

Principal's Bulletin #33

May 7th, 2021

Good evening,

With only 30 instructional days left, and the end of the year fast approaching, things are going to start happening fast and furious!

As a result, there is a great deal of important information in today's bulletin; please take the time to review it carefully with your family.

* <u>Please note:</u> This coming Monday, May 10th is a District Professional Day, and there are no classes.

As always, please ensure that you stay updated on the *province-wide COVID restrictions*.

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

Please be safe and take care of each other.

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**.

• GRADE 12 CAPSTONE PRESENTATIONS Adjusted Schedule, Friday, May 14th

Next Friday, May 14th is our annual *Capstone Presentation Exit interviews* event at Seycove for our Grade 12s. All students, except for grade 12s, will be <u>dismissed at 12:00pm</u> in order to prepare for the event.

The event is designed to adhere to all PHO guidelines, and is a hybrid version of the model we traditionally use at Seycove. In order to facilitate the early dismissal for the event, classes will be shortened and run in the morning as follows:

- o 9:35-10:35 "AM" Class
- o 10:35am-10:55am Break
- o 10:55-11:55 "PM" Class (Hybrid for gr. 10/11/12)

(Note: A break has been provided between classes from 10:35am-10:55am to allow Grade 10/11/12 students to walk home to get logged on for their hybrid class.)

Students will spend the afternoon as follows:

- **Grade 12s ...** will remain at the school and proceed to their assigned rooms for their presentations.
- **Grade 8s and Grade 11s** ... will have until 12:30pm to get home and log on to MS Teams (NOTE: Students should check the calendar feature on MS Teams for their group <u>or</u> check their sd44.ca account to get the email from Inge Bailey Gray which has the link embedded in it). Using this link, **Grade 8s and 11s** will be watching their designated Grade 12 group of students present their capstone project between 12:30-3:00pm.
- Grade 9s and 10s ... have the afternoon off.

These Capstone presentations are a big part of the Careers Program and are a milestone for all Seycove students. For the past few years, the students in the *Grad Class of 2021* have been collecting and reflecting on evidence of their passions, goals, dreams, strengths and challenges, and are now ready to put it all together in the 15-minute Capstone presentation. Grade 8s will be able to see where they will be in 4 years, and the grade 11s can get a preview of what they themselves will be doing in their graduating year. This event is a very special tradition unique to Seycove, and we feel so fortunate to share the experience as a whole community. If you have any questions about this event, please don't hesitate to reach out to Ms. Margaret Ronsano (CLC 12 teacher) at: mronsano@sd44.ca or Ms. Andrea Yeo (Careers Coordinator) at: ayeo@sd44.ca. Congratulations to the grads of 2021!

• Important reminders for Grads:

 Valedictory Ceremony: A separate bulletin with details about the <u>Valedictory Ceremony</u> will be sent to Grad Families this coming Monday, May 10th.

• Student Survey:

Since 2013, Seycove has engaged a company called *The Learning Bar* who through their *OurSCHOOL Secondary School Survey* process has surveyed Seycove students annually about a large number of topics; from engagement, SEL, Academics, extracurricular involvement and more.

This year the survey has been expanded to include our student's views on their *COVID* experience and its impact on their learning. This information is invaluable as we continue to plan as a school, ensuring that we provide the necessary supports for our students, and that our students' voice is heard.

The survey will take approximately 30-35 minutes to complete, and can be done in class using students' personal hand-held devices, ipads, or lap tops. It is completely anonymous, and the logins and passwords are randomly generated.

Participation in the survey is voluntary, however all students are encouraged to participate.

For more information about the *The Learning Bar* click <u>HERE</u>.

• Student Drivers:

Any students wanting to bring a vehicle to school and park on school grounds are expected to register at the office. This includes completing a registration form which requires an administrator's signature. Students are expected to abide by all driving regulations set out by ICBC. New drivers with an "N" are restricted to 1 (one) passenger. (CLICK HERE) Any cars seen in contravention to these guidelines will have their licence plates recorded and forwarded to the RCMP.

• Calendar Highlights (updated)

- May 10th ... District Wide ProD
- May 12th ... 1st grade 8 elective switch
- May 14th ... Capstone Presentations
- May 21st ... Hybrid Switch
- May 24th ... Victoria Day Holiday
- June 2nd ... 2nd grade 8 elective switch
- June 18th ... Valedictory ceremony taping
- June 22nd ... Last day of classes
- June 23rd ... "Seyhawk Awards" presentations
- June 23^{rd,} 24th, 25th ... Review and Completion
- June 30th ... Valedictory Ceremony Broadcast

• 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 <u>HERE</u>*.

COVID Guideline reminders for Quarter 4

The following continue to be areas of concern:

Student breaks and hallway traffic:

Students are asked to <u>remain in their classroom area</u> 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 still 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, and with 2 metre distancing in place. Lunch is to be eaten as a cohort 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 continuing to fill up. PLEASE help us by reminding them about proper protocols. Thanks so much for your support!

• 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
- BCCDC Schools FAQ 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 PUBLIC webpage Misc. resources including copies of Supt letters, updated on an on-going basis