 16 for details [HERE](#).

Updated Provincial guidelines now state that there are to be no social gatherings of any size in our homes with anyone other than our household or core bubble. (For most people, their core bubble is their immediate household. An immediate household is a group of people who live in the same dwelling.)

The guidelines also come with the following directives:

- Do not invite friends or extended family to your household
- Do not host gatherings outdoors
- Do not gather in your backyard
- Do not have playdates for children

The complete Provincial guidelines can be found [HERE](#).

• 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