

November 21, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

This is report card week! A perfect time of the year to check in with your child and have a conversation about school. If your child says, “everything is fine” then ask to see any recent assignments or test results or ask, “what have you been learning in classes?”

Report Cards: Term one report cards will be distributed Monday Nov. 22, in Homeroom at the start of block 3, 12:30 pm. The grade 12 students will receive a diploma verification that will identify all grade 10, 11, 12 completed and current courses. Students will want to confirm that they are on pace for 80 or greater credits.

Parent/Guardian Teacher Conference: Sign-up opportunity to conference with your student’s teachers will begin Monday Nov. 22, at 5:00 pm. Parent teacher conferencing will take place Thursday, November 25th, from 5:00-7:00. These conferences will take place over the phone or through TEAMS (phone or virtual option). There will be no in-person meetings for this reporting period. Go to [“Pick a Time”](#) on the Claremont website to schedule a phone call or TEAMS meeting. Please familiarize yourself with the Microsoft TEAMS platform. Here are the instructions that will connect [Families and Learners through TEAMS](#).

District School Bussing: The SD63 Transportation Department is now using a Twitter account to provide updates and share important information about your child’s morning and afternoon bus routes. Go to <https://twitter.com/sd63bus>

Two Concerns:

1. Unfortunately we are still experiencing some vandalism in our student washrooms. Most recently a toilet seat was broken off the base of a toilet and a paper towel dispenser ripped from the wall.
2. Of significant concern is something called “fight club,” which involves physical violence. This is when two students are pressured/invited to engage in a fist fight at a pre-arranged location inside or outside the school. There are always bystanders watching and likely images captured on phones.

Please have a conversation with your child and remind them that these behaviours are not what we expect from Claremont students. There will be consequences for those involved as these two concerns are in violation of our Code of Conduct within Saanich Schools. These are very challenging times in our Province and around the world. We need to work together as a community to ensure Claremont is a safe and secure place to learn each day.

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/>

Thank you for supporting your child's education.

Sincerely,

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