

March 4th, 2022



Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Course Selection Information for 2022-23: Our [Course Selection Guide](#) is always available off of our website under the “Students” tab, click “Application/Course Selection”. Course selection sheets for all grades are due to the office by March 11th.

UVIC Center for Accessible Learning (CAL): The UVic Center for Accessible Learning (CAL) is providing a virtual info meeting to discuss the benefits of registering with CAL, when and how to register, and the ways that they may be able to assist students with services to support them at University. This info session is great for students (and/or parents of students), with identified challenges, who may need accommodations in place at the university level. (Challenges may include but aren't limited to: Learning Disabilities, ADHD, MH challenges, physical disabilities, chronic health issues, etc.). The meeting is Monday, March 14 @ 6pm. For meeting access, please email Cammie Watson by noon on Monday March 14: cwatson@saanichschools.ca

Mental Health & Wellness Snapshot: This focus of the district's Mental Health and Wellness Snapshot is [Kindness & Empathy](#). This resource can be used as a source of information or as a talking point with your child(ren).

Rapid Antigen Tests for Students: On Wednesday and Thursday of this past week, we handed out 1 box of 5 antigen tests to each student. If your student did not pick up their kit, they can stop by the office to grab one. [Guidance for parents/guardians on how to use the tests](#) is also provided.

Graffiti on School Grounds: It is with frustration that we bring to everyone's attention a situation that happened in the early hours of Saturday Feb. 26th. Claremont school grounds (parking lots & Track) and building was hit with some nasty Graffiti. Latex interior house paint and a 6” paint brush was used to cause this vandalism that included the “F” word and a homophobic slur. Thankfully our neighbours alerted school Administration and our Ground Crew was able to pressure wash the paint away before our students arrived Monday morning. The Saanich Police have opened a file and we are seeking any information about who is responsible. We take pride in our school and need everyone to feel safe and respected in our community. Any tips on this vandalism will be, confidentially, appreciated.

Musical Theater: Our Musical Theater department has been hard at work perfecting their performance of **Wizard of Oz**. Performances run nightly March 5th and 9th-12th at 7:00 PM with two matinees at 1:00 PM on March 5th and 12th. Tickets for the LIVE performance are \$16 for adults and \$12 for students, children and seniors and can be purchased through our boxoffice at 250-658-6672. There will also be a LIVESTREAM viewing available during each performance starting 6:45 PM for the evening shows and 12:45 PM for the matinees. Livestream tickets can be purchased for \$25 using this [LINK](#).

Sincerely,

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