

June 3, 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Here are some important information items as we work through the final month of school.

New - Indigenous Course Required for 2024 Grads: The Minister of Education in collaboration with the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) was pleased to announce that as part of the Province's commitments to truth, reconciliation, and anti-racism, the Ministry of Education is implementing an Indigenous-focused graduation requirement for all students. Saanich schools are fully supportive of the BC Ministry of Education's direction to introduce a mandatory graduation requirement focusing on Indigenous content starting with the 2024 graduation year.

Next year, at Claremont, we will offer English First Peoples 11 to all grade 11 students. This course will fully meet the requirement. Grade 11 students also have the option to take English First Peoples 12 in their grade 12 year, or First Nations Studies 12 in their grades 11 or 12 year to meet this requirement.

We are excited about the opportunities these courses will provide all students. In future, we hope to offer more course options with Indigenous focus. If students would like to change their schedule for 2022-23, please contact a school counsellor asap.

Literacy & Numeracy Assessments: Coming up on June 15th and 16th, we will be running the Provincial Literacy and Numeracy Assessments. The focus of this session is to have students in the following circumstances write: grade 10s currently in English 10, grade 10s currently in Workplace Math 10, grade 10s who missed Numeracy 10 in the November, grade 11s who are missing either Literacy 10 or Numeracy 10, and grade 12s missing any of the three assessments (Lit. 10/12 & Num. 10). During these two days, we will be running a Copernican schedule (2 long blocks per day) to accommodate the 3 hours required to write the assessment. ***Students not attached to an English 10 or Workplace Math 10 class will have to sign-up to write the exam, sign-up starts Monday, June 6th with Ms. Watson in room 222.*** Please check with your student to see if they have to write and if they are required to sign-up. More information can be found at the following links: [Literacy 10](#), [Numeracy 10](#), [Literacy 12](#). Date and time options for sign-up include:

Wednesday, June 15th 9:00-12:00

Thursday, June 16th 9:00-12:00

Thursday, June 16th 12:30-3:30

Mental Health & Anxiety with Dr. Lydia Vallieres SESSION #2: Claremont PAC is happy to host a **Mental Health & Anxiety Virtual (TEAMs) workshop #2** with **Dr. Lydia Vallieres** on Tuesday, June 7th, 7:00 - 8:00 pm. This session is designed for parent/guardians and will focus on some theory around the triggers of anxiety (items not covered in the 1st workshop) and 12 practical guidelines and tips for parent/guardians to learn how to better support their teen's anxiety.

The following TEAMs link will bring you to the meeting: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Mental Health Snapshot: Here is the link to previous topics from the School District website, [LINK](#).

Washroom Breaks: Please have a conversation with your child about bathroom breaks. Staff have received concerns from students that going to the washroom at Claremont can be an uncomfortable situation for some. Why, because some students use the washrooms as a place to hangout and talk with friends during class or break times while others are trying to use the washroom. This needs to change. Washrooms are public spaces where we go in, “do our business,” wash our hands and get out.

Assessment Week June 20-24:

| Mon. June 20 | Tues. June 21 | Wed. June 22 | Thur. June 23 | Fri. June 24 |
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| Long Block (1,3) Everyone in session | Long Block (2,4) Everyone in Session | Option for Math & Sc culminating assessment | Option for Math & Sc culminating assessment | Option for Math & Sc culminating assessment |
| Option for Eng & SS culminating assessment | Option for Eng & SS culminating assessment | Course completion Conflicts | Course completion Conflicts | Course completion AM Conflicts |

Grad 2022: Our Grad Parent executive is looking for volunteers to assist with our year-end Grad events coming up on Mon June 27th and Wed June 29th. Parents/guardians can sign up to assist with supervision, setup, takedown and other tasks on these days by using this [LINK](#).

Boys & Girls Club Summer Parenting Programs: Boys and Girls Club is offering two free, virtual parenting programs including, Parenting Without Power Struggles (9-12yrs) & Parents Together (13-19yrs). More information on these programs and sign-up information can be found at this [LINK](#).

Enjoying a wonderful weekend, and thank you for taking the time to read our messages.

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