

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



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Principal's Bulletin #13

Good evening everyone.

With the transition to Quarter 2, I almost feel I should be wishing students a “Happy New Year,” as it represents a fresh start with new teachers and classes. We have now completed 2 courses (a process that would normally span a year) and students will receive report cards with a final grade next Wednesday. Even the weather has seemed to have entered a new phase, with the start of the seemingly continuous rain of the approaching winter season. Believe it or not, we are just 4 weeks away from a much-needed holiday break.

Once again, with another week comes another [announcement from the Provincial Health Officer](#), Dr. Bonnie Henry, with new list of province-wide restrictions. [\(CLICK HERE\)](#) I know that the one change that has generated the most questions has been the directive that masks are now mandatory for everyone in all public indoor settings and workplaces. This of course raises the question of how this impacts schools, as it seems to contradict our current policy which has not changed.

The use of masks is mandatory in Secondary schools in all common areas, but not inside the classroom. ***Our policies have not changed.*** (see below under “***Mask Protocols.***”) Because students are programmed into cohorts, their exposure is restricted to other students within this controlled group. Students will stay in the same cohort for the entire Quarter. Dr. Henry explains that schools remain a safe place for children, and while there may have been a number of exposure events, she has shared that there has been little in the way of transmission in the school setting.

The protocols that have been established for North Vancouver School District are comprehensive and have proven effective in protecting our students. Schools remain safe, and are closely monitored every day.

Thank you for your continued support as we strive to keep our school and community safe.

Please find this week's information items listed below. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Please be safe

Rob McLeod
Principal

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- **Mask Protocols in the School**

- Students and staff are welcome to wear a mask at any time.
- In common areas masks are required at all times. Students & staff should put on their mask prior to entering school and leaving class.
- Students within a learning cohort are not required to wear a mask in the classroom.
- Masks are not required in the hybrid class as cohorts are small, unless physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Even when masks are worn, physical distancing will still be required to maintain physical distance from people that are from outside of the cohort.

Please note: Students are still arriving daily at school without masks: we now distribute a minimum of 150 facemasks per week. Students were each given 2 re-useable cloth masks in September. Please ensure that leaving the house with a mask is a part of your daily routine, and part of your child's required [Daily Health Check](#).

- **Quarter 2 ... Nov 18- Jan 28**

For Quarter 2, we will return to the same schedule that we followed at the beginning of the year, except that instead of blocks 1 and 2, we move to 3 and 4.

8:30 – 9:30	Flex Block
9:35– 11:55	<i>Block 3 classes on their timetable</i>
11:55- 12:40	LUNCH
12:40 – 3:00	<i>Block 4 classes on their timetable</i>

- **Report Cards**

Report cards will be posted to the Parent Portal on Wednesday, November 25th

- **Previous Bulletins:**

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

- **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

Other School Announcements:

Shirts to Donate?

In quarter two, the Senior Textiles class will be completing a project of sewing quilts to be donated to the North Shore Crisis Services Society. The quilts will be given to youths to keep who are in a transition house. Our class is asking for donations of cotton shirts (not T-shirts) that we can cut up and use for the quilts. Ideally these shirts should be close to 100% cotton with no stretch in them. Button down, flannel or dress shirts work really well. All sizes and colours are welcome to be donated. There will be a laundry basket placed outside of the library labeled "Shirts for Senior Textiles" for students to drop them off starting on Monday. Thank you for your donations!

Items for Sale through School Cash Online

- Social Justice 12 is partnering with Grad Council for our annual poinsettia and holiday greenery fundraiser. You can order red, white or pink poinsettias, indoor planters, as well as outdoor wreath, hanging boughs and holiday greenery arrangements all made with fresh juniper, noble and cedar. Monday, November 23, is the last day to order. Thank you for your support. Orders will be distributed on December 8 from Portable #25.
- Seycove Hoodie - \$35.00. All hoodies are 50/50 cotton/poly navy blue. Last day to order is December 14th with delivery in January. School Cash Online: <https://sd44.schoolcashionline.com/>

Student Council – "All I Want For Christmas Gift Drive"

Let's show our Christmas spirit by supporting the "All I Want for Christmas Gift Drive." The Student Council is collecting gifts and gift cards on behalf of *Family Services of the North Shore*. The drop off bin is located at the main entrance and Student Council members will be accepting gifts first thing in the morning and at lunchtime before the start of afternoon classes. New gifts only and please make sure they are unwrapped. Items will be collected until December 4th. There will also be opportunities for students bringing in gifts to get a ticket to enter a draw for prizes.