

April 29th, 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Here are some important information items as we say goodbye to April and hello to May, hard to believe there are only two months left to go in the school year!

**Saanich Schools Budget Consultation:** The Board of Education and the Saanich School District would be pleased to have you join us to participate in and contribute to the formation of our budget for 2022/23. Public participation in this process is important for the Board's adoption of a budget that reflects the values, beliefs and priorities of the community. The meeting will be held Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 7:00pm at Bayside Middle School, 1101 Newton Place, Brentwood Bay. As part of the consultation process, the Board is asking the community to complete an online survey which closes at the end of day on May 12, 2022. Information on the survey and background document can be found [here](#).

**Report Cards:** Report cards were distributed on Tuesday, April 26th. If your student has not received theirs yet, they can be picked up at lunch or after school in the front office.

**Student Driver's:** For those grade 11 and 12 students who are now driving vehicles to school. Having an "N" means you are now a novice driver and are allowed to drive on your own. It's important to follow the restrictions of graduated licensing when you get your "N." It has been reported that some Novice drivers have more than one passenger, also known as overloading. Please be reminded of the rules, 1 passenger only (immediate family exempt) unless with supervisor age 25+ with a valid Class 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 licence.

**Mental Health Snapshot:** This month's [Snapshot](#) focuses on Substance Use And Youth. This Snapshot provides a wealth of information on topics such as substance use Fact or Fiction, and reasons for engaging and eliminating stigma to name a few. Scroll down halfway to find suggestions on how to start conversations with your child as well as resources to build resilience in your child.

**Transportation 2022/2023:** [Registration](#) is now open for transportation for the 2022-2023 school year. Registration will close on June 15, 2022, and students must be registered with Transportation and hold a current year bus pass in order to ride on the bus.

**Grad 2022:** A reminder that the Grad 2022 Silent Auction will kick off next week starting on Wed, May 4th - everyone will be able to bid on auction items until the end of the day on Mon, May 9th. As well, the next Grad Parent meeting (all parents of Gr 12's are welcome) is scheduled for Tues, May 10th at 7pm.

Have a nice weekend.

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