



DOVER BAY SECONDARY

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ERASE Bullying

A confidential and anonymous, online reporting tool for students.

Online parent resources at:
www.erasebullying.ca

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:

We have now entered Quarter 3 and our Quarter 2 report cards have been published to the MYEDBC Parent portal. It is critical that during this pandemic that our students feel supported and they are also being proactive to stay on their graduation path. We have had a large number of students opt for Distance Learning courses though Island Connect Ed or other programs. Please ensure that your children are staying current with these courses and are on pace to finish them in a timely manner. Dover Bay has placed some additional staffing towards supporting our students that have left us for distance learning, or are struggling to attend during these extraordinary times. Please, if you have concerns about the progress of your child contact the appropriate counsellor or administrator to voice these concerns.

Geoff Steel, Principal
Dover Bay Secondary School District 68



IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 19-20	Grad Photos Retakes – MPR
Feb 22-26	Anti-Bulling Week
Feb 24	Pink Shirt Day
Mar 4	Fire Drill @10:45 am
March 9	Early Dismissal at 1:50 (Mid-Term Communication)
Mar 11	Parent/Teacher Conferences (Phone or Teams) @ 4-5:30 pm
Mar 12	Last day before Spring Break
Mar 13-28	Schools closed for Spring Break
Mar 29	First day back after Spring Break
Apr 2	Good Friday (School not in session)
Apr 4	Easter Sunday (STAT)
Apr 5	Easter Monday (School not in session)
Apr 12-16	Numeracy/Literacy Assessment 10 and Literacy Assessment 12
Apr 22	Quarter 3 Ends
Apr 23	Touraround Day
Apr 26	Quarter 4 Begins
May 7	ProD Day (students do not attend school)

HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

The school district has revised our districts health and safety guidelines in accordance with ministry updates. The Ministry of Education has announced February 26th as the date for the revised guidelines to be in effect. Our school district and Dover Bay has a target of February 19th to have all revisions in place. Among the various changes the most significant would be the need to prevent crowding and gathering particularly to the start and end of the day. **This is a reminder for all families that Dover Bay does have a staggered entry and exit for our students that we need to follow.**

ENTRY AND EXIT (THESE HAVE NOT CHANGED BUT NEED TO BE REINFORCED TO PREVENT CROWDING AND GATHERING)

- **BUS STUDENTS** – Bus students* have early access to Dover Bay and must stay in the MPR. While in the MPR, masks must be worn and physical distancing must be practiced. *Bus arrival at 7:50am
 - **ARRIVAL:** Students are to arrive as close to the bell as possible.
- ★ **GRADE 8/9** – Students have first access to Dover Bay entering at 8:30 and first departure – 1:55 Monday, 2:50pm T-R, 1:40 Friday
- ★ **Grade 10-12** – Students have access to Dover at 8:40am and Secondary departure – 2:05 Monday, 3:00pm T-R, 1:50pm Friday

- **CORRECT ENTRANCES** – Dover Bay has a number of required exits and entry points to reduce congestion. **The classroom teacher should review the correct entry and exit points for their class and for access to the lunch zone for Block A students.** It is critical that students always use the proper entry and exit points for each of their classes to prevent crowding and gathering.

Masks Under the new provincial guidelines students and staff will continue to always have the option to wear masks. If they are in a cohorted class, they

must wear their mask at anytime that they are out of their seat and moving around the class. If they are seated they move remove their mask when they are at their own desk. The use of masks does not negate the need to physical distance as much as possible.

PHYSICAL HEALTH AND EDUCATION CLASSES

(Outdoor Expectations)

Students and parents of students currently taking Physical Health and Education classes should be aware that there will be an expectation that students are prepared for outdoor activities in these classes. Our most recent operational guidelines from the district clearly reference that **high intensity physical activity should occur outside whenever possible.** Although we have recently had some cold weather and snow, our weather for the most part has been appropriate for outdoor activities throughout the fall and winter. Our PHE Teachers will be preparing to take classes outdoors more often, utilizing our field, tennis courts, campus, as well as activities accessible within our neighborhood. Students are recommended to have a change of clothes from their typical classroom clothing that is suitable for the climate. These will be outlined by the classroom teacher for all students to know what to bring to be prepared.

DAILY HEALTH CHECK

Staff, students are required to stay home if they are not well enough to pass a health check.

Students – parents an caregivers are responsible to assess their children daily before sending them to school. Schools are not required to verify that the student health check has occurred as this is the parental responsibility. Please see the link to the health check criteria here: <https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1>

Staff – All of our staff are required to do a daily health check in accordance with Worksafe BC. Staff members that are not well enough to work must stay home.

