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ERASE Bullying

A confidential and anonymous, online reporting tool for students.

Online parent resources at:

www.erasebullying.ca



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan 25** Gr 10, 11 & 12 Winter Formal Dance @ 7 pm
Jan 26 Turnaround Day – **No Classes for Students**
Jan 29 Start of Semester 2
Jan 30 & 31 Grade 9 Immunizations
Feb 5 ProD Day (district) - **No Classes for Students**
Feb 6 ProD Day (school) – **No Classes for Students**
Feb 8 Report Cards Published in MyEd
Feb 15 Lock Down Drill (1:45 pm)
Feb 19 Family Day (STAT) – No classes for Students
Feb 28 Pink Shirt Day
Mar 7 Early dismissal @ 2 pm
3:30 – 6:30 pm Parent Teacher conferences

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On Friday, January 19th I sent out a message to all families about the installation of vape sensors at our school. The message is referenced below for your information if you missed it. One of the benefits of the sensors is they are providing data to us on how widespread this issue is at our school. These sensors are generating approximately 50 notifications a day through the first two days that they have been installed. I am writing this message Wednesday morning at 8:50am and we have had 13 incidents of vaping in our washrooms so far today.

The 2023 BC Adolescent Health Survey Results (McCreary Centre Society) indicate a number of interesting statistics around vaping.

- 32% of our district students have vaped. 24% of those students started when they were 13 years old.
- 12% of district students vape daily. 38% of those students vape within 5 minutes of waking up in the morning.

Contrast this to 1% of district students that smoke cigarettes and you can see that this is a widespread problem. This issue of vaping will not be solved overnight and is quite frankly one of the most challenging student behavioural situations I have ever encountered.

We are dealing with nicotine addiction and this is a formidable foe. Our staff and students deserve a safe,

Turnaround Day Tomorrow!

On Friday, January 26th classes are NOT in session. Your child may have been informed they need to attend for course completion. If not – we will see them on Monday!

vape free place to be. I know that we are not alone as a school and this is a societal issue, at least in North America. Please stay tuned as we continue to seek educational opportunities for our families, and students.

Take care everyone,
Geoff Steel
Dover Bay Principal



Hello Dover Bay Community,

Concerns around *vaping* in our student washrooms was a top concern in our recent Dover Bay School Goals Survey. Students have been feeling unsafe to use our washrooms for various reasons, and encountering students vaping was the primary concern. Starting Monday, Dover Bay will have active Vape sensors in our washrooms. These sensors will send a message to administration if vape is detected in a washroom. Vaping is a health issue for those that vape, as well as for students and staff that experience the vapors second hand. Vaping or Smoking at school (Building and Campus) are breaking the Code of Conduct and students may receive a fine (Smoking Regulation Bylaw #7268)

**Please see the December Newsletter for more information about the hazards of vaping.*

Gr 10, 11 & 12 FORMAL DANCE – January 25



The Winter Formal Dance for grades 10-12 is tonight! Doors open at 6:40pm, **and if you purchased a ticket**, you can enter through the main doors of the school. There will be a coat check, meaning you will not be allowed to keep bags or jackets with you. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you bring your ticket and student ID with you, as these are needed for you admission. Your ticket accounts for admission, your snack and drink, and the student ID is to verify that you are a Dover Bay student.

COURSE SELECTION 2024-2025

Students are completing their online course selections for the 2024/2025 school year. Selections are not first come first serve. This is not a race, rather it is important that students take their time to thoughtfully discuss, review and enter their selections into MyEd.

Grade 8 and 9 students will complete their course selections with Mrs. Webb during their Career Education time where they will participate in a course selection presentation, view a short film on elective offerings, and enter their selections into MyEd from January 10 – January 30th and will re-open for a week in April for any final adjustments.

Grade 10 and 11 students completed their course selections with a counsellor during one of their scheduled Semester 1 courses. This was done between January 16 - January 18th, and the portal will remain open until February 9th to make any necessary changes. The portal will re-open for a week in April for any final adjustments.

To prepare, students are encouraged to discuss and review course options with their parents/guardians. It is essential that students make informed choices when completing their course selection. Prior to making course requests for next year, review course handbooks, and the graduation planner found on our [school website](#).

** To complete course selections, students **must know their MYED login and password**. Students will receive help during class time and are welcome to come to the front office for assistance.*

If students have any questions about their selections, please wait for the counsellor presentation.

BC GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS

Students currently taking English 10, Math 10, or English 12 will have received an email from the school letting them know they will be writing their BC Graduation Literacy 10, Numeracy 10, or English 12 Assessment with their teacher. The assessment's focus is on the demonstration and application of literacy or numeracy. As such, it is recommended that students take the time to do a practice assessment at the links below, to familiarize themselves with the exam format, question types, and navigation on a laptop or chromebook.

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-12-literacy-assessment>

Here are some Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to have taken English 12 to write the Literacy Assessment?

No

Does it affect my grade?

No, however the assessment must be attempted in order to meet graduation requirements.

Does it show up on my transcript?

Yes

Does it affect my GPA or university entry?

Some post-secondary institutions are taking the results into consideration.

How many times can I rewrite the assessment?

The test can be taken three times in total.

What if I have a DL class in the block where my classmates are writing an assessment?

DL students will be writing in April.

