

Friday Feb. 19th, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Here are some weekly updates.

- **Course Selection Information:** Planning for the 2021/22 school year has begun. The current grade 8 students at Royal Oak have participated in a course information session and have received a course selection document from the Claremont school counsellors. Our grade 9, 10, and 11 students will receive their course selection information on Monday Feb. 22 or Tuesday Feb. 23 in their block 1 class. This course information will be presented in the form of a Google slideshow that will later be linked to our website by Wednesday.
- **Course selection Info Night:** Due to safety protocol we are unable to host an Open House event to showcase the many course offerings at Claremont. Instead, we will hold a Microsoft “Live” Course Information Night on Tuesday February 23rd 7:00 p.m. for parents/guardians, and students. You can sit back at home on your computer or device and listen to the Claremont Admin & Counselling Team speak to a number of slides that highlight the many courses that make up the pathway to graduation for Grade 10, 11, and 12 students.

This “Live” event will be a first for Claremont, using this virtual format, and it is different from a TEAM’s or ZOOM meeting. The only faces you will see in this event will be the presenters, unfortunately those in attendance will not be heard, and if you have questions you will only be permitted to type your question. Once you type in your question, only the Claremont Admin will see the question and will respond at the appropriate time during the “Live” presentation. The reason for using “Live” is because we anticipate over 200 in attendance and this format will support a larger audience.

To join, follow the four steps:

1. Hit the button on our Claremont website that says, Course Information Night - Join us LIVE
2. JOIN COURSE INFORMATION - LINK HERE
3. Click where it says, “Watch on the Web.”
4. Click where it says, “Join anonymously,” and you should be good to join.

Don’t worry, if you miss the “Live” event, a slide show will be linked to the website by Wed. Feb. 24th.

- **Remote Learners and Course Selection:** Please stay tuned for an email from Claremont early next week with information on Course Selection for next year.
- **Support “Good Deeds Cup” BC Entry:** It is an exciting time for the local Victoria Admirals U13 Hockey Club, a team that is partially composed of students from our feeder Royal Oak Middle School, as they have already been selected as the BC representative for the Nationwide, “Good Deeds Cup” Contest! Please view their 1 min video submission [HERE](#) detailing their bid to support the Victoria Health Foundation and consider voting for them each day up to Feb. 24th to help them win the contest!!
- **Updated COVID-19 District Information:** Please view the most recent post (as of Thurs Feb 4th) on our Saanich School district website: <https://www.sd63.bc.ca/COVID-19>

- **Grad Fundraisers:** Please help support our Grad class of 2021 with this year's fundraising options.

**Bottle Drive** - save your empties for a [Grad Bottle Drive](#) set for Sat, Feb 27th from 9:00am - 3:00pm in the student parking lot at Claremont. Parent Volunteers are needed at the school on the day of the event, those interested can sign up here: [PARENT SIGN UP - FEB 27th](#) A big shout out to the parents assisting with this drive and to the students who have/will distribute flyers to our community.

**Purdy's Chocolates** - order some sweet Easter treats / gifts / baskets and support our Grads at the same time, please place an online order using this link: [PURDY'S FUNDRAISER](#)

**Hilltop Hanging Baskets** - The online order form is available on the front page of our school website.

- **Parent/Teacher Night for Q3:** Parent/Teacher night is Thursday, March 4th, also Early Dismissal Day (students finish at 2:15pm). Parent Teacher interviews will operate between 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., similar to quarters one and two. Appointment for a conversation with your child's teacher can be made starting Wednesday Feb 24 by following the "Pick a Time" on our website. Each appointment booked will be an eight minute phone call with their child's teacher. Some staff may go virtual and use TEAMS video for these conversations.
- **Group A/B Rotation:** The Group A/B schedule for the next two weeks is listed below:

★ AM Classes will be in full time daily attendance ★ PM Classes will be on A/B Rotation					
<b>Week 4</b> February 22	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	22	23	24	25	26
	B	A	B	A	B
<b>Week 5</b> March 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4 Early Closure	5
	A	B	A	B	A
5 Week Flip to AM Rotation and PM Full Time begins on March 8th					

Have a nice weekend.

Sincerely,

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