



Friday May 21st, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Here are a few important reminders and updates as we all head into a well-deserved and much needed long weekend:

Early Dismissal Day + Fire Drill: Next Thurs, May 27th is an Early Dismissal day that will have an altered schedule as per the times listed below. We will also be running our fifth Fire Drill of the year at exactly 11:00am (at the end of Block 1) so that we can flow into the lunch hour after we finish up.

8:00-9:00am = Morning Block
9:15-11:15am = Block 1
11:15-12noon = Lunch
12:15-2:15pm = Block 2
2:15-3:15pm = Afterschool Block

Parent/Teacher Night for Q4: A reminder that Parent/Teacher night is happening next Thurs, May 27th (which is also an Early Dismissal Day as described above). Interviews will operate between 6:00-8:00pm similar to the previous three quarters. Parents can start booking appointments on Thurs May 20th by following the "Pick a Time" button/billboard on the front page of our school website. Each appointment booked will be an eight minute phone call; some staff may go virtual and use TEAMs video for these conversations.

Our Last '5 Week Flip': Next Friday, May 28th will be the last day before our final 'five week flip!' Starting Mon, May 31st classes will be moving to a **Block 1 every other day** and **Block 2 full time attendance** model until the end of the school year. Teaching staff will be sending their Block 1 students/families an email by mid to late next week regarding who should be attending when (ie: who is in Group A/B).

Mental Wellness Snapshots: Please find linked, a resource for families around Mental Wellness found on the district website. Each month is a different focus and includes information meant to inform and encourage discussion. This month's [Mental Wellness Snapshot](#) looks at Healthy Relationships.

Alert from Island Health: Schools within the lower island have been alerted to the fact that there has been an increase in youth overdosing in the capital region over this past month and that these overdoses have been critical and life threatening. In Saanich, we are extremely responsive and strong at wrapping support around students--this message is to alert everyone that this continued focus needs to be heightened at this time and shared with the wider community. Select this [LINK](#) to view the alert.

Group A/B Rotation: The Group A/B schedule for the next two weeks is listed below - please note the Friday, May 28th is the last day before the 'five week flip', which means that Monday May 31st is the first day of Block 1 going every other day and Block 2 going with full time attendance:

★ AM Classes will be in full time daily attendance ★ PM Classes will be on A/B Rotation					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5 May 24	24	25	26	27	28
	STAT Holiday No School			Early Closure PT Conferences	
		B	A	B	A
5 WEEK Flip					
★ AM Classes will be on A/B Rotation ★ PM Classes will be FULL Time Attendance					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 6 June 31	31	1	2	3	4
	5 Week FLIP				
	A	B	A	B	A

We hope that everyone gets a chance to rest, relax, and recharge this long weekend - we'll be into the 'final stretch' to the end of June when we return next Tuesday!

Sincerely,

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