

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



Principal's Bulletin #25

February 19th, 2021

Good evening everyone, Happy Friday.

Another week passes and we continue to move through the school year at a relentless pace. We are now just three weeks to Spring Break, and I know that we are already looking forward to the stress relief that a holiday break brings.

This also means, however, that the mid-point of **Quarter 3** is fast approaching, with interim marks coming out on March the 4th. I have noticed a recent increase in the number of student absences and late arrivals. With the reduction in instructional hours due to the Quarter system, missed class time becomes critical. One missed class in the quarter system can be the equivalent of several in the linear system. A student very quickly falls behind, and even though students are only carrying a 2-course load, catching up and making up missed work can soon become an insurmountable task.

Many students are also establishing a trend of arriving late, as is punctuated by the daily traffic jam at 09:30. As I am sure you can appreciate, late arrivals put pressure on maintaining COVID protocols in a class. It is also a distraction to a class already in progress, and has a negative impact on instruction. Our students are facing so many challenges with everything that COVID brings. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Next Week brings us **Pink Shirt Day**, which is recognized throughout BC as an anti-bullying day promoting acceptance and inclusion. It is a wonderful way to rally support because of its public awareness and popularity, and its roots are all about gender-based, homophobic bullying. More information and background can be found [HERE](#). Please encourage our Seycove students to wear **Pink** as a statement of support for this incredibly important message.

As always, this week's information items and expectations surrounding COVID protocols in school are included below. Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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

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

- February 19th ... Student Programming Sheets due
- February 23rd ... District Lockdown Drill (*POSTPONED*)
- February 24th ... *Pink Shirt day*
- February 26th ... District ProD
- March 4th ... Hybrid Switch
- Week of March 8th ... Interims
- March 13 ... *School closed for March Break*
- March 29 ... Classes resume

- **Provincial Student Learning Survey 2020/2021**

I emailed an introductory letter home this Tuesday about the provincial *Student Learning Survey* (SLS). The SLS is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

In the next 2 months, the *Student Learning Survey* will be administered to students, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

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.

- **COVID PROTOCOL REMINDERS**

- * ● ***Daily Health Check (reposted)***

A REMINDER to complete your daily health check, instructions can be found [HERE](#). This can be put on the homescreen of your phone/device as a shortcut for easier access.

- ***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!

- ***Student Pickup/drop off (reposted from September)***

For instructions regarding student pickup/drop off please [CLICK HERE](#).

(NOTE: there was an issue with the appropriate doors being open, that has now been resolved.)

- **Visitors in the school** *(reposted from October)*

A reminder that There is limited / restricted access to our school site. If you are planning on coming to the school (including parent/guardians) we ask that you call ahead to the office to make appointments or arrangements.

The Front (Main) school entrance is designated for visitor entry and exit

Visitors must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Perform a health self-check prior to entry
- Sign in and out
- Practice hand hygiene immediately on arrival and prior to exiting
- Notify the office that they are waiting at the front.

- **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