

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



January 22nd, 2021

Principal's Bulletin #20

Here comes the final week of Quarter 2! It has certainly been an eventful week, with some positive news stories, and some brilliant sunshine to lift our spirits.

The news surrounding COVID continues to be cautiously optimistic, but as always, we are reminded to be diligent. The possibility of exposures is very real, as is evidenced by the stories we frequently hear in the news. So often it seems that the most seemingly innocent gatherings result in the COVID events we all fear.

The good news is that students are getting so much better at remembering masks, with the number we hand out daily steadily decreasing. I have, however, placed a number of reminders in the bullets below which reference some of the areas where we need to continue to improve. Thank you for your continued support with these.

A final reminder to students to continue the conversation with your teachers and ensure that all your work is up-to-date, as there are only 4 days remaining in Quarter 2.

This week's information items are included below.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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](#).

- **COVID PROTOCOL REMINDERS (updated)**

- **Student breaks and hallway traffic:**

PLEASE ensure that students remain in your classroom area during your 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. Please remind students that eating must be done while they are stationary, and not while they are in transit.

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

Students are forgetting that they are to be entering and exiting the school by the door closest to their classroom. It is particularly bad at the end of class, and the hallways are filling up. PLEASE remind them about proper protocols once they are in your class, and prior to them leaving. 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 through the front entrance of the school where masks are available.

- **Food Delivery concerns: (reposted)**

There have been a number of recent incidences of students arranging for take-out delivery to the school by services like "skip the dishes" or "Uber eats." This raises significant concerns around safety and is a breach of Covid Protocols. This activity is not permitted and will not be tolerated. Please ensure that your students have a healthy breakfast prior to coming to school, and encourage them to pack a snack to bring with them. Thank you for your assistance with this.

- **Student Course Programming Meetings/Assemblies (MS Teams) (NEW)**

Students will be asked to tune into MS Teams at 8:30am on the following dates to listen and participate in their course programming assemblies with their grade counsellors.

- **Feb 2 @8:30am-9:00am** (MS Teams): Next Year's Grade 11 & 12
- **Feb 3 @8:30am** (MS Teams): Next Year's Grade 9 & 10

- **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](#).

- **University of Waterloo Math Contest Information (NEW)**

This year the University of Waterloo will allow students to write the math contests from home under supervision of a parent. If interested, please [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the Seycove website for more information. The deadline for registration is Feb 5.

- **Calendar Highlights**

- Jan 25th ... Provincial Numeracy Assessments
- Jan 28th ... Last day Quarter 2
- Jan 29th ... Admin Day, Quarter "Turnaround"
- Feb 1st ... First Day of Quarter 3
- Feb. 3rd ... Student Grade Assemblies on MS Teams for Course Programming 8:30am
- Feb. 15th ... **No classes:** Family Day
- Feb. 26th ... **No classes:** District-Wide Professional Day

- **New Custodians**

With the retirement of Cris Bustamante and Ray Cairney, we now welcome 2 new custodians to our Seycove Team. Jose (Joe) Gerardino Frias will be here during the day, and Amer Djapo will be here in the evening. *Welcome Joe and Amer!*

- **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