

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



## **Principal's Bulletin #40**

**June 25th, 2021**

My very last Principal's bulletin! ... As I started typing, I marvelled at the fact that we actually made it to #40. When I reviewed my many weekly messages over the year, they made me think of the North Shore mountains with the many peaks and valleys, and countless of ups and downs. It is quite a chronicle of our wild journey together this year, but when all is said and done, I am so very proud of our successes. Last year, in my final letter I shared that:

*... School is about more than books, and exams, and lectures. Some of the more lasting and critical lessons that were learned this year relate to dealing with adversity, finding resiliency, and developing problem solving skills. Students learned about persevering. They learned about understanding the importance of independence and accountability. They learned to ask for help, and then gained the confidence and the skills to help others. This year we all had to adapt, to adjust, and to find completely new ways to accomplish what once seemed very ordinary. These are all skills which will stand our students in such good stead for the rest of their lives.*

It was true then, and it is even more so now. Watching our grade 12s parade through our school on Tuesday to the cheers and applause of the rest of our staff and students reaffirmed to me that the *Seycove Spirit* is indomitable, and with the right guidance our students can accomplish anything.

As you now know, Sarah Best will be Seycove's Principal next year, and I am happy to announce that Ms. Caren Hall will be moving into the position of Vice Principal. Caren and I worked together as Vice Principals at Sutherland Secondary prior to her move to Argyle Secondary, where she has been Vice principal for the past 6 years. Prior to becoming an administrator, Caren taught at Keith Lynn for many years, and started the Choices program at Windsor in 2012. Caren brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm to her job and Seycove is incredibly fortunate to have her join the Seycove community. Caren and Sarah will make a dynamic and exciting team, Seycove will be in very good hands.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to express my most sincere thanks to the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Səlilwətał Nation, whose unceded traditional territory Seycove resides on. It has been an absolute honour to learn, live and share educational experiences as a member of the Seycove community on this their traditional territory.

Thank you for putting your trust in me , especially through all of the challenges of COVID. I am not sure how I originally thought my role as principal at Seycove would look, but I can pretty much guarantee that I didn't expect it would unfold as it has. That being said, while the days have been challenging, our success as a school has been a direct result of all of the patience and understanding you as a community have shown me at every step of the journey. Thank you for your support, I will miss my Seycove family greatly.

Please be safe and take care of each other!

Rob McLeod  
Principal

**Note:** As always, you can click on the Seycove Logo above to go to the Seycove Website

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- **Previous Bulletins:**

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

- **PAC Vacancy:**

URGENT ... PAC needs a Treasurer! ([Click here for more info](#))

- **Graduation Ceremony Broadcast:**

**Virtual Ceremony Release Date:** Wednesday June 30th at 5PM

Login information will be posted to families of graduates on Monday, June 28.

- **Subject awards/Community Service Awards**

Subject awards and Community Service awards will be mailed directly to the recipients' homes starting the week of June 28<sup>th</sup>.

- **Seycove Office Summer Office**

The Seycove office will close on July 9<sup>th</sup>, and will re-open on August 30th.

- **Calendar Highlights**

**Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**

- Report Cards Posted

**Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**

- Last day for any students in the building

**Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**

- Graduation Ceremony Broadcast

**Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**

- Graduation Ceremony Broadcast

**Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>,**

- First day of school

**Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

- First day of classes

- **Overdue Textbook and Library Book return**

Notices were sent home this week via email to students/families with outstanding textbooks and library books. After June 29<sup>th</sup>, the replacement costs for any books will be attached to student accounts in [School Cash Online](#).

- Calendar Highlights for 2021-2022 [CLICK HERE](#)

- Timetable 2021-2022:

### Semester 1

Week 1					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 - 9:11 am	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial
9:11 - 9:20 am	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition
9:20 - 11:40 am	Period 1	Period 3	Period 1	Period 3	Period 1
11:40 - 12:40 pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:40 - 3:00 pm	Period 2	Period 4	Period 2	Period 4	Period 2

Week 2					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 - 9:11 am	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial
9:11 - 9:20 am	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition
9:20 - 11:40 am	Period 3	Period 1	Period 3	Period 1	Period 3
11:40 - 12:40 pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:40 - 3:00 pm	Period 4	Period 2	Period 4	Period 2	Period 4

**NOTE: Semester 2 will alternate the same way with Periods 5, 6, 7, 8**

- Congratulations to our Seyhawk winners for 2021!

- [Click Here for more info](#)

- Grade 9-12 Student Survey - COVID's Impact on Learning

The Ministry of Education has issued a Student COVID Survey for students in Grade 9-12. A message, including the link to the [survey \(CLICK HERE\)](#) was sent out by district staff yesterday (Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>) to Gr 9-12 students in all schools (including alternate and DL schools, as well as students in transition programs). The voluntary, anonymous survey is open until June 30<sup>th</sup>.

- Seycove writer wins award

Spencer McCairns has been selected as the Second prize winner in the **National Student Short Story Contest** sponsored by Polar Expressions Publishing. This contest included grade 12 students from across Canada, and in addition to a cash prize, Spencer's story "Stupid Worthless Silence" will be published in the book "Quiet." Congratulations Spencer!

## • Seycove Chamber Choir Performance

**EXCITING NEWS!** Seycove's Sr. Chamber Choir will be featured in Chor Leoni's upcoming digital concert, *ONE ANOTHER*, premiering **June 19th** (5 PM PDT) and available until **June 27th** on YouTube. You can attend the concert for **FREE** with an RSVP to <https://www.chorleoni.org/oneanother!>

[Click here to watch a short clip of Sr. Chamber singing the mass choir piece in the performance space.](#)

### FEATURING:

*Chor Leoni and their Emerging Choral Artists' Program* (including Seycove's Ryan Yeager, Raven Caron, and Max Rasmussen)

### PLUS the MYVoice Participating Choirs:

- *Seycove Secondary Sr. Chamber Choir*
- *Burnaby Central Chamber Choir A*
- *North Surrey Secondary Chamber Choir (Polaris)*
- *St. Thomas More Collegiate Chamber Singers*

## • 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](http://www.vch.ca))
- 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: **March 31, 2021**
- [BCCDC Schools FAQ](#) web page – Sept 24, 2020
- [NVSD Website COVID-19 Information](#) – NVSD [PUBLIC](#) webpage - Misc. resources including copies of Supt letters, updated on an on-going basis

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## PAC VACANCY:

### PAC needs a Treasurer!

This is a wonderful opportunity to volunteer with the PAC for the benefit of our students at Seycove Secondary.

Responsibilities include:

- Prepare financial statements
- Liaise with bank, make deposits, issue payments
- File Annual Charity Tax Return
- Monitor teacher wish list

If you are interested, or can recommend someone you would like to nominate, please contact the Seycove PAC Executive at [SeycovePAC@gmail.com](mailto:SeycovePAC@gmail.com)