

SOUTH DELTA SECONDARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Principal's Message

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Counsellor Assignments

When we return from the winter break, Mr. Paul-Morris will be on leave. We wish him well and look forward to his return. In the meantime, we are fortunate to have Ms. Leah Masse filling in.

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With school returning to normal this year, interest and participation in all school activities has been high. As a result, the past few months have been exceptionally busy for students and staff. While this is incredibly encouraging, I sense that all of us are looking forward to the change of pace that comes with the winter break.

On Wednesday evening, I, along with the many family members of the choir, others students, staff, and members of the community were treated to a wonderful concert in the Equinox Theatre. In the audience was a sense of appreciation for the music and beautiful voices, enjoyed in person, and in the company of others. Choral music always gets the better of me but I felt incredibly moved as I reflected on the resilience of an elective program that was tested fully by the worldwide pandemic. Congratulations to Ms. Hamilton and our choir for keeping the music alive and in our hearts.



Whistler Blues - Georgia Kwiatkowski, gr. 12

I hope that the upcoming holidays will bring you and your families peace and joy and a happy, healthy and prosperous 2023.

If at any time you have any comments or questions, please don't hesitate to email me, tainge@deltaschools.ca

Grade 12 News

The Grad Council is organizing a Grad Winter Formal to be held on Wednesday, January 11th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Cafeteria and Theatre Foyer. Tickets can be purchased at lunch in the main hall outside the office the first week back from break. Winter Formal includes a wonderful buffet meal catered by the Culinary Arts program, a music DJ, and dancing. All grade 12s are encouraged to participate.

For your calendar, the Grad Dinner Dance and Red Carpet Walk scheduled for June has been moved to Wednesday, June 7th. The original published date of June 2nd conflicts with provincial championships for rugby, soccer, and track and field.

The Dry Grad Parent Committee will hold its next organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 pm in the Library. Grade 12 parents who would like to help out with the Dry Grad are encouraged to attend.

Career Newsletter

The December Career newsletter is now available - click [here](#) to access it.

Highlights:

1. [Parents as A Career Coach](#) free webinar Jan 10, 2023
2. [Junior Firefighting Camp](#) for high school students - coming in March 2023
3. [UBC Geering Up](#) - all girls event
4. [Career Programs](#)- what can you start in high school?
5. Important School Contacts - If students have questions or need more information, they should see the school's Career Program Facilitator.

Sr Boys Basketball /Rec Leadership Fundraisers

Many thanks to the families and community members who supported our Senior Boys Basketball Team and Rec Leadership Classes Christmas Tree and Meridian Market Fundraisers during the past few weeks. The fundraisers were in support of our Rec Leadership Program and the upcoming basketball trips to Phoenix, Arizona and Vancouver Island. If you ordered a Meridian Market Gift Card, it can be picked up from the school office.

Families and Students in Financial Need

We realize that sometimes families struggle financially. The BC Government has created a Student and Family Affordability Fund and will be providing schools funds for this school year only to help students and families with school fees, school supplies, food security, and assorted other things. Please contact your child's counsellor or administrator if your family requires financial support. Discretion is paramount.

Career and Post-Secondary Centre

The Career and Post-Secondary Centre is available for students who have questions about post-secondary options and scholarship opportunities. Our Career and Post-Secondary Advisor, Mrs. P. Cheng, has provided a great deal of information for students and families through the [Career Centre's website](#). We

encourage grade 12 students and their families to visit the site often and subscribe to the email list for the most up to date information. Mrs. Cheng's office is located in the Counselling Suite and she can be contacted by email at pcheng@deltaschools.ca to answer questions or book an appointment. Students can drop-in, but an appointment is recommended.



Toutes nos Félicitations

SDSS students in grades 10 to 12 participated in a "comic strip" (Bande dessinée) contest from La Francophonie des Amériques, an association promoting French culture for all ages in the Americas. This contest had for theme to showcase a superhero (invented) in a francophone and Canadian setting. Liam Cowen's "Bande dessinée" was titled; L'écureuil volant! (The flying squirrel) and the story took place on the Gulf Islands. Liam is in grade 10. Our classroom will receive \$500 to spend on French resources.

Semester 2 Transition

Reminder that the final day for semester 1 classes will be Thursday January 26th. Friday January 27th is a non-instructional (Pro-D) day with January 30th and 31st scheduled as "I-Days/Transition Days". These days will be used to allow students to complete missing assessments prior to the end of semester 1, and allow teachers and staff prepare for the start of semester 2 on February 1st. Teachers will inform their students closer to the end of the semester regarding their attendance and participation on those days. Most students will not be required to attend school until the start of semester two.

School/Office Holiday Hours

Our office will be open for limited hours during the holiday break (8:30am - 1:30pm). The school will be closed on December 26-27 and January 2nd. For any inquiries, please email the school at southdelta.sec@deltaschools.ca.

Important Dates to Note

January 3	Return to School
January 4	PAC Meeting, 7:30 pm
January 10	Dry Grad Meeting, 7:00 pm
January 11	Grad Winter Formal, 6-9 pm
January 12	Fashion Show, 7:00 pm
January 18	Francais Langue 12 Oral Assessment
January 25	Francais Langue 12 Written Exam
January 26	Last Day of Semester One
January 26	Literacy 10 Assessment - **No classes for Grade 10 students

January 27	Pro D Day (no classes)
January 30 - 31	I-Days, Semester Transition (no classes)
February 1	First Day of Semester 2

For a complete calendar of events, check out the SDSS website:

<https://sd.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2022/07/CALENDAR-APPENDIX-II-22-23.pdf>

Mental Wellness Resources

From time to time, we all need additional support. Students are encouraged to contact their counsellor for support and/or access the resources below:

CRISIS HOTLINES

- **BC CRISIS CENTRE** - 1-800-784-2433 or 310-6789 no area code needed
- **CRISIS SERVICES CANADA** - 1-833-456-4566 or text 45645
- **First Nations and Inuit Hope for Wellness Help Line** - 1-855-242-3310
- **Canada Drug Rehab Addiction Services Directory** - 1-877-746-1963
- **National Eating Disorder Information Centre** - 1-866-633-4220

RESOURCES

- **Bell Let's Talk**
- **Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention** - 613-702-4446 (not a crisis line)
- **Canadian Mental Health Association** - 416-646-5557
- **Canadian Psychological Association** - 613-237-2144 or 1-888-472-0657
- **Mood Disorders Society of Canada** - 613-921-5565
- **Schizophrenia Society of Canada** - 1-204-320-3188
- **Mental Health Commission** - 613-683-3755

Parents are also encouraged to access the **Teen Mental Health Parent Resources**.

