

November 5, 2021



Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Here are some further informational pieces to be aware of as we head into a shorter week. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday next week will be regular days. Thursday Nov. 11 is Remembrance Day (stat holiday), Friday is a non-instructional day (ProD Day).

Grad Parent Planning Committee (GPPC): This past week a number of grade 12 parents met with Administration, live and through TEAMS, to get the conversation started about what Grad 2022 could look like. At this meeting key positions, held by executive members, were introduced. By the end of the meeting a number of parents volunteered to take on the following positions; Chair(s), Treasurer, Secretary, Fundraising, Decorations, etc... If you are interested in taking part please email pwesthaver@saanichschools.ca your expression of interest. The next planning meeting will be held Wed. Nov. 17, in the Learning Commons and TEAMS. Watch for the link on our website the week of the meeting.

Remembrance Day: This year, staff and students will be celebrating both National Indigenous Veterans Day and Remembrance Day. Keira Nolting, our Indigenous Education Assistant, has put together a set of slides that will be shown in block 1 on Monday, November 8th, to commemorate National Indigenous Veterans Day. On November 10th, also in block 1, staff and students will watch a video that captures the significance of Remembrance Day. The slide deck and video will then be posted on our website for families to view. Please be reminded, Thursday Nov. 11 is a stat holiday and schools will be closed.

Report Cards: Watch for term one report cards to be distributed in Block 3 Monday morning Nov. 22th. Please watch for a sign-up opportunity to meet with your student's teachers on Thursday, November 25th, from 5:00-7:00

Online Safety from Monica This session for students in Grade 8-12 covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen to the criminal consequences of cyberbullying. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding students' use of social media platforms and smartphones will be discussed. Session dates and times include:

- November 22nd, 2021 10:30am to 11:30am
<https://event-wizard.com/events/SocialMediaAwarenessStudentNov222021/>
- November 22, 2021 1:30pm to 2:30pm
<https://event-wizard.com/events/SocialMediaAwarenessStudentNov222021pm/>

Parents as Education and Career Coaches: Just another reminder for one of the most informative opportunities for parents/ guardians to help guide their child through the world of possibilities after high school is this interactive information session. This virtual meeting will highlight the different pathways, supports along the way, and overview of resources available to our students. Please click on the following link and sign up in advance, the date is Monday November 15th from 7:00 - 8:30pm: [Registration Link](#)

SD 63 Strategic Planning: The Board of Education in Saanich is committed to working with the community to develop the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan. First steps to this plan will be the collection of feedback. The following link is designed to collect feedback from parents/guardians, students, staff and community members. We value your input and welcome your feedback, deadline is Nov. 7th: [SD63 Strategic Plan LINK](#).

Thank you for reading, have a nice weekend.

Sincerely,

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