

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



**December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

## **Principal's Bulletin #15**

Good evening, everyone.

The news this past week that once again COVID had touched Seycove was sobering, and I am sure troubling for us all. It has once again shown us that we need to continue to be vigilant as a community. Such events serve as a reality check ... they remind us that COVID is real, and that we need to continue to work hard to protect one another. It is too easy to start relaxing our guard, and start making small exceptions to established rules as we approach the festive season. [The restrictions established by the Provincial Health](#) Officer are there for a reason. This is where the hard work begins, because it is only with our continued diligence that we can ensure our school remains open to the end of the year. Nobody wants to go back to the challenges we all faced last spring.

As I described in my last email, we can be confident that there is an extremely robust plan in place in our School District and that it works. We are incredibly fortunate to be working in a system that has so many checks and balances. Our school is safe.

I have attached a separate letter to this bulletin outlining district-wide messaging which again stresses diligence around mask use and physical distancing. All schools are receiving the same communication. Please read it carefully and share it with your family. Its message is critical.

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

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- **Previous Bulletins:**

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

- **Mask Protocols in the School (\*Updated)**

\* **New Signage** is being installed across the district this weekend. [CLICK HERE](#)

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**School District Guidelines:**

- 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. 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](#).

- **Arrival Times at School & Morning Hallway Protocol (\*Updated)**

Teachers are available for student support every day after 08:30am by appointment. These sessions need to be pre-arranged with a 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 congestion, and the potential risk of increased exposure, students who do not have an appointment with a teacher for extra help are to arrive at school no earlier than 09:25. (NOTE: This does not include students who are coming for early morning band or choir.) Students who arrive early to school have been instructed to stay out of the school until the first bell. Morning class begins at 09:35.

Students are also reminded to please enter the school by the door closest to their classroom, rather than walking through the halls. In attempt to reduce congestion, and keep Learning Cohorts separate, students should leave the building through the closest door as well. Thank you for your support with this.

- **Current Events and announcements:**

Our office staff has created a new page on our website called "[Current Events](#)" where we will be posting information about various initiatives at Seycove.

For more information on the following initiatives, please [CLICK HERE](#).

**Social Justice 12 winter projects:**

- Poinsettias/Holiday plant pick-up
- Period Promise collections
- Downtown Eastside Care Package donations

**Senior Textiles Class**

- Quilts for the North Shore Crisis Services Society

- **Outstanding Textbooks (2019-2020)**

Each year, Students are assigned textbooks by the subject teacher. There is no rental fee charged. At distribution time, teachers record the textbook tracking number and students acknowledge receipt with a signature.

Students are required to return the textbook assigned to them, and any student who loses or damages a textbook is assessed a replacement or damage fee. Refunds will be issued only if lost textbooks are found and returned by the end of the first week of July.

**June 2020** represented a very exceptional year-end. Typically, students return their textbooks directly to their Teacher in June. This was not possible as full-time in-person classes were not in session because of COVID. With students returning books instead directly to the Library, we needed time to cross-reference the books as assigned by teachers in September 2019, with what was actually returned in June 2020. In previous years, assessments for any outstanding books were attached to the student's account prior to the end of June. This was not possible last year.

An exhaustive search has now been completed by school staff for the missing textbooks. Unfortunately, there is a considerable number of missing texts from 2019-2020, with a replacement value in excess of \$11,000.00.

Since all school lockers are now empty, it is assumed that these texts are still at home, and have just been overlooked. Please have a conversation with your child to check and see if that is the case. If any of the outstanding textbooks were assigned to your child and have not been returned, a textbook replacement fee will be added to their School Cash Online account in the New Year. This fee will be waived if the textbook is returned. If the textbook is found and returned after payment has been made, the charge will be refunded. All textbooks should be returned to Mr. Hughes in the Library or to the Main Office.

- **Quarter 2 Dates:**

- Quarter 2 started November 18 ... ends January 28
- Interim Marks published December 16<sup>th</sup>
- Hybrid delivery switch, December 17<sup>th</sup> ... 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](http://www.vch.ca))
- Review the **NVSD COVID-19 Management of Illness and Confirmed Cases FAQs** ([www.sd44.ca/COVID-19/ConfirmedCasesFAQ/](http://www.sd44.ca/COVID-19/ConfirmedCasesFAQ/))
- Bookmark the **NVSD COVID-19 Resource web pages** ([www.sd44.ca/COVID-19](http://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