If you have any questions, please talk to your teacher, counsellor or vice-principal. Or you may come to the office or go to:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/curriculum-and-assessment/assessments/graduation>

SEMESTER 2

On Monday, January 29th students will begin their semester 2 courses. Students and families are encouraged to **login to MyEd** to view semester 2 timetables as there has been a small number of changes to room and teachers that students will want to be prepared.

For questions regarding MyEd, please email:

dv-familyportalquestions@sd68.bc.ca

students may come to the office.



REPORT CARDS

Semester 1 report cards will be published to MyEd on February 8th. **NEW!** Core Competencies are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need in order to engage in deep, lifelong learning. Along with literacy and numeracy foundations, they are central to BC's curriculum and assessment system and directly support students in their growth as educated citizens. Parents and guardians, ask your child to show you their **Self Assessment of Core Competencies** they completed in their Google classroom prior to the break. Students will be self assessing one of 3 core competencies three times per year. This is one of those times.



COUNSELLING CENTER

Post-Secondary Applications

Grade 12 students who are planning on going to a post-secondary program next year should be completing their application process now. Some universities, like UBC, have an application deadline as early as the end of January. Others, like VIU, base your registration date on when you get your application in. Go to the university websites for more information.

Career and Technical Centre

Grade 11 students who are hoping to attend the CTC program in their grade 12 year should be getting their applications in now. Some of the CTC programs

have become very popular and are filling up quickly. See your counselor for more information and see all the options [here](#). There are also seats in the Trades Sampler for Grade 10 students heading into Grade 11 next year.

Students in Grade 11 who are interested in applying to the 2024-2025 Dual Credit Enrichment (DCE) Program can apply via the following link:

<https://ctc-careerpaths.ca/programs/dual-credit-enrichment/>

Grade 10 students may apply and take DCE courses in Grade 11 with special approval after consideration.

We have set a **soft due date** for applications to be submitted by **January 31st**.

Once students apply, there will be follow-up emails regarding sponsorship eligibility.

Please refer to our CTC website for further information about CTC Dual Credit Enrichment.

<https://ctc-careerpaths.ca/programs/dual-credit-enrichment/>

VIU Dual Credit Program

Are you in grade 11? Are you an honor roll student? Would you like to start your university career early while earning credit toward graduation? If this sounds like you, then apply to become a [Dual Credit Enrichment Student](#)! Dual Credit enrichment is a partnership program with Vancouver Island University that allows you to take up to 4 courses in your grade 12 year and the district pays the tuition! Courses have been offered in Sociology, Psychology, Digital Media, Art, Creative Writing, Journalism, History, First Nations Studies, English and many additional subjects!

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (YDI) SURVEY

Dover Bay will be participating in the Youth Development Instrument survey this coming February. We will be focusing on the grade 10 students for this survey.

The Youth Development Instrument (YDI) is a research project run by [CHART Lab](#) as a collaboration between SFU, UBC, and the BC Centre for Disease Control. A survey will be used to assess the health and well-being of Grades 10 to 12 youth in British Columbia. The survey will ask questions about how youth think and feel, about

their social connections, and their plans and thoughts about the future.

The survey is confidential—we will not provide students' individual responses to teachers, school administrators, parents, peers. Additionally, we de-identify YDI data so that we as researchers cannot easily see how individual students answered questions. The YDI is not anonymous because we collect information about participants which allows us to link their responses to the YDI to other surveys like the EDI and MDI and other health and demographic data sources.

We will be sending permission forms home to our focus group on February 2, and the forms signed and returned no later than February 9.

To learn more about YDI, please visit the [Parent and Guardian Resource page](#).

January Birthstone Garnet



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Learning With Syeyutsus

Dover Bay Students hosted Dr Richard Atleo at Wildwood on January 10 and were blanketed in a ceremony. They represented our school in an exceptional fashion and were amazing hosts. Special thanks to tsumqwatun, our snaw'naw'as Knowledge Keeper.





FREE Family Fun Gym Nights

Let's get active! Fun for all ages

North Oyster Elementary Gym Thursdays Jan 11-Feb 15 6-8 pm
Seaview Elementary Gym Tuesdays Jan 9-Feb 13 6-8 pm

Departure Bay Elementary Gym Thursdays Jan 11-Feb 15 6-8 pm
Rock City Elementary Gym Wednesdays Jan 10-Feb 14 6-8 pm

Unstructured Family play time in the gym.

Everyone is welcome! Come, hang out and play with your children. Evenings will be filled with teamwork, active play, and time to meet new friends.

All participants are responsible for good sportsmanship, supervising their own children, and staying at the school and gym.

For more information: mdulfhuis@sd68.bc.ca

Born in January



Wayne Gretzky



Sarah McLachlan



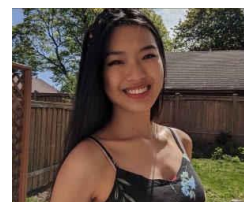
Jagmeet Singh



Andrea Martin



Dave Foley



Qiyu Zhou

Health Sciences programs

Explore options available in health care at VIU

Join us to learn about our health care programs and careers in:

- Health Care Assistant
- Practical Nursing
- Activity Assistant
- Medical Device Reprocessing Technician
- Nursing Unit Assistant

There will be presentations and time to ask questions.

Information session:

February 15, 2024

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Location: VIU Nanaimo Campus or online

To register: contact pn@viu.ca. Location and zoom link will be provided upon registration.

Registration deadline:

February 9, 2024



Scan for more information

Email: pdt.hhs@viu.ca

Webpage: events.viu.ca/health-care-programs-information-session

Faculty of Health Sciences and Human Services

