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Newsletter

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DOVER BAY SECONDARY

The School Newsletter will be e-mailed to parents/guardians through MYED. It will also be available for students and parents to view on-line, on the Dover Bay website: www.doverbay.ca Paper copies will be available in the school office for pick up.

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Another school year is coming to a close. For our graduating students, this marks the end of their secondary school experience. For our other students, one year closer to their own grad year. Whether you are walking the stage next week, or preparing to return in September, I hope your year has been a good one. As summer approaches, I encourage you to take some time to reflect on your school year as well as make plans for the future.

Dissecting a school year can take many forms. One can look objectively at the year, keeping record of class accomplishments, sporting games won, or performances successfully completed. Or, one might take stock of the year through a more subjective lens, compiling a catalogue of memories, experiences, and feelings that shaped the 2018-2019 school year. However you choose to view the year, I hope you take some time to think about the other members of our Dover Bay community that helped form those memories.

Perhaps you have a teacher that inspired you, helped you persevere through a challenging concept? Or a best friend, whose bright smile and strong embrace made it possible for you to get out of bed each morning and face the social and emotional rollercoaster that comes with being a teenager? Or maybe it was the support and guidance of a family member that kept you focused on your goals? I hope you find some time now at the

and of June to show them your appreciation for how they have influenced you this year.

Of course, not all of life's lessons arrive in nicely wrapped packages. Sometimes it is the challenges and obstacles set before us that help us grow and learn. Perhaps your greatest learning this year resulted from a failed project or missed opportunity? Or maybe you were challenged by the emotional breakdown of a friendship or troubled by pressures well beyond your control? I encourage you to pause and reflect on these experiences as well. Don't dwell, just reflect and learn, and build up your resilience for when such future events come your way.

To our graduates, congratulations and best wishes on your next adventures. To our returning students, have a wonderful summer and enjoy the next stage of your high school experience. To our staff who are retiring or moving on to different roles with our school district, it has been my pleasure working and learning alongside you. All the best to you all.

Kind Regards, Don Balcombe



IMPORTANT DATES

Jun 18 Gr 12 Awards Night in MPR 6:30-9 pm
Jun 19 Last day of scheduled classes for students
Jun 21 Numeracy Provincial Exam 9-12am
Jun 24 English 12 Provincial Exam 9 – 11 am
Jun 26 Communications 12 Provincial Exam 9-11am

Grad dates for Grade 12 students:

Friday, June 21

Dry Grad – Beban Park – check in 7-9pm

Monday, June 24

Gown Distribution 12 (noon)
Group Photo (time TBD)

Wednesday, June 26

Rehearsal for Grad Ceremony
@ Conference Center - 3 pm

Thursday, June 27

Graduation Ceremony
@ Conference Center - 10 am

Jun 28 Administrative Day
Schools close for the summer

FROM THE PAC

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our last PAC meeting of this School year !

Sadly, we say Goodbye & Good luck to our Principal, Don Balcome and Vice Principal, Theresa Kraeker as they move on to other opportunities. You both will be missed at Dover Bay!

We wish all the Dover Bay Staff, Teachers and Students a relaxing and enjoyable Summer!!

We look forward to seeing everyone again in the new 2019/2020 School Year and hope to meet more parents in our PAC group.

If you cannot make our meetings but would like to stay informed or inquire about school issues, please go to our Dover Bay Facebook Site. Share your comments and invite other Parents to join in.

To all the Dover Bay Gr.12 graduating students - All the best to you and for your future ahead!

To all the new Gr. 8 students arriving this fall, we welcome you and your families.

On behalf of all the PAC Members and myself, Thank you for a great year of memories! See you in September!!

Debbie, PAC Secretary

COUNSELLING CENTER

Next Year's Timetables - These will be available on the MyEdBC's student and parent portal during the last week of August.

Youth Clinic - The Youth clinic will be moving to the Nanaimo Aquatic center (NAC) for youth services. This will start July 2/19 *these times are for the summer months only*

Monday and Friday Closed

Tues (Nurse & Counsellor) 1:00-4:30 services for school aged youth (Gr. 8-12 only, All schools)

Thursday (Nurse & Doctor) 1:00-4:30 – services for school aged youth (Gr. 8-12 only, All schools)

Wednesday 3:00-6:00 Nurse (no doctor) – services for youth up to age 25

Summer work - If students secure work in a trade this summer contact Derek Beeston (dbeeston@sd68.bc.ca) at the CTC as this could lead to a Work In Trades partnership (16 school credits and a \$1000.00 Scholarship. Otherwise it could lead to WEX credits. For more information on summer work experience, visit www.skillsready.ca/summer

Step Up Youth Program - The Step Up Youth Program will give high school students an opportunity to Step Up and C.A.R.E. (practice Island Health's C.A.R.E. values: Courage, Aspire, Respect and Empathy), Step Up and LEARN (learn about careers in healthcare), and Step Up and LEAD (mentor their peers and create Volunteer Projects).

The Step Up Youth Program runs from September to April and follows the school calendar. Volunteers dedicate their time to one volunteer shift per week from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Information and application packages available in the counselling office. Application due date is June 30th. Applications can be found in the counselling office or online at: <https://www.islandhealth.ca/volunteer-resources/volunteer-opportunities/step-youth-program>

Encounters with Canada - Information is posted in the counselling area now. This exciting programs fills up every year and applicants are accepted on a first come first serve basis. Act fast as there is a \$100 promotion on until the end of June. Some examples of offerings are:
Sports and Fitness – Aug 25
Science and Ecology – Sept 1
Law and Our Justice System – Sept 8
www.ewc-rdc.ca

Rotary Exchange- The 5 Rotary Clubs in Nanaimo are recruiting for our 2020/2021 exchange year. If you are interested in going on an international exchange next school year you need to apply this June. Please come down to the counselling area if you want to look into this exciting opportunity.

Absences: Please call to report an absence. Available 24/7, leave a message at **250-756-4595**
** If you receive absent emails home but your student says they are late, please contact the teacher to confirm. Teacher Email Addresses can be found on the Dover Bay website under the top tab titled "Resources".*

Report Cards: You can access through MyEd BC through the Parent portal. Please contact the front office (number above) if you are not able to access this. Paper reports are no longer sent home.

Maintaining Communication with classroom Teachers supports student success

ISLAND CONNECT-ED

Island ConnectEd is open during the summer (from **July 2 to August 9**; and from **August 26 to 30**)

for students taking grade 10-12 level courses. The school hours are: Monday and Friday - 8:30 AM to 1:45 PM; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - 8:30 AM to 3 PM.

While there is a full selection of grade 10 level courses, the list of available grade 11 and 12 courses will grow as teacher's develop other courses. For a list of available and projected courses, please view this "**Grade 11 & 12 Courses: Projected Availability**" document; it will be updated when courses become available.

Please visit the e-registration tab on Island ConnectEd K-12's school website to sign-up for courses: <https://ic-registrations.sd68.bc.ca/>.

SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

Bus Registration is due July 1, 2019 for the 2019-20 school year.

All Nanaimo Ladysmith Public School (NLPS) bus riders will require a 2019-202 Z-Pass card to ride the bus on both morning and afternoon runs. The cards will be distributed at the school indicated on the registration in September. Every bus rider is required to register each school year.

If your student was on the bus last year you should have received an e-mail with your user name and password to re-register. The heading for the e-mail was "2019-2020 Bus Registration", the e-mail provides all the information and links to facilitate registration. Please check to see if you have received this e-mail before contacting the Transportation office.

- If you have any questions contact the Transportation Department
FA-DispatchCoordinator@sd68.bc.ca

