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Newsletter

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ERASE Bullying

A confidential and anonymous, online reporting tool for students.

Online parent resources at:

www.erasebullying.ca

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DOVER BAY SECONDARY

The School Newsletter is available to students and parents to view on-line, on the Dover Bay website: www.doverbay.ca
It will also be emailed to parents/guardians through MyEdBc. If you would like a paper copy, please have your child pick it up from the office.

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS:

'Uy' Skweyul and Hello Dover Bay Community

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce the Administration team to the Dover Bay community. My name is Carol Girard and I am the Acting Principal at Dover Bay Secondary school. Together with Vice-Principal Scott Christianson and Acting Vice-Principal Stacy Aitken, we have begun the necessary planning to ensure that we follow our Board goals:

- Continuous improvement of instruction and assessment;
- Safe, caring and healthy learning and working environment that is inclusive of the diversity of our entire learning community;
- To be a leader in environmental stewardship and sustainability; and
- Truth and reconciliation

Your child's success remains our top priority.

We are rapidly working our way through the first semester. We will shortly reach the mid-point and report cards will be published in the My Ed platform next month. With that thought in mind it is important for all students to be "up to date" in completing any outstanding assignments, projects or tests. I have had the opportunity to visit many classrooms in my first six weeks in the school and have been very impressed with the student work

ethic and "on task" behavior. I keenly await the first report cards and, based on my visitations, anticipate some terrific marks.

It has been a whirlwind of activity at Dover Bay Secondary School this past month. Dover Bay staff and students have been actively engaged in their own learning, in very similar ways.

Students have been pursuing a plethora of leadership activities, multiple extra-curricular athletic opportunities, a wide-range of fine art pursuits and many students have their own unique academic interests based on their individual goals. Between all of these activities, it demonstrates that Dover Bay has a lot to offer its diverse student population. In addition, the Dover Bay Staff has kept pace with our students. In all of the areas described above, staff readily support our students, either in large groups and teams, small clubs, and/or individual student interests. It gives me a great deal of pride to see the staff so committed to all of our students.

I would also like to thank the many parents who have been actively involved in supporting these activities. I know that volunteer coaches and activity organizers appreciate any assistance that parents may be able to provide. So thanks again for your help.

Have a great October everyone.



DOVER BAY STAFF AND STUDENTS HONOR ORANGE SHIRT DAY



PAC

Dear Dover Bay Parents & Caregiver,
Just a quick note to let you know, there will NOT be an October PAC meeting.

We will re-schedule for Tuesday, Nov. 19th. at 6:30 in the School Library.

Also, we have a Facebook PAC site for any parents that would like to post comments or keep connected.

COUNSELLING

Wellington has invited Dover parents to their “talk about drugs”. This is put on by Discovery Nanaimo (Island Health) and is being hosted at Wellington on November 7th from 6-7. Parents will:

- Be informed about different drugs and current trends related to youth substance use
- Learn how to have effective conversations with youth about substance use
- Think about ways to strengthen your relationship with your teen / student

Counsellors by alpha:

A-F Burton Wei
G-K Rick Rathy (in for Lisa Sunde)
L-P Louie Van Grootel
Q-Z Leah Pond
International Students- Nancy Stigings

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 18	Photo Retakes
Oct 25	ProD Day (students do not attend)
Oct 29	Lock Down Drill at 1 pm
Nov 5-6	Numeracy Assessment
Nov 6	English 12 Provincial
Nov 7	Remembrance Day Ceremonies
	Last Day of Term 1
Nov 11	School closed Remembrance Day observed
Nov 12	Start of Term 2
Nov 19	PAC meeting in the Library at 6:30 pm
Nov 22	UBC Advisor visit
Nov 22 – 23	Randerson Craft Fair
Nov 22 – 24	Grad Photo's
Nov 28	Career Fair @ Beban grades 11 & 12

TRAFFIC & SAFETY

Traffic Safety: Student Drop Off and Pick-Up

The Dover Bay parking lots are extremely busy before and after school, and the safety of everyone is our priority. To help with this, we ask that when students are being dropped off and picked up that the proper areas are used.

Students should be dropped off and picked up in **THE MAIN PARKING LOT ONLY**. To access this, enter off McGirr Road (near the McGirr Field Sport Complex) and follow the outside of the parking lot to the drop off area adjacent to the bus loop. There are then two exits: the first near the front portable, is a right turn only, and the other near the McGirr Fields is a right/left turn exit.

