

October 29, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,



It was nice to see so many students and staff dress up in Halloween costumes at school Friday! Feel free to check out the collection of photos on our instagram account 'claremontsd63', also a great way to receive updates. Here are some further informational pieces to be aware of as we start the month of November next week:

Revised Bell Schedule	
To properly schedule our provincial Numeracy & Literacy assessments, the entire school will follow a Copernican schedule consisting of two long blocks per day.	
November 2 nd	November 3 rd
Block 1 Class: 9:00 - 11:45 (Lit/Num: 9:00-12:00)	Block 2 Class: 9:00 - 11:45 (Lit/Num: 9:00-12:00)
• LUNCH	
Block 3 Class: 12:30 - 3:10 (Lit/Num: 12:30-3:30)	Block 4 Class: 12:30 - 3:10 (Lit/Num: 12:30-3:30)

Provincial Numeracy 10 and Literacy 12 Assessments: The students writing in this first session have already been notified. Those students currently in Semester one English 12, Math 10 plus some grade 12 who still need to complete the grade 10 assessments or want to write Literacy 12 early will write. These will take place on November 2nd and 3rd within a Copernican style or two long blocks per day. This change will allow for the approximately 3 hours that we are required to provide for these assessments.

- Grade 12 students will be writing the Literacy 12 assessment (new this year)
- Grade 11 students who have not written Numeracy 10 assessment yet will also be writing on these days as well.
- Certain Grade 10 Math classes will also be writing Numeracy 10.

Description of the Literacy Assessment:

The Literacy Assessment is a provincial assessment that assesses student proficiency in literacy. Literacy 10 and 12 are graduation requirements. These assessments assess students' ability to use critical and reflective thinking and analysis to make meaning from a diverse array of texts. It also assesses the ability of students to communicate their ideas, or those found in the texts. For more information, please click on the following [LINK](#).

Description of the Numeracy Assessment:

The Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment is a provincial assessment that assesses student proficiency in numeracy. It is a graduation requirement. This assessment focuses on the application of mathematical concepts learned across multiple subjects from kindergarten to Grade 10. It requires students to solve problems by using five numeracy processes: interpret, apply, solve, analyze and communicate. For more information, please click on the following [LINK](#).

Grad Parent Planning Committee: The first Grad planning meeting of the year will be **Tues Nov 2nd @ 7:00 pm** in person in the Claremont Learning Commons; you can also join us virtually by clicking the following link: [Click here to join the meeting](#). The purpose of this meeting is to discuss planning for our upcoming Winter Formal, and most importantly what Claremont Grad could look like in June and the activities and planning necessary for this year to be amazing for our Grads. This will also be an opportunity for parents/guardians to fill some key roles on the Grad Parent Executive.

Grad Photos: For all grads who were unable to book a time with the Lifetouch portable portrait studio in October, we have spoken with Lifetouch and they have provided us with some new dates to book! Grads are now able to sign up online at www.prestigeportraits.ca for any of the following dates below (times/sittings are open each day from 8:30am to 8:30pm, please note that these appointments will NOT be held at the school but instead will be held at the Lifetouch Studio - 1740 Island Highway #104, basically across the road from the JDF Rec Centre):

FRIDAY NOV 19TH , MONDAY NOV 22ND , TUESDAY NOV 23RD , AND FRIDAY NOV 26TH
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Educational Assistant & Community Support Certificate Program (VIU): Vancouver Island University, in partnership with SD 63, is offering a 7-month certificate program for anyone interested in becoming an Educational Assistant or Community Support Professional. This opportunity is available to students who have finished grade 12 English. For more information please contact Heidi Hackman (hhackman@saanichschools.ca) or Colleen McNamee (cmcnamee@saanichschools.ca).

Parents as Education and Career Coaches: 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: [SD63 Strategic Plan LINK](#).

Thank you for reading, we hope you have a happy and safe Halloween weekend!

Sincerely,

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