

# SANDS SECONDARY “Creating Our Future Today”

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Dear Families and Students,

Interims are available on Thursday night on the student portal of MyEd and on Parent Connect on Friday. We are unsure of a date for access to a parent portal for MyEd – coming soon. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your students’ teachers directly by email or phone. For students who have less than 60% there should be an I Plan that will describe how they are doing, areas for improvement and a timeline for that improvement.

Also, please make sure that you are doing the daily health check with your student prior to them attending Sands. New health check form: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/08/Updated-Daily-Health-Check-for-K-12-students-Sept-2021-English-version.pdf>

If you find that your student cannot attend school because they are sick or in self-isolation please give the school a call and let us know. It is also important for your student to connect with their teachers. This will allow them to keep up with some of the learning while they are away.

## **Literary Assessment**

A more detailed message has been sent to all Grade 12 students and families. Sands has scheduled the Literacy 12 Assessment on November 4, 2021 at 8:30am.

The Grade 12 Literacy Assessment is a provincial assessment that assesses student proficiency in literacy. It is a graduation requirement and completed during students’ Grade 12 year. The Grade 12 Literacy Assessment assesses students’ ability to use critical and reflective thinking and analysis to make meaning from a diverse array of texts. It also assesses the ability of students to communicate their ideas, or those found in the texts. The Grade 12 Literacy assessment is not based on a particular subject matter or course, but rather on learning across multiple subjects from kindergarten to Grade 12.

## **Vision 2030: The Big Reveal**

The Delta School District is getting ready to unveil its Vision for the next ten years. Through the visioning process, the voices of almost 3,000 individuals were heard – it’s almost time to see what they said. Stay tuned for more information this time next week.

## **Spirit Week**

Monday – Twin Day  
Tuesday – Jersey Day  
Wednesday – Pajama Day  
Thursday – Colour Wars  
Grade 8 – Orange  
Grade 9 – Red  
Grade 10 – White  
Grade 11 – Green

Grade 12 – Black  
Staff – Blue  
Friday – Halloween Costumes

### **Permission Forms:**

There are a number of permission forms on Parent Connect for you to review and authorize. Please login to Parent Connect, review the notices and select the appropriate response for each form. Please do this ASAP if you have not done so already.

### **Sands Athletics**

We are looking for coaches for the Grade 8 girls and Junior girls Basketball teams. Please contact Mr. McKay if you are interested in helping – [mmckay@deltaschools.ca](mailto:mmckay@deltaschools.ca).

### **Spectators in the Gym**

Under the new rules that all Delta high schools are using, there **are** limited spectators for indoor events. For volleyball it will depend on how many courts are being used at one time. For side by side courts games we are only allowing a maximum of 5 visitor drivers. No other spectators are allowed. For centre court games we will allow up to 30 total spectators from each team. Spectators will be required to sign in, complete the daily health check, sit/stand in designated areas and leave the game space when the game is over, and always wear a mask. We will review this protocol in the coming week as we approach basketball season.

### **Presentations**

Creating Conversations: Youth Gang Prevention for Parent/Caregivers  
When: October 27th 6:30-8:30pm  
Where: Via Zoom

This session will help create awareness and education on the ways in which gangs are using social media to target and recruit youth. Parents/caregivers will leave this COMPLIMENTARY presentation with a greater understanding of how to prevent youth from getting involved in gangs and other worrisome activities.

<https://forms.office.com/r/FArccFTv6c>

### **Student Fees and Course Deposits**

Families can view their Fee Statements on Parent Connect. We would prefer that families use the online payment option through Parent Connect in the Fees section. Payments can be made in person at the main office before school, after school or at lunch. Families who require financial support should please contact their child's Administrator or Counsellor.

### **COVID information**

If we all do our bit then that will not only help ourselves, but also our families and our community. There are a few key items to keep in mind as we move into the fall:

- Get vaccinated
- Stay home when sick
- Do the daily health check with your student before they attend school - New health check form: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/08/Updated-Daily->

[Health-Check-for-K-12-students-Sept-2021-English-version.pdf](#)

- Wear a mask
- Avoid long face-to-face non-mask exposures with others
- Seek a COVID test as soon as possible after mild symptoms occur. This will significantly help to speed up the contact tracing process if the test result is positive.
- For medical advice call 811 or see your doctor
- Wash and sanitize your hands often
- Follow all the school protocols
- Check the District website for updates - Also the COVID page on our website will continue to be updated whenever we have new info: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/news-events/news/information-for-parents-guardians-novel-coronavirus/>

### **Family and Student support**

If there are supports that Sands can help with please contact me ([mrobinson@deltashools.ca](mailto:mrobinson@deltashools.ca)), Ms. Macintosh ([jmacintosh@deltaschools.ca](mailto:jmacintosh@deltaschools.ca)), Mr. Randhawa ([arandhawa@deltaschools.ca](mailto:arandhawa@deltaschools.ca)), Ms. McPhedran ([kmcphehdan@deltashools.ca](mailto:kmcphehdan@deltashools.ca)) or Ms. K Watters, CYCW ([kwaters@deltaschools.ca](mailto:kwaters@deltaschools.ca)). We are here to help.

### **Upcoming Events**

November 2 - Fire Drill

November 10 - Remembrance Day recognition

November 15 - Report Cards posted

November 18 - Hold and Secure drill

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

Mark Robinson, Principal

Joanna Macintosh, Vice Principal