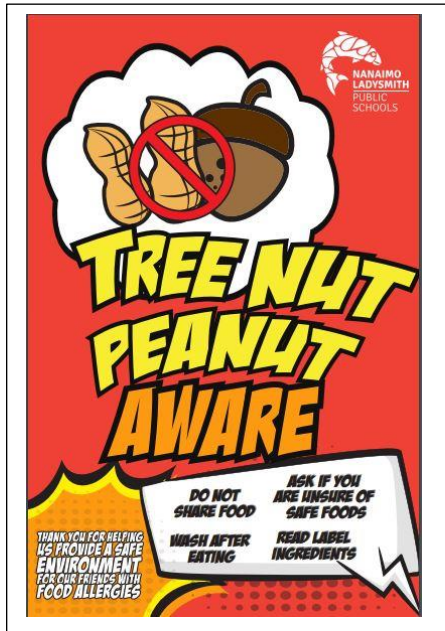
Please do not drive your vehicle into the entrance for the bus loop or enter the fire lane parallel to McGirr Road. We also ask that you do not park anywhere with a yellow curb.

We thank you for your help in keeping everyone safe.

Tree Nut Awareness

Dover Bay is a tree nut aware school. We do have students with allergies, and we ask that fellow students and staff use the following guidelines (see poster below) to keep everyone safe.

These posters have also been posted throughout the school to raise awareness.



COMMUNICATION

Change of Address information: We would like to remind parents of the importance of having your current email address and information on file. You will be receiving a 1701 form to fill out and update your information to the school.

Absences: Please call to report an absence. Available 24/7, leave a message at **250-756-4595**. You will receive notification of a student's absence via the email address you have provided to us. Please make sure this is accurate as this is typically the only notification you will receive.

When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.

** 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 K-12

Wrestling season has just started but there is still room for new athletes! School District 68's wrestling team/club is open to all students in grades 4 to 12 from all of our schools. The season just started on October 7. Practices are held on Mondays and Thursdays; grade 4-7s practice from 5 -6:15 PM, and grades 8-12 practice from 6-7:30 PM. Practices are held at Island ConnectEd K-12 (4355 Jingle Pot Road). For more information, please visit the club's website: <https://sites.google.com/view/nanaimowrestlingclub/>. If you have ever been curious about wrestling, you are encouraged to drop by a practice to check it out!

CAREER CORNER

Upcoming Career-related Events (Action Research):
October 21, LUNCH, E106, Latitude Global Volunteer Opportunities
Nov. 8, 8:30-11:30, BC Post-Secondary Institute Tour, Grade 10-12
Nov. 14, LUNCH, Dover, Room C104, Gustavson School of Business (UVIC)
Nov. 21, LUNCH, C104 - Canadian Coast Guard
Nov. 22, 12-1 pm, Room C104, UBC
Nov. 28, 9-2, Beban Social Centre, Education and Career Fair (Grade 11-12)
Dec. 2 – UVIC, 6:30-9:00, The Grand Hotel, Nanaimo
Feb. 28, VIU Discovery Days, grade 11 & 12
April 7 & 8, Capstone, CLC, grade 12's only

Career Life Connections (CLC)

All grade 11's and 12's must activate **TWO Google Classroom** accounts. The assignments are online in Google Classroom. **The first assignment is due December 2.** Career Life Connections is a graduation requirement. Here are the Google Classroom codes:

Roxanne Boyko
Career Advisor/Instructor

Implementation for Students During Transition

Provincial Graduation Assessments

If I'm currently in Grade 9...	
• In 2019/20 (Grade 9)	No provincial assessment
• In 2020/21 (Grade 10)	✓ Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment ✓ Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment
• In 2021/22 (Grade 11)	No provincial assessment
• In 2022/23 (Grade 12)	✓ Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment
If I'm currently in Grade 10...	
• In 2019/20 (Grade 10)	✓ Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment ✓ Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment
• In 2020/21 (Grade 11)	No provincial assessment
• In 2021/22 (Grade 12)	✓ Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment
If I'm currently in Grade 11...	
• In 2019/20 (Grade 11)	No requirement to complete the Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment ✓ Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment is required (if not already written). ¹
• In 2020/21 (Grade 12)	✓ Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment
If I'm currently in Grade 12...	
• In 2019/20 (Grade 12)	No requirement to complete the Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment No Grade 12 Language Arts provincial exam ² No Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment ✓ Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment is required (if not already written). ¹

Update: September 2019

BC's 2018 Graduation Program Parent Guide



Path to Graduation

The future our children must succeed in is different from the one we envisioned 10 or 15 years ago.

