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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.

AFFORDABILITY FUND

Dover Bay has received a further allotment of funding through our school district from the Ministry of Education's Affordability Fund. With the first allotment of money, we have been able to assist families with the rising cost of living for groceries, clothing, and school fees.

Please respond to this email if you would like support for your family through this fund. You may also reach out, if you have already received some support. We encourage all families to take advantage of this opportunity.

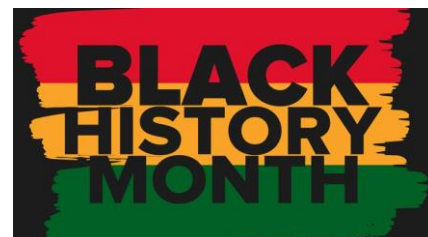
Please email the following:

info.dv@sd68.bc.ca with the Subject Line Affordability Fund if you would appreciate some support.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 20	Family Day (no school)
Feb 21	PAC – Library – 6:30 pm
Feb 22	Pink Shirt Day!
Feb 23	ICBC Presentation for Gr 12's (A block)
Mar 2	Early Dismissal (2 pm)
	Parent/Teacher conferences (3:30-6:30)
Mar 7	Fire Drill (B block – 1:45 pm)
March 10	Last Day before Spring Break
March 11-26	Schools Closed for Spring Break
March 13-16	Grad Photos MPR
March 26	Schools Re-open

*** No PAC meeting in the month of March ***



February is – Black History Month!

REPORT CARDS / PARENT & STUDENT ACCESS

Report cards for semester one were issued last week. As of today, 57% of our students have opened up their report cards. We are currently trying to determine how many parents have viewed the reports. Obviously, a great deal of work has gone into creating the report cards and we hope our families are seeing the semester one feedback. Knowing that the MYEDBC Parent Portal can be challenging to log into, here is a link with information which you may find useful: <https://dv.schools.sd68.bc.ca/students-and-parents/myedbc-support-documents/>



February Zodiac Sign – Aquarius!

COURSE SELECTION 2023/24

Counsellors and teachers have now finished their formal class visits to help students complete their course requests. For students wanting to view, change or finish their course requests, they will have access to the Course Selection module in MyEdBC until the end of the day on **Wednesday, February 22nd**. This is also the day that counsellors will be calling students who missed doing their course selection to the **library** in the afternoon. Please listen to announcements for your grade.

Parents have your child show you their course requests:

- Load the Dover Bay Website (www.doverbay.ca), click 'Quick Links' and select 'MyEdBC'

- Log in to MyEdBC, click 'My Info' and select 'Requests' from the navigation bar on the left
- Click 'Post'

There are reference materials for completing course requests on the Dover Bay Counselling Website <https://sites.google.com/learn68.ca/doverbaycourseselection/home>

- How to log on to MyEdBC
- Course Catalogue with course descriptions
- Graduation requirements
- Recorded Graduation Planning and Course Selection Information Slide Show

Please review your course selections carefully to ensure that you have met grade requirements, graduation requirements and pre-requisite requirements for College and University programs.

Good luck and enjoy the process!

CAFETERIA NEWS

Great News!

Our cafeteria program is converting over to a tap system so students will be able to pay with their debit cards. As part of this process, we will be phasing out the cafeteria punch cards. Students who have already purchased punch cards can continue to use them until they are used up, but they will no longer be available for purchase. This went into effect on February 14th. Of course, students are still welcome to use cash in the cafeteria for purchases.

GRAD RETAKE DATES

Date(s): March 13 – 17, 2023
Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Location: Multipurpose Room
Questions: gvarea@lifetouch.com



STUDENT COUNCIL

Greetings from the Students' Council!

Below are our spirit days and scheduled events:

Sign-up for March Madness is open right now!! Follow @marchmadness2k23 on Instagram and sign up with teams of 5-10 people using the form in the Instagram Bio! March Madness consists of 2 weeks of epic challenges during which the teams will be going head-to-head to see who will reign as this year's champions!!

Candy Jars: Students can come down to the office during the week to guess how many Valentine's-themed candies are in the jars for a chance to win! You have until Feb 23rd.

Feb. 22 - Pink Shirt Day & Kindness Interviews:

Please wear your pink shirts! Student Council members will be going around during lunch to interview students about how to act kindly in different situations.

Feb. 23rd - Origami & Kindness Grams:

Come to the atrium at lunch to make some fun origami art! Kindness grams will also be handed out during D block.

Feb. 24th - Photo Booth:

Come to the atrium during lunch to take a photo in front of our kindness board!!

FROM THE COUNSELLING OFFICE

VIU Applicant next step:

Have you applied to Vancouver Island University? Thinking about how to set up classes, organize your schedule, or wondering about your program plans for VIU in September? We can help! VIU Educational Advisor, Leah Pond, and Recruitment Office, Rolanda Murray, will be here at Dover on Tuesday March 28 (9:20 – 3:00) to answer any questions you have. Please sign up in advance in the Counselling office.

Workshop for Parents

The Ministry of Education is providing the following virtual workshop for parents. Please follow the links below for more information and session times.

Need help or know someone who does?
You're not alone—everyone needs to ask for help sometimes.
erase.gov.bc.ca
erase
BRITISH COLUMBIA
report it anonymously
→ erasereportit.gov.bc.ca

erase Parent Sessions on Establishing Respectful Relationships and Consent

erase is providing two virtual learning sessions (Feb. 27 and Mar. 8) for parents/caring adults focused on Establishing Respectful Relationships and Consent. These sessions are best suited for parents/caring adults of students in Grade 8 and above. Please share the [session schedule](#) with your school communities.

