

January 2, 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students:

Happy New Year Claremont Families! We hope you found some quality time with family and friends over the holiday season to rest up and reconnect. Given the continued restrictions and health concerns that may have altered your family plans, we still hope you managed to relax and stay safe.

As you are all aware the Ministry of Education has announced a delayed return to school for K-12 students until January 10th. The reason for this delay is to allow for teachers, support staff, and administrators the opportunity to learn more about the impact of the Omicron variant and implement enhanced safety plans to support the safe continuation of in-class learning.

We appreciate the partnership between families and Claremont and understand the important role school plays in supporting students and families. However, the week of January 4th to 7th will need to look different as our priority is to help children with complex physical or health needs that require support from schools as outlined in their IEP, as well as children of Health Care workers or essential services. If you plan to send your child(ren) to school this coming week, please contact Peter at [pwesthaver@saanichschools.ca](mailto:pwesthaver@saanichschools.ca) so that we can plan accordingly. For example, school bussing will be on a limited basis this Wednesday, January 5th and will remain limited for the week.

As the focus for this week will be to prepare for a safe return, we will continue to use our Message to Families as an important means of updating and communicating. Please look for another important update coming out later this week, hopefully by Thursday afternoon at the latest - it will be emailed and linked to our website. In addition, please visit the [SD63 Saanich Website](#) for district updates from our Superintendent Dave Eberwein.

As an important reminder, we are still carrying through with both of our pre-planned outdoor school fundraisers this coming weekend on Sat Jan 8th and Sun Jan 9th: members of our Key Club will still be running a tree chipping by donation fundraiser on Sat (10 am - 4 pm) and Sun (10 am - 2 pm), and our grad parents & grads will still be running a large no-sort bottle drive on Sunday from 9 am - 4 pm. Both events will run out of our student parking lot, and parents will be encouraged to pull in with their cars and have school volunteers help take the bottles and/or trees right out/off of cars without people having to leave their vehicles. Thank you in advance for your support with both of these events!

Sincerely,

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