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Information for Students, Parents and Guardians at the end of Quarter One

The end of first Quarter of the school year is quickly approaching – Tuesday, November 17. At this point, your child will have finished 2 courses for the year. Students who have taken a summer school course will be familiar with the pace, but for many of our students it is their first time getting accustomed to the speed of a course. It is also the first time for most of our students to do a course on-line. **It is important that your child understands they are responsible for all of the work during the time their class is on-line.**

It is a good time for them to reflect on what worked and make changes to improve their learning.

- For many students, a **schedule** is a valuable tool and it keeps them accountable and organized. Consider having your child create a schedule on their calendar that has a specific time and place for doing their schoolwork.
- Find **a quiet and appropriate place to work** – if you do not have one at home, the Library at school can be used.
- If you need **extra-help**, make an appointment to see your teacher during flex time and/or contact Ms. Pincott in the Skills room.

1. Change in schedule for Quarter 2

- In Quarter One students were rotating between their in-school class and on-line class every two weeks.
- We are changing this so that **students will alternate every week** in Quarter Two (please see attached calendar). We hope this will improve the ability of students to stay engaged and allow them to get more timely assistance and support should they require it.
- Additionally, **the first and last two days of every quarter will alternate between their two classes**. This will allow students to connect with their teacher face-to-face, even if they are going to be on-line for the first week of the class. It will also allow students to return materials and meet with their teacher one final time at the end of the quarter

2. November Reporting – Quarter 1 and Linear Interim Reports

Final Reports for first Quarter (Q1) courses will be published on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 3pm. This report will be electronic and published to the (MyEd) Family Portal. This report will have:

- a work habit, comments and proficiency mark (Beginning > Developing > Applying > Extending) for students in grade 8
- a work habit, comments and letter grade for students in grade 9
- a work habit, comments and percentage for students in grades 10-12

Interim Reports for all Linear Full Year (FY) courses will be published on Friday, November 20, 2020 at 3pm. This report will be electronic and published to the My Education (MyEd) Family Portal. This report will have:

- a work habit and comment for students in grades 8-11
- a work habit, comments and percentage mark for students in grade 12.

Instructions to access the MyEd Family Portal:

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Support/General_Resources/MyEdBCStudentFamilyPortal/Pages/Account-Management.aspx

Please note that access to the MyEd Family is shared with the student and parents/guardians. If you have forgotten the password, you can reset your password through the password recovery link

3. Quarter 2 Starts on November 18, 2020

How do I know what courses I'm taking in Q2? Where do I find my schedule?

The courses can be found in the MyEd Family Portal. Once you log in, look in My Info top tab > Current Schedule Details side tab. Courses with a Q2 beside them are the courses for Q2

How do I know what session I'm in, A or B?

Under the Course column, you'll see a list of course codes. The last letter indicates what session you're in – A is session A, B is session B

For example:

MACLV11-101A ← you're in Session A

How do I know when to come to class and when to work at home?

You need to look at the In-Class/Online Rotation schedule that's posted on our website. Here's the link:

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/repository/SBAttachments/2c795653-d4ca-405d-a59d-686c46f391cf_GladstoneQ2InPersonandRemoteBlockCalendarrevnov12.pdf

4. Extracurricular opportunities – Athletics

- i. Sports teams have been given permission to do skills training and we currently have the following sports available:
 1. Volleyball – girls and boys – all ages
 2. Basketball – girls and boys – all ages
 3. Badminton – girls and boys – all ages
- ii. Given the need to follow Covid protocols for these sports, the number of students we can have participating at any 'practice' is limited.
- iii. Students and parents must fill out a form, available outside of the office, in order to be eligible.

5. Extracurricular opportunities – Clubs

- i. As with Athletics, clubs are able to resume, in a limited capacity due to the necessity of social distancing. As such, club sizes are often limited to 10-15 students.

- ii. At this point the following clubs are running...please see the staff sponsor for more details.
1. Climate – Ms. Thompson
 2. Garden – Ms. Ronne
 3. Footy – watching and talking soccer – Ms. Davie and Mr. McCallion
 4. Puzzles – Ms. Thompson
 5. Grade 8 dance – Ms. Miller
 6. Grade 8 clay – Ms. Marshall
 7. Debate – Mr. Morgan

Sincerely,

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I acknowledge that I live, work and play on the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples – x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), s_kw_xwú7mesh (Squamish), and seilíwítlh (Tseil-Waututh) nations.

