

November 12, 2021



Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Thank you for working through a shortened week. It was also a time of reflections and deeper understanding on the significance of both National Indigenous Venteran's Day and Remembrance Day. Check out, on our website, the Remembrance Day video our student created. Here are a number of topics to be aware of as we work our way through the month of November.

Grad Parent Planning Committee, meeting #2: Thank you to all who have shown interest in joining the GPPC, our grads are lucky to have such an enthusiastic team! The next planning meeting will be held Wed. Nov. 17, from 7:00-8:00 pm in the Learning Commons and on TEAMS ([Click here to join the meeting](#)). The link for the virtual meeting will also be posted on our website the week of the meeting. It is great knowing we have a number of parents who will take on Executive roles for this year. This next meeting will provide an update on plans for our Grad Winter Formal, set for Monday December 6, 7:00 - 10:00 pm.

Report Cards: Term one report cards to be distributed Monday Nov. 22, in block 3. Please watch for a sign-up opportunity to conference with your student's teachers later in the afternoon on Nov. 22nd. Parent teacher conferencing will take place Thursday, November 25th, from 5:00-7:00. We anticipate the majority of these conferences taking place over the phone or through TEAMS (phone or virtual option).

Student Absences around Winter Break - As we approach the upcoming Winter Break some families may be planning trips away from home. Should you anticipate that your child may miss some school, either due to your travel schedule or any necessary isolation period following your return, it is important that you communicate with your child's teacher and school before you leave to ensure that your child is aware of any school work they would be missing.

Online Safety Information: This session for students in Grade 8-12 covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen to the criminal consequences of cyberbullying. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding students' use of social media platforms and smartphones will be discussed. Session dates and times include:

- November 22nd, 2021 10:30am to 11:30am
<https://event-wizard.com/events/SocialMediaAwarenessStudentNov222021/>
- November 22, 2021 1:30pm to 2:30pm
<https://event-wizard.com/events/SocialMediaAwarenessStudentNov222021pm/>

Message from School Liaison Officer, Cst. Misner: UVic has had ongoing issues surrounding large crowds, unlawful behaviours, and general disorder on weekends throughout the Fall semester. It has come to the attention of UVic and the Saanich Police Department that many of the participants are high school students and persons from outside our local community. UVic would like to remind high school students that gathering, loitering, or congregating at non-university events by persons who are not UVic community members (students, employees,

and faculty) are prohibited on all property owned or occupied by UVic. UVic has requested the proactive assistance of the Saanich Police Department to prevent a recurrence of these concerning events through the enforcement of the Trespass Act and other related statutes.

Parents as Education and Career Coaches: Here is the final reminder for one of the most informative opportunities for parents/guardians to help guide their child through the world of possibilities after high school. 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](#)

Thank you for reading, have a nice weekend.

Sincerely,

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