B.C.'s New Curriculum and reporting procedures are based on a competency-driven model of "Know-Do-Understand" that will support students in their pursuit of success in life after high school.

What is Different?

The graduation years are still spanning grades 10, 11 and 12, but the path to graduation is slightly different in the new 2018 Grad Program. To graduate, students will:

- ▶ Write three new Provincial Assessments (Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10 & 12)
- ▶ Complete 80 credits including Career Life Education and Career Life Connections
- ▶ Complete a Capstone Project – students showcase an area they are passionate about and would consider pursuing after graduation

Why Change?

The Ministry of Education consulted with educators, parents and students throughout the province about the current state of curriculum, assessments and the graduation program. The overwhelming response was a desire and need for updates to the education system to better prepare students for opportunities and challenges in today's world.

2018 Graduation Program

Requirements:

80 credits including:

- ▶ Two Career Education Courses (8 credits)
- ▶ Physical and health Education 10 (4)
- ▶ Science 10 (4) and Science 11 or 12 (4)
- ▶ Social Studies 10 (4) and SS 11 or 12 (4)
- ▶ A Math 10 (4) and a Math 11 or 12 (4)
- ▶ A Language Arts 10, 11 AND 12 (12)
- ▶ An Arts Ed 10, 11 OR 12 and/or and Applied Design, Skills and Technologies 10, 11 or 12 (4)
- ▶ 28 elective credits (16 at grade 12 level)

3 Provincial Assessments:

- ▶ Numeracy 10 Assessment
- ▶ Literacy 10 & 12 Assessment

The updated graduation program will help students to move forward on their chosen path - college, university, trades training, or the workforce.

1. Numeracy Assessment

The Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment (GNA 10) is a provincial assessment that assesses student proficiency in numeracy. It is a graduation requirement that students will take in Grade 10. The assessment will measure the application of numeracy across the curriculum. Students will be assessed on a proficiency scale which will appear on their transcript. Sample exam can be found at www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca/assessment/numeracy-assessment



2. Literacy Assessment

The Grade 10 Literacy Assessment (GLA 10) assesses students' ability to use critical thinking and analysis to make meaning from diverse texts. It is a graduation requirement that students will take in Grade 10. Students will be assessed on a proficiency scale that will appear on their transcript. A sample literacy assessment can be found at www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca/assessment/literacy-assessment/gla-10

How does this affect my child?

The following chart should help when planning for your high school child's graduation. Please keep in mind that unique situations will occur and student should always consult a counselor when planning for graduation.

2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	Grad Requirements
Grade 9 • New curriculum	Grade 10 • New curriculum • Numeracy & Literacy 10 Assessments • Career Life Education	Grade 11 • New curriculum	• New curriculum • Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10 & 12 Assessments • Career Life Education and Career Life Connections
Grade 10 • New curriculum • Numeracy 10 Assessment • Literacy 10 Assessment • Career Life Education	Grade 11 • New curriculum	Grade 12 • New curriculum • Literacy 12 Assessment • Career Life Connections	• New curriculum • Numeracy 10 Assessment • Literacy 10 & 12 Assessment • Career Life Education and Career Life Connections
2020 and 2021 graduates:			• Combination curriculum • Numeracy 10 Assessment • Literacy 12 Assessment • Career Life Education and Career Life Connections
Grade 11 • New curriculum • Numeracy 10 Assessment • Career Life Education	Grade 12 • New curriculum • Literacy 12 Assessment • Career Life Connections		• Combination curriculum • Numeracy 10 Assessment • Planning 10 and Career Life Connections
Grade 12 • New curriculum • Career Life Connections			

Websites

Ministry of Education
[Pathway to Graduation](#)

BC Ministry of Education Graduation Assessment Schedule
[Assessment Schedule](#)

Ministry of Education Graduation Requirements
[2018 Graduation Requirements](#)



Additional Resources

[Handbook of Procedures for the Grad Program](#)
[Provincial Assessments](#)
[Numeracy Assessment info for parents](#)
[Literacy Assessment information](#)

NLPS

Nanaimo Ladysmith Schools Foundation – Scholarships and Awards
[Nlsf.ca](#)

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