



January 22nd, 2021

Dear SDSS Parents/Guardians,

The new year is now well underway and we are approaching the midway point of this school year. How much has changed our world and challenged us in the past 12 months. As 2021 unfolds, let's continue to expand on our resilience, our learning, our compassion and our gratitude. Best wishes to all members of our school community for good health and optimism in the months ahead.

Informing the School of COVID-Related Health Issues

In the event that a family experiences testing protocols related to the COVID-19 virus, we are requesting that families contact a school administrator to inform us of the testing results. We would like to centralize this process in the collection of this information, so we can effectively follow up to keep our community safe. We will inform the teachers that your student will be absent.

We would request that families do not contact the school for advice on whether to send your student(s) to school or not. Please conduct the Daily Health Check or call 811 for advice. Our office staff or administrators cannot provide advice on this topic.

<https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/09/BCCDC-Daily-Health-Check-Sept-11-2020.pdf>

Contact numbers for Fraser Health for questions/advise specific to COVID and schools

* Fraser Health COVID Hotline 604-918-7532

* COVID SCHOOL HUB Hotline 604-587-4769

To contact an administrator, please call the Main Office at 604-943-7407 or email the appropriate grade administrator.

Mr. T. Ainge (Grade 12)	tainge@deltasd.bc.ca
Mr. T. Inkster (Grades 8 & 10)	tinkster@deltasd.bc.ca
Mrs. T. Farnden (Grades 9 & 11)	tfarnden@deltasd.bc.ca

Literacy Assessment – Week of January 25-29

Students in Grades 10 and 11 have been scheduled to write the Grade 10 Literacy Assessment next week Jan. 25 - 29 in the afternoons. Students have scheduled based on learning groups. Students and families have been sent a schedule via email. Information about the assessment, as well as a link to sample assessment materials, were included in the email with the schedule.

End of Quarter 2; Start of Quarter 3:

A reminder that the final day for Quarter 2 classes will be Monday, February 1st, with February 2nd scheduled as a 'Transition' or 'I' Day. The 'Transition' Day will be used by staff to allow students to complete missing assessments prior to the end of quarter 2, and prepare for our third quarter. Many classes on the transition day will be optional for students to attend but will be at the discretion of the classroom teacher.

Quarter 3 Timetable:

Student timetables are viewable on MYED and Student Connect. Students must check their Quarter 3 classes so they know where they will be attending on February 3rd to start Quarter 3.

Quarter 3 Hybrid Classes

Grade 11 & 12 A block classes, will continue to be run as hybrid classes at reduced classroom density. This is done to keep students in learning groups, honor student course requests, and maintain health and safety protocols.

Teachers will be reaching out to students directly to organize classes and to communicate which group the students will be a part of. Students must attend the section that they have been assigned. Please reach out to your classroom teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Course Planning Process 2021-22

The planning cycle for next school year is now underway. In the next week and a half, course planning information on the school website will be updated and in February, returning students will select courses for the 2021-22 school year. On the dates outlined below, our counsellors will be providing student and parent presentations via Zoom. Students and parents will be informed about program options, course information, graduation requirements and how to make their selections in the Student Portal in MyEd. If you or your student are unable to attend the session, these presentations will also be available by recording. Course selection opens on February 8th and closes on March 1st.

Presentations will begin at 7:00 pm. The dates of these presentations will be:

Monday, February 8 th	Planning for Grade 9 (current Grade 8 students)
Tuesday, February 9 th	Planning for Grade 10 (current Grade 9 students)
Wednesday, February 10 th	Planning for Grade 11 (current Grade 10 students)
Thursday, February 11 th	Planning for Grade 12 (current Grade 11 students)
Tuesday, February 16 th	Planning for Grade 8 (current Grade 7 students)

Zoom links for the meeting will be provided closer to the dates.

Delta Careers Programs



Delta School District offers 3 different Career Programs that offer students the chance to gain skills, knowledge, and attitudes needed to be successful in the workplace.

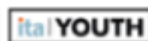
Benefits

Explore career opportunities | **Gain** valuable work experience | **Develop** skills and attitudes for the workplace | **Transition** from school to work or post-secondary education | **Receive** personal references | **Develop** confidence and self-reliance | **Earn** four graduation credits per course

<p>WORK</p> <p>EXPERIENCE</p> <p>WORK EXPERIENCE is a program for Grade 11 or 12 students that prepares students for the transition from school to the workplace by integrating classroom preparation with practical experience.</p> <p><i>4-8 graduation credits</i></p>	<p>ita YOUTH</p> <p>WORK</p> <p>IN TRADES</p> <p>WORK IN TRADES is a paid apprenticeship program under the supervision of a certified tradesperson. The student receives high school credits along the way.</p> <p>Grades 10-12</p> <p><i>4-16 graduation credits</i></p>	<p>ita YOUTH</p> <p>TRAIN</p> <p>IN TRADES</p> <p>TRAIN IN TRADES is a dual credit program for Grades 11 and 12. Receive elective credits, post-secondary credits, and Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeship training. Your tuition is paid by the school district for partnership programs.</p> <p><i>8-24 graduation credits</i></p>
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See the website for more information.

www.deltalearns.ca/careers



Graduation 2021 Information

Grads are reminded to submit their grad valedictory gown order, grad write up and baby photo for the yearbook!

- Grad gown orders are due by Friday, February 12th and can be by submitted at <https://tinyurl.com/y6po8y9r> Any changes regarding your submissions will need to be done through Ms. Kuzma in the office or Ms. Dop.
- Grad write up submissions are limited to 150 words, must not contain abbreviations, code, or potentially offensive language or references. Basically, keep it classy, Sun Devils! Submissions must be approved by the admin and must also be completed by Friday, February 12th. Here is the link: <https://forms.gle/dURNs5q7YLDY74PQ8>
- The yearbook is also requesting grad “baby photos”. Grade 12s are invited to email a photo of themselves as a baby or toddler to southdeltasunburst@gmail.com The deadline for submission is also Friday, February 12th.

Upcoming Events:

January 22 nd	Pro-D Day (No School)
January 25 th – 29 th	Grade 10 and 11 Literacy Assessments (1:30 – 3:30pm)
February 2 nd	Quarter 2 Transition or I Day
February 3 rd	First Day of Quarter 3
February 8 th	Course Selection Opens
February 11 th	Quarter 2 Report Cards Posted
February 15 th	Family Day (No School)
February 16 th	Grade 7 Parent Night (Zoom)
February 26 th	Pro-D Day (No School)
March 1 st	Course Selection Closes

As always, please don't hesitate to connect if you have questions, or require assistance. We're here to help. Take care.

Sincerely,

Terry Ainge
Principal

Tom Inkster
Vice-Principal

Terri Farnden
Vice-Principal