Dover Bay Building Envelope (Window Replacement) Completion and Other Facility Projects

The ongoing project at Dover Bay to replace all exterior windows has now reached a state of completion. Our new windows will be an improvement on the original windows and should keep us warmer in the winter and cooler in the spring and summer. The last pieces to this project would include repairs to our landscaping which took a bit of a beating through the winter months. All damaged grassy areas around the building and some of the paving stones that were impacted will be fixed in the Spring. The last of the scaffolding should be removed by the time this newsletter is published.

Dover Bay is currently receiving upgrades that will impact: our wifi, lighting, phones and announcement system. Dover's wifi has now been upgraded throughout the school and new fibre optics have been added as part of this process. All of our original fluorescent lighting is currently being replaced with softer LED lighting. This project began in November and should conclude in the early spring. Slated to begin over Spring Break, the Dover Bay phone system is being replaced as will be the announcement system that we currently have.

GRAD PHOTO RE-TAKES

Grad Photo Re-takes: February 19th and 20th

Miss out on scheduling a Grad Portrait session or need a retake? No problem, Lifetouch will give you another chance for grad photos on location at Dover Bay Secondary. To schedule an appointment please go to: [schedule.prestigeportraits.ca](https://www.schedule.prestigeportraits.ca)

If you need help scheduling your grad photo session DO NOT contact the school, Please call Lifetouch at 250-738-0983 ext.2 during office hours Monday to Friday 8am-3pm.



STUDENTS COUNCIL

Pink shirt day is February 24th! That week, we are hosting Kindness week with Instagram events every day. Follow @doverstudentscouncil to participate.

Students council is excited to announce our March Madness Event! March Madness will take place of our annual dodgeball tournament. This event will be a team effort but will follow strict COVID rules to keep it safe. To sign up a team, grab a form from E209! The event will run throughout March and teams will complete weekly challenges for points. The team with the most points will win the coveted Dodgeball trophy as well as prize bags for each member. This is a great way to have some fun this March and keep busy through Spring break as well.

COUNSELLING CHANGE

Dover Bay is sad to see one of our counsellors, Leah Pond leaving us to pursue other opportunities. She has been a Dover Bay counsellor for a number of years and has had a positive impact on so many of our students. Ms. Pond was serving all students with last names Q through Z and we are pleased to announce that counsellor Paul Wright will be returning to Dover Bay starting on February 24th to replace Ms. Pond in this portion of the alphabet. Mr. Wright will be with us until the end of the year.

GIRLS GROUP

We want to take this time to update the Dover Bay family on our group, what we have covered up until this point and what topics we are looking forward to covering in Quarter 3 and 4.

From September-January we have worked on addressing anxiety and depression, peer pressure and goal setting. We were also able to host a physically distanced Christmas Lunch and provide the group with necessary supplies to create beautiful Christmas gifts for their loved ones.

Going forward, we are going to be hosting two groups, one on Tuesday mornings the second half of block A and the other Thursday afternoons, the second half of block B. Both groups will cover the same topics but be catered to the experiences of each. The scheduled themes for February to March break includes: Healthy relationships, healthy self-esteem, positive body image, building self-confidence, social media and online safety.

The group is open to anyone identifying as female. It is a great resource for our youth as it provides a confidential, and educational space with their peers to learn about some of the trickiest topics in life. We encourage participants to bring their friends. Each group will have activities related to the week's topic, in addition to physically distanced snacking.

If you have a young person in your life that you believe could benefit from the group please don't hesitate to contact us, visit their counsellor or the Indigenous Education room (C106) for more info regarding time and place to join!

Sponsor Teacher- Ms. Brie Fellows:

brie.fellows@sd68.bc.ca

Indigenous Outreach- Nicole Hamilton:

nicole.hamilton@sd68.bc.ca

Student testimonial:

"Girls Group provided a safe place where I felt like I could let go of stress and everything weighing on me. The program gave me skills to face uncomfortable situations. When I get together with the other girls, I feel like I am not alone when dealing with my stress. Our group leader always made me feel like I had support when sometimes I didn't feel like I belonged. Girls Group has had an invaluable impact on my high school experience! I am so thankful that the program was available for me especially in my first year of high school as I found the transition to Secondary school very stressful."

CTC/VIU Dual Credit Enrichment Opportunities:

If you are interested in taking a VIU course or two in your grade 12 year, the Career Trade Centre is offering VIU Dual Credit Enrichment opportunities. Please visit <https://www.ctc-careerpaths.ca/programs/dual-credit-enrichment/> for more information.

