

March 11th, 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

With quarter three well underway, it's hard to believe spring break is around the corner! As we will not be sending out a Message to Families next week, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the Claremont community for all the hard work that has gone into getting to this point in the year. We are ever grateful for the time and effort you have devoted to helping our school navigate the many challenges that have arisen this year, and we acknowledge your contribution to the many successes we see in our building everyday. Thank you!!

**Acknowledgements:** Claremont students have been hard at work showcasing their skill and talent in a variety of forms and have achieved much success and earned many accolades in recent weeks. Please join us in congratulating and acknowledging the following accomplishments:

- All Musical Theater cast and crew for their outstanding production of "The Wizard of Oz"
- Three of our school basketball teams represented Claremont at the Provincial Championships
- CSI Rowing had several top finishes at their most recent Spring regatta at Elk Lake
- Claremont Robotics won 3 of 4 Island spots available to attend the Worlds in Dallas, TX
- In a variety of Skills Canada competitions involving high schools from across the Lower Island, Claremont had 10 'Top Three' finishes and received an overall Gold Medal finish in SD 63

**PAC Meeting Invitation:** Please use this [LINK](#) to access our next PAC meeting upcoming on Tuesday, March 15th. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM. In April we will consider an in-person option.

**Changes to Mask Regulations:** As indicated by the PHO, the use of masks will be optional once students return from spring break. Our messaging to students and staff on this will be clear: We must all respect the decision and physical space of others whether they choose to wear a mask or not moving forward. Regardless of mask use, please continue to monitor your child's health and have them remain home if they are unwell. This has been a long journey that we must continue to navigate together as rules and regulations are ever changing.

**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).

**New Timetable:** With careful consideration and feedback from staff and students we will be moving back to a 45 minute lunch break after spring break. This will provide more time to be outside as the weather improves and will allow for more time to accommodate club and intramural activities:

Class Bell Schedule 2021-22 (April 4 <sup>th</sup> – June 30 <sup>th</sup> )			
Monday – Friday		Class <b>Early</b> Bell Schedule	
Block 1	9:00am – 10:18am	Block 1	9:00am – 10:06am
Block 2	10:24am – 11:45am	Block 2	10:12am – 11:18am
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>11:45am – 12:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>11:18am – 11:54pm</b>
Block 3	12:30pm – 1:48pm	Block 3	11:54pm – 1:00pm
Block 4	1:54pm – 3:12pm	Block 4	1:06pm – 2:12pm

**Time Change:** Just a quick reminder of the annual Spring Forward time change. Clocks will shift 1 hour ahead on Sunday March 13 at 2:00 AM.

**Grad Fundraisers - 🍕 Pizza Day March 18th 🍕**

Students can support this year's graduating class by purchasing hot delicious Domino's Pizza on the last day before the break, Friday, March 18th, in the cafeteria during lunch. Pizza is \$3.00 a slice or buy a box and share with your friends! There will also be pop and chips available. All proceeds go towards helping to make for a memorable send off for our Grads, thank you in advance for your support!! (Cash only pls - no punch cards)

**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.). This online meeting is scheduled for: **Monday, March 14 @ 6pm.**

For meeting access, please email Cammie Watson by noon on Mon March 14: [cwatson@saanichschools.ca](mailto:cwatson@saanichschools.ca)

We hope that everyone enjoys a wonderful weekend upcoming and a fabulous Spring Break when it arrives!

Sincerely,

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