Promote your family's mental health and wellness from Where You Are to where you want to be (podcast series)

Through real stories, expertise, and practical tips, this podcast helps families promote their mental health and wellness, navigating important topics to meet you where you are in your journey.

Substance Use and Young People - A Guide for Families and Their Caring Communities

It is natural for families and caring communities to want to know why young people use substances. They often want to know about potential risks, and question whether the behaviours and attitudes they observe are normal. This guide offers supports to help parents, families and adult members of a young person's community (caregivers, friends, teachers, health practitioners or faith leaders) talk with young people about alcohol and other drugs as they navigate individual life circumstances.

University of Victoria – Important Dates

Self-reporting window: **February 15th – March 15th**

Housing application window: **February 6th – May 1st**

Specific criteria scholarship application window:

February 15th – April 30th

Deadline to accept an offer of admission: **May 1st**

Deadline to complete online courses: **June 30th**

BCIT – Biomedical Engineering Program

Information Session

The BCIT Biomedical Engineering Technology program is the only one of its kind offered in BC and the only one in Canada that is specifically targeted to both hospital and medical device industries.

There is an online information session for the BCIT Biomedical Engineering program on Wednesday, March 1 starting at 5 pm (about 1 hr). Registration is required to attend. Graduates from this program are needed for the hospitals on the Island.

To register, one can either go to:

BMET Program front page: [Biomedical Engineering Technology, Diploma, Full-time – BCIT](#) and click on the right hand side menu, or go to the

Info session page: [Biomedical Engineering Technology – Online Info Session – BCIT](#)

PARENT RESOURCES

As a school, we understand the importance of supporting families in discussing difficult topics with their children. In light of this, we would like to share a few online resources for parents to use when talking to their teens about substance use. These resources are from trusted organizations in BC and experts in the field. They offer tips, guidance, and information to help facilitate open and honest conversations with teens. We believe that parents and caregivers can help their child develop the knowledge and skills to make decisions related to substance use.

[Podcast - Substance Use in Youth](#)

[Preparing Parents and Caregivers for Substance Use Connections](#)

[Kelty Mental Health – Substance Use and Related Challenges](#)

SCOLARSHIPS

Nanaimo Ladysmith Schools Foundation (NLSF) and District Authority scholarships are due on February 24th by NOON

Help is available with Mrs. Webb In room D201.



February Birth Stone – Amethyst!

VIU CONNECTIONS

Discovery Night February 22

Discovery Night has options for high school students to attend on their own or with friends, as well as parents and mature students. With fun activities, engaging conversation and the information that matters, this is an event they won't want to miss. At the Discovery Night Mature Student Pub Night at 8 pm you can learn about upgrading, career changing, upskilling and VIU grad studies. Further information can be found

here: <https://connect.viu.ca/discovery-night>

High School Student Sessions: 6 - 9 pm

Parent Sessions: 6 - 9 pm

Mature Student Pub Night: 8 - 9 pm

Please pre-register for the events.

Services for Aboriginal Students Highlights

For any Indigenous learners coming to VIU next year from outside of the Nanaimo area, we have a new Indigenous Living Learning Community at our VIU Student Residences. Students living in this community will live together in one of the Residence townhouses and have mentorships, as well as activities and events created by the Indigenous Program Leader.

Apply through the residence's online portal at residences.viu.ca.

Community Mental Health Worker Program
Information Session Thursday February 23, 2023
6:30 - 8:30 pm <https://events.viu.ca/community-mental-health-worker-program-information-session-0>

You can find a full list of our upcoming information sessions here:

<https://events.viu.ca/information-sessions>

DOVER BAY WELDING PROGRAM

Dover Bay received \$6,000 donation from the CWB Welding Foundation. The donation money has been used to supply our students with welding gear, helmets and jackets.



The CWB Welding Foundation is a registered charity that works with partners to support and sustain the need for skilled welding and technology professionals and contribute to Canada's economic prosperity. By creating a gateway to the skilled trades and welding-related professions, the Foundation forges partnerships between industry, labour, education and government to enable Canadians to explore, build and advance successful and exciting careers. The Foundation offers education-based hands-on and virtual programs and initiatives and provides financial and technical program supports that reduce barriers affecting vital groups; elementary, secondary, and post-secondary students and educators, Indigenous peoples, women and the underrepresented. We encourage awareness and provide programs supporting access to career exploration regardless of identity factors, social and financial status and lived experiences, including gender, age, ethnicity, language, literacy, culture, income and geographical location.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS CLUB

Dover Bay's Model United Nations Club truly made history at North America's largest student-led conference, VMUN 2023, last weekend! Not only was this the first in-person conference for Dover delegates since the pandemic, but an astounding 17 students, Dover's largest delegation in over six years, attended. Two delegates, in particular, reached extraordinary milestones— Head Delegate Yichen Li acted as the Chair of the Advanced Crisis Committee, representing Dover Bay as a distinguished staff member and monitoring debate for youth coming from all over the world. Additionally, Selina Ma — just in 9th grade— was awarded Outstanding Delegate within the World Health Organization out of over 130 delegates. From partying at the Delegate Social to enjoying some delicious Korean BBQ in downtown Vancouver, VMUN 2023 was an unforgettable and rewarding experience for all involved! DBMUN will attend another conference, CAIMUN 2023, this May!



