

# SANDS SECONDARY SCHOOL

*“Home of the Scorpions”*

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## Principal's Message

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family enjoyed a restful and relaxing Winter Break. I hope the holidays offered the opportunity for you to gather with friends and family and spend special time together. The time away from school offered me the chance to reflect on the first term of the school year and I am very proud of the growth in all of our learners. As we return to school in the new calendar year, I'm sure many of you are doing so with a New Years Resolution in mind. Whatever your resolution is, I encourage you to commit to it and see it through! I wish you all a healthy and prosperous 2018!

### **Farewell Ms. Oudekirk & Mr. Eveleigh**

As we return to school in 2018, we will be doing so without Ms. Oudekirk and Mr. Eveleigh. Ms. Oudekirk, who has been a consistent face as an Educational Assistant in the Modified Academics Program, retired at the end of December. Mr. Eveleigh, who joined the Sands staff during the 2016-17 school year, accepted a full-time teaching position at Delta Secondary that begins in January. On behalf of the Sands community, I'd like to wish Ms. Oudekirk and Mr. Eveleigh the best of luck as they explore new challenges!

## **2018-19 Student Registration**

Sands Secondary and the Delta School District are pleased to accept applications from students and families residing within and outside of Delta. New students who live outside of the Sands catchment area and wish to attend Sands in September 2018 are encouraged to submit a completed application between February 5 and March 9. Please contact the school office or visit the [Delta School District website](#) for details.

## **Report Cards**

Report Cards were posted on Student and Parent Connect on December 15th. If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's progress in a particular course, please contact the teacher directly and/or speak with one of the counsellors, Ms. McPhedran or Mr. Randhawa.

## **Homework Club**

Starting January 17, Homework Club will take place every Wednesday from 3:00 - 4:00pm in the Library. Homework Club is an excellent opportunity for students to access help from a teacher or Leadership student and complete assigned work. Students also have access to computers in the Library. Homework Club is free of charge and is strongly encouraged for students who wish to make improvements in the new year!



## **Course Selection**

Students in Grades 8-11 will be selecting courses in February for the 2018-19 school year. Students will select courses online using Student Connect. Parents are expected to confirm their child's selections through Parent Connect. The deadline for students to complete their selections is February 22.

## **Parent Information Evenings**

Parents are invited to join us for Information Evenings to learn about student course selection and post-secondary information.

**January 22 (6pm): Grade 8 Parent Night** (for students who will enter Grade 8 in 2018-19)

**February 13 (6pm): Grade 9-12 Parent Night** (for students who will enter Grades 9-12 in 2018-19)

## **Parent-Teacher Interviews**

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on **Feb 8th** from 1-3pm and 5-7pm. Appointments can be booked online using Parent Connect.

## **Grade 12 'GRAD' Parent Night**

Grade 12 parents are encouraged to attend a brief information evening on **January 18th** at 7pm to learn more about upcoming graduation events in the 2018 school year. Events include the Grad Fashion Show, Grad 'Red Carpet Event', Grad 'Dinner & Dance' and Dry Grad.

## **Grad Photos**

Grad photos are scheduled for Jan 23-26. Photo Session appointments can be booked online at <http://sa.deltasd.bc.ca/content/grad-photos-0>.

## Student Fees

Student fees were assessed in the Fall and include a basic student fee, an Emergency Preparedness fee and in some cases, a course fee to cover the cost of consumable materials and/or optional course enhancements. Remaining fee balances can be viewed on Student/Parent Connect and paid by cash or cheque in the office.

## Sands App

Students and parents are encouraged to download the SANDS SECONDARY APP! The app is now available on both the iOS and Google Play App stores by searching for "Sands Secondary".



## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Jan 10:	Collaboration Day
Jan 10-13:	Hilltop Invitational Varsity Boys Basketball Tournament
Jan 16:	PAC Meeting (7pm)
Jan 17:	Collaboration Day
Jan 18:	Grade 12 'GRAD' Parents Night (7pm)
Jan 22:	Grade 8 Parent Night (6pm)
Jan 23-26:	Grad Photos
Jan 24:	Collaboration Day
Jan 26-27:	Grade 9 Boys Basketball Tournament
Jan 31:	Collaboration Day
Feb 2-3:	Grade 8 Boys Basketball Tournament
Feb 2-4:	Silver Star Ski Trip
Feb 7:	Collaboration Day
Feb 8:	Parent-Teacher Interviews (early dismissal 12:15pm)
Feb 12:	Family Day
Feb 13:	Grade 9-12 Parent Night (6pm)
Feb 14:	Collaboration Day
Feb 20:	PAC Meeting
Feb 21:	Collaboration Day
Feb 21:	Grade 9 Immunizations
Feb 22:	Musical 'Cabaret' Night
Feb 23:	Non-Instructional Day
Feb 27:	Pink Shirt Day
Feb 28:	Collaboration Day
Mar 6-8:	Theatre Production - 'Into The Woods'
Mar 7:	Collaboration Day
Mar 14:	Collaboration Day
Mar 15:	Term 2 Report Cards
Mar 16:	Final Day of classes before Spring Break