Students need to apply ASAP by using the online application on the website.

The next step after applying would be to download and complete **Dual Credit Enrichment Part One** (follow the link above to access it), that document can be submitted to CTC anytime before by noon on March 12, 2021

For grade 12 students taking or will be taking courses via Island Connect Ed to satisfy their admission requirements, please make sure you complete the course(s) as soon as possible. If the course is schedule for quarter 4, we recommend that you start the course now and set a goal to complete it **by May 1, 2021**.



Upcoming Information Sessions:

[VIU Engineering Programs Information Session – Thursday, March 11th 6:30-7:30 pm](#)

[VIU Baking and Culinary Information Session – Tuesday, March 9th 5:30-7:00 pm](#)

[VIU Child and Youth Care Information Session – Wednesday, March 17th 4:00-5:00 pm](#)

Activities and program information sessions are happening on an ongoing basis. Bookmark the [VIU Events page](#) to make sure you don't miss out.

Recruitment Updates:

It's not too late to register for VIU Recruitment's remaining information session!

Future Student Parent Night – Monday, March 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm. [Register here.](#)

NEW – Zoom Drop-in stop by Wednesdays between 10:00 am – 2:00 pm and get your questions answered one-on-one by a VIU Recruiter.

[Click here to join!](#) Password: 441587 | Meeting ID: 666 0802 0912

Check out our [digital viewbook](#) to learn more about all the programs available at VIU.

New full-time domestic students can enter to win one \$2,500 credit towards Falls 2021 tuition through [VIU's What's Next Campaign](#)

Advising Updates:

Students who have applied to VIU for September 2021 are invited to join the Advising team at one of our upcoming What's Next information session! Register for the dates below:

[Thursday, February 25th at 4:00 pm](#)

[Thursday, March 11th at 6:00 pm](#)

Course Planning – NEW beginning in April, applicants and new students [can book a one-on-one](#) Zoom appointment with an advisor to discuss timetable options and course planning.

Or, as always, students can stop by the [Advising Zoom drop-in](#) or email advising@viu.ca or call 250.740.6410 to request a call back.

Services for Aboriginal Students (SAS):

Did you know that SAS also offers a Zoom drop-in? New and prospective Aboriginal students are encouraged to pop-in to connect with an Educational Advisor to get their questions answered. Alternatively, they can email SAS@viu.ca or call 250.740.6510.

UBC Engineering Physics:

[On behalf of the UBC Engineering Physics Program, I would like to invite you to attend an online information session on the evening of Tuesday, February 23rd, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm](#)

Engineering Physics is a broad engineering degree with extra emphasis on physics and mathematics. In addition to core engineering skills (mechanical, electrical, software), engineering physicists are equipped with a deep understanding of fundamental science and analytical methods to tackle challenges at the forefront of any field, from biotechnology and medicine to quantum computing, artificial intelligence, and aerospace.

We believe our program, one of the most rigorous and challenging at the undergraduate level, will be of interest to your strongest math and science students, especially those who want to pursue careers in research, invention, and entrepreneurship.

We kindly ask that anyone who is interested please **register** for the event at the link directly below. We will email registrants with a Zoom link on the morning of the event (Feb 23rd). Space is limited, though we will post a recording of the session on the event website after the event.

Registration link: https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0iZHp03EdnyOqQm

More information can be found in the attached PDF or on the event website:

<https://www.engphys.ubc.ca/infosession2021/>

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN FROM GANG-ASSOCIATED INVOLVEMENT

**TUESDAY, MARCH 2 (ONLINE EVENT)
6:30 - 8:00 PM**

Gangs are recruiting youth at a younger age in ways that our communities have never seen before. Parents will leave this FREE presentation with a greater understanding of what they can do to prevent their child from getting involved in gangs and other harmful activities.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Identifying if an individual is on the pathway to engaging in gang-associated behaviour
- Warning signs to look for
- Understanding why youth are attracted to the gang lifestyle
- What to do if you think your child is involved in gang-related activity
- Gang exit strategies
- Digital Trends in your community



KEY SPEAKER: JORDAN BUNA

Jordan Buna has presented both provincially and nationally on the topic of youth gangs. He works with Safer Schools Together, delivering training sessions with Gang Reduction through Informed Practice (GRIP). Jordan's presentation focuses both on his journey into gangs as a young person as well as his successful exit as an adult.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT:

<https://forms.gle/jTbzWq2wVRp3j6yv7>



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