

November 6, 2020

As the number of confirmed cases of COVID 19 rise in the Fraser Health region, we all need to continue to do our bit to keep ourselves, our families, friends and community as safe as possible. By all of us doing our bit we can hopefully reduce the number of cases. The following are some reminders:

- Try to keep at least 2 metres from people outside of your bubble/cohort
- Wear masks
- Sanitize your hands
- Avoid gatherings that are beyond your immediate family and your safe six
- Stay home if you are sick

We are coming down to the last five days of classes this quarter. Teachers should be reaching out to you if your student is in jeopardy of failing a course they are in right now. The teacher will have developed a plan and should be sharing that with you and your student. If you are worried about how your student is doing, please contact the appropriate teacher. Also, encourage your student to make use of the Block C student support time. This can be booked using Student Connect. Some teachers will have open drop in times instead of flex sign up. If your student misses a class or they are struggling, please get them to make use of this time.

Upcoming Events

- Quarter 1 ending dates
 - Mandatory attendance for students November 16
 - Optional attendance November 17. The optional attendance is an I Day, an opportunity for students to get caught up and finish any assessments
- Q2 classes start – November 18
- Q1 Final mark and Semester 1 Midterm report Cards, November 25 on MyEd
- Remembrance Day acknowledgement at Sands 11am on November 10
- Pac Meeting – November 17 via zoom
- Photo Retake day – November 19
- Managing Mental Health with Dr. Andrew Neufeld, November 12 at 6:30 via Zoom. This is for all community members
"https://alongsideyou.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_M8wS_YyzR6eVwzuz0Odi4A"

Q2, 3 & 4 Student Schedules:

With Quarter 2 approaching it is imperative that students have a look at their Q2-4 schedule to see if there are any errors. If so please email: Grade 11 and 12 – Mr. Rhandawa (arandhawa@deltalearns.ca) or Grade 8-10 Ms. Mcphedran (kmcphehdan@deltalearns.ca). Once Q2 starts, we can not change classes for students due to cohorts. Counsellors have been working with students regarding course requests since October. In some situations, student schedules have had minor changes to adjust classes to meet class size limits. We are limited in the number of changes that we can make to a student's schedule due to learning group restrictions and timetable limitations.

MyED Access & Schedule Look-up:

From a desk top, students will need to log into MyED and complete the following steps:

1. Click on top tab "My Info"
2. Click on side tab "Current Schedule"
3. Select "FY" (for full year schedule) from the "Time" drop down menu

Q1, Q2, Q3 & Q4 refer to what quarter a class is scheduled

Grad Information

If Grads missed any of the presentations below please contact the appropriate person to get the information.

- Grad Photos – Feb 9-14. Book at <https://artona.com/schools/SNDS/programs/graduation>. Artona will bring a photo shoot trailer to Sands and will have safety protocols in place.
- Mr. Reefschlager has visited all classes and talked to the Grads about Career Life Connections and Capstone, and what they need to do in the next couple of weeks.
- Ms. Sansregret has been visiting all classes this week to discuss and inform Grads about post-secondary information, scholarships, her website (<https://sandscareercentre.weebly.com/>) and other important information. She has created a transition guide for students for life after Sands and has emailed it to their @deltalearns.ca accounts.
- Counsellors have visited Grade 12 classes November 6 to give out Transcript Verification Records and have Grads look at their transcript for accuracy, i.e. missing a course, and are they enrolled in all the courses they need to graduate. If there are any discrepancies, please contact Mr. Randhawa as ap.
- Grad Council has been meeting and we are working on Grad Clothing. More information coming soon. We are also looking at Grad lanyards. We have booked a Grad Cruise for April 22, just in case the rules change and we are allowed to have one. We are looking at other ways to celebrate this Grad class.
- We encourage grade 12 students and their families to visit the site often and subscribe to the email list for the most up to date information. Our Career and Post-Secondary Advisor, Ms. J Sansregret is accessible via email at jsansregret@deltalearns.ca to answer questions or book an appointment. Please do not drop in.
- We are charging a Grad fee to help with securing potential venues, and other important details for grad events. We will adapt and adjust Grad events due to COVID restrictions as required and if events cannot go ahead, or need to be re-organized, refunds will be provided.

Spirit Wear

Every year we offer Sands students and families the opportunity to purchase Sands Wear. This year we have added a couple of non-medical face covering options. We are using a local company, Pro Stock, to be our portal for the purchase of these items. Check them out at: <https://www.prostockathleticsupply.com/collections/sands-secondary-online-store>. They would make a great present.

Return to Sport

The Sands Athletics Program will be offering athletic training opportunities for students starting in the Quarter 2. Mr. McKay, Athletic Director, is currently working through the safety protocols with coaches. If your student is interested in training, please fill out this google doc:

Volleyball

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fq85ub1hmwcNsysXdUqMugt922jLpCmw5eNJEXlhmGE/edit>

Basketball

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1pnJOrudgcKpBYuWk_vEhTa-OYgZmyq8nhi4MznMnO_Y/edit

Students interested in training must sign up - there will be no drop-ins for training sessions. More athletic opportunities will be available as we move forward in the school year.

Pictures of Sands activities and events

Check out the yearbook instagram account (@sandsyearbook) and see visually what's going on. There are some great pictures of the Terry Fox run/walk, grade 8 Photo, Halloween door decorations and students in costumes.

Clubs at Sands

Slowly, clubs at Sands are starting to get going. There are protocols established, similar to classrooms ones, to make sure that your student is safe while participating. Most meetings will be done via Zoom but there might be some situations where face to face meetings can happen. If your student is part of a club or team you will get an information and permission letter from the Sponsor teacher. The letter will outline the purpose of the club, how many students are involved and what the meeting procedures are. If you have any questions, please contact the sponsor teacher or myself. Clubs so far are: Student Council (Mr. B. Murray and Ms L. Viveiros), Ethics Club (Mr. G. Jamieson), Grad Council (Mr. M. Robinson), Library Club (Ms. K. McGreevey) and Health Science Club (HOSA) (Ms. A Thomson). As the year progresses I am sure that there will be more clubs starting up.

Take care and remember we are here to help in any way we can.

Take care, be safe and healthy.

Mark Robinson, Principal

Joanna Macintosh, Vice Principal