

Principal's Bulletin #35

May 21st, 2021

Good evening!

Happily, there a lot of good news about COVID this week. As you may be aware, Health Canada has approved the use of the Pfizer vaccine for youth aged 12 to 17, and students are now eligible to register and get vaccinated against COVID-19. Please read Vancouver Coastal Health's COVID-19 Vaccine Update, which contains important information on how they can book their vaccine appointment, including an list of FAQs.

That being said, we are still not out of the woods, and while numbers are stabilizing and even trending downward, travel restrictions are still in place over the long weekend and B.C. residents are being encouraged to safely spend time outdoors in their local community (CLICK HERE).

As always, please ensure that you stay updated on all the recent province-wide COVID restrictions (CLICK HERE). We are so close, we need to continue to work together to get all our students safely across the finish line!

On another note, some of you may have heard over this past week that my wife Pam and I will be retiring this June. This will make June 30th my last day at Seycove, and Pam's last day at Sherwood Park. There are certainly many, many factors that brought us to making this difficult decision. After a great deal of soul-searching, we both realized that it is time for us to focus on our family, our health, and our lives together.

It has been an honour working in and with my own community at Seycove. I am humbled by the faith and trust you have placed in me, and in the patience you have always shown as we were faced with each new hurdle. While my time here has certainly been challenging given everything that COVID has brought us, I am so very proud to have been in a position to help safely guide this wonderful school through it all. Thank you for your constant support.

I guess you could say that I have just joined the graduating class of 2021:)

This week's information items are included below. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Please be safe and take care of each other.

Rob McLeod Principal -----

• Previous Bulletins:

All previously posted Principal's bulletins and communications can be found HERE.

Superintendent's Letter:

Please find this week's Superintendent's letter re: the May long weekend HERE.

• Grad update:

Valedictory Ceremony Taping: A letter with details about the <u>Valedictory Ceremony</u> was sent to Grad Families. To view it online click <u>HERE</u>. More details will follow next week.

• Grade 10 Numeracy Exams (week of June 14th): (reposted)

For further information, videos, and practice assessments of the **Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment**, please visit: https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-literacy-assessment

• Summer Learning 2021 - Registration May 1-June 24 (reposted)

Registration is open to <u>all students within and beyond the North Vancouver School District.</u> A list of courses, including the new Careers 10 Summer Learning online course, is available via the *Summer Learning Website HERE*.

COVID Guideline reminders for Quarter 4

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 continuing to fill up. PLEASE help us by reminding them about proper protocols. Thanks so much for your support!

Calendar Highlights (updated)

- May 21st ... Hybrid Switch
- May 24th ... Victoria Day Holiday
- June 2nd ... 2nd grade 8 elective switch
- June 14th ... Grade 10 Numeracy Exams (CLICK HERE)
- June 18th ... Valedictory ceremony taping
- June 22nd ... Last day of classes
- June 22nd ... "Seyhawk Awards" presentations
- June 23^{rd,} 24th, 25th ... Review and Completion
- June 30th ... Valedictory Ceremony Broadcast

• 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#/=)
- 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: March 31, 2021
- <u>BCCDC Schools FAQ</u> web page Sept 24, 2020

- NVSD Back to School September 2020 FAQs NVSD <u>PUBLIC</u> webpage updated on an on-going basis
- NVSD Website COVID-19 Information NVSD <u>PUBLIC</u> webpage Misc. resources including copies of Supt letters, updated on an on-going basis