

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



Principal's Bulletin #22

January 29nd, 2021

Next week brings a number of milestones ...

- It is the first day of February
- It is the first day of Quarter 3
- We are halfway through the school year
- Sarah Best has now been our new Vice Principal for 1 whole month!

It is also marks one full year since we first heard about COVID 19 being in North Vancouver. It was on January 28th, 2020, and it had yet to be officially named; it was simply referred to as a “novel coronavirus” ([CLICK HERE](#) or [HERE](#))

It continues to be an incredible journey. There has not been a single one of us who hasn't been hugely impacted by this insidious disease, this global pandemic. We have travelled so very far in a year, and we all have made countless accommodations and sacrifices.

I don't intend to dwell on the negatives, which have been many. On this inauspicious anniversary, I do however want to comment on the amazing successes of our community. Every day our students come to school, and they are safe. Amazing learning is happening ... our teachers have continued to adapt to a whole new schedule and calendar, and a whole new system of delivery. Every quarter brings a new course and the need to adapt again. In spite of all of the seemingly constant challenges and adaptations, we are finding a path forward and ways to celebrate learning together.

Even with all of the changes in our world both locally and globally, our school continues to represent stability, and is an anchor for us all. We are indeed fortunate to have the supports and the protocols in place to gather here safely and support each other as a Seycove Community.

Thank you all, sincerely, for your constant support and understanding, and for the part you play in making our Seycove successes possible.

As always, this week's information items are included below. Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Please be safe,

Rob McLeod
Principal

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- **Previous Bulletins:**

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

- **Hybrid Delivery for Grades 10-12 *(IMPORTANT REMINDER)***

A reminder that on Monday, we are starting the Quarter with a return to morning classes “face to face” and afternoon classes in the “hybrid” format (see below).

First 5 weeks	Morning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	A	Face to Face	Face to Face	Face to face	Face to face	Face to face
	Afternoon	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	B	All Students Online	Group A	Group B	Group A	Group B
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- **Current events**

There is now a page on the school website where we will be posting Current events. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for updates as they get added.

- **Grade 09 Immunizations *(NEW)***

As a result of restrictions and demands placed on the health care system, our school Nurse has been redeployed for the duration of the pandemic to lead the COVID-19 contact tracing work for the North Shore. The rest of the Public Health Nursing team has also been redeployed to either contact tracing or providing Covid vaccinations.

There is no plan to do any school age vaccination clinics this year. If this changes, VCH will be in touch with the school district.

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

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.

- **Student Course Programming** *(updated)*

The annual process of course programming begins on **Monday, February 1st**. Detailed information can be found on the school website [HERE](#).

Meetings/Assemblies (MS Teams)

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

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

- **February 1st** ... Students receive course selection sheets
- **February 3rd** ... Final day to submit Quarter 2 marks
- **February 8th** ... Reports Published
- **February 10th** ... Staff Collab
- **February 15th** ... Family Day Holiday
- **February 16th** ... Staff Meeting
- **February 19th** ... Student Programming Sheets due
- **February 23rd** ... District Lockdown Drill
- **February 26th** ... District ProD
- **March 11th**: [Staff Planner/information form](#) Due to Rob

- **COVID PROTOCOL REMINDERS** *(updated)*

- **Student breaks and hallway traffic:**

Students are asked to remain in their classroom area during their 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. Students are reminded that eating must be done while they are stationary, and not while they are in transit. Lunch is to be eaten in the hallway area outside the classroom where students had their morning class.

- **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!

- **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.

• 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