

Friday May 28, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

As we head into the final weekend in May (and with June right around the corner), please take a moment to read over some important information to be aware of, especially the recent health updates announced by the Province of BC and the Ministry of Education:

- **Restart Plan - A Message from SD63 Superintendent Dave Eberwein:** The province recently announced a new 4-step BC Restart Plan with implementation dates of May 25, June 15, July 1 and Sept 7. Moving through these 4 steps is dependent on the province continuing along the trajectory of fewer COVID infections and hospitalizations. The Ministry of Education and the Provincial Health Office have also provided school districts with clarity and specific directions for the remainder of this school year. Specifically, schools are to remain in our current Stage 2 configuration for the remainder of this school year and into the summer months. This means that all year-end school activities are expected to follow the current safety guidelines on things such as gatherings and cohort size limits.

As you are likely aware, we are currently planning for a return to Stage 1 in September which means a return to regular classes. We are expecting an announcement from the provincial government in late June with more details on any specifics for school operations in September. We thank you for your ongoing cooperation and understanding as we continue to make our schools safe places for students and staff. If you have any questions please contact your school administration.

- **Lunchtime Bussing:** a reminder that starting Mon May 31st, lunchtime school busses will switch back to 'picking students up near their homes and then dropping them off at school' close to the end of lunch (12:30pm) so that they can attend their Block 2 class which will be full time attendance until the end of the school year.
- **Literacy / Numeracy Assessments:** The assessment schedule for Mon, June 14th to Wed., June 17th is linked [HERE](#). These assessments only affect Grade 10 or 11 students that are scheduled in a Math or English class (or both) this Quarter; please double check the schedule and ensure that your child is aware of the date(s) and time(s) that they are writing. Sample questions and extra info for both assessments are linked [HERE](#).
- **After Grad Parent Committee Meeting:** The next meeting for the Claremont Parent After Grad Committee is Tues. June 1 at 7:00 pm, virtually through TEAMS. If you are interested in joining this meeting please RSVP through email to Mr. Westhaver (pwesthaver@saanichschools.ca) and he will send you the invitation link. The Saanich School District uses the Microsoft TEAMS platform for many virtual meetings.
- **Access to Photos from Grads "Stage Crossing":** all those Grade 12 students that participated in one of the "Walk Across the Stage" film sessions on May 14/15/16 are now able to access their family Photo Booth pictures by logging onto the **Grad 2021 Google Classroom Page**. Grads will be able to click on a link to a Google Drive folder that is organized based on the specific day that they attended the walk through, and they can search through and then download their specific family photos. For any Grads that are not yet signed up, the join code for the Grad 2021 Google Classroom Page is: **n7i2xsm**
- **Online Course Completion Deadline for Grads – May 31:** If you are applying to university/college, make sure you have completed any online courses (SIDES, NIDES, etc) by Monday May 31st. This deadline allows for sufficient time for coursework to be graded and final marks to be sent to the Ministry of Education for your transcript.

- **In Search of New Homestay Families:** Are you interested in becoming a Homestay family for an International student? Saanich Schools International Student Program needs new host families for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year! This can be a wonderful opportunity to make life-long friendships and share the beauty of your home and community. Host families receive a generous monthly allowance of \$975 to offset expenses. Host families who are willing to host *boys* are especially needed.
- **June Calendar - Important Dates:**
 - * June 14th - 16th: [Literacy / Numeracy Assessments](#) (please click on the link and ensure your child is aware of the date(s) and time(s) that they are writing; sample questions and extra info for both assessments are linked [HERE](#))
 - * June 17th: Final Capstone Presentation Day
 - * June 24th: Last Day of Classes
 - * June 25th/28th: Course Completion Days - students only attend if they need to complete outstanding work as requested by their teacher
 - * June 25th: FOFA Graduation @ 3pm in Theatre
 - * June 28th: School Award Ceremony @ 2pm in Theatre, 15 students recognized
 - * June 28th: Grad Scavenger Hunt
 - * June 29th: Grad Walk Through + Grad Ceremony Video
 - * June 29-30: Report Cards available for pick-up
- **Group A/B Rotation:** The Group A/B schedule for the next two weeks is listed below:

5 WEEK Flip					
★ AM Classes will be on A/B Rotation ★ PM Classes will be FULL Time Attendance					
Week 6 May 31	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	31	1	2	3	4
	5 Week FLIP				
	A	B	A	B	A
Week 7 June 7	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	7	8	9	10	11
	B	A	B	A	B

Sincerely,

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