



DELVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Delview Families,

We have reached the end of the second week of face to face classes in the new quarter system. Students have continued to adapt to our 'new normal' and have been incredible at following the health and safety protocols within the school. Thank-you for your continued efforts, support and patience through the first month.

Student Schedules

Student Schedules are now viewable on Student Connect and Parent Connect. With the transition to MyEDBC this year, students are also able to view their schedule and profile on their MyEDBC account. Instructions on accessing students MYED accounts was emailed to students and families yesterday. Please contact the office if you require assistance.

Course Changes & Requests

Counsellors are now looking at balancing courses in Quarters 2, 3 and 4. In order to do this, they may be moving students between courses in various sections to ensure classes in the upcoming quarters are not above required class size limits. *As a result, some students may have changes to their current schedule (i.e. English moved from Quarter 2 to Quarter 3).*

Counsellors will also consider change requests for Quarters 2, 3 and 4. Counsellors are asking that students requesting a change complete the 'Course Change Form' on the Delview Website. ***We are going to be very limited in the number of changes that we can make to a student's schedule due to learning group restrictions and timetable limitations.***

Flexible Learning Time

Our school day's instructional minutes are from 8:30am – 3:30pm with a ***designated Flexible Learning Time between 1:30 – 2:10pm every day.*** *During this time, students can arrange to attend their Block A or Block B class for additional support, to complete homework, to complete assessments or make-up an assessment or assignment.* For students with a support block, their support block teacher is also an option to support a student with their learning. As we get into the quarter many teachers will start requesting that students attend this additional support time if they require more support with their studies. We encourage parents to discuss the value of Flexible Learning Time with their child and encourage them to utilize this scheduled time to support their progress and learning in their courses.

Reporting

In our quarter system model, each quarter will consist of two formal reporting periods through a mid-quarter and final-quarter report card. In addition to these two formal report cards, teachers will be reaching out to parents informally (phone call, email, etc.) to communicate any concerns or struggles regarding students who are not meeting minimal expectations in their course.

Quarter Date and Reporting Date for 2020-21

- Quarter 1 – Sept 14 (M) - November 13 (F)
- Quarter 2 – November 16 (M) - January 28 (Th)
- Quarter 3 – January 29 (F) - April 20 (T)
- Quarter 4 – April 21 (W) - June 25 (F)

Semester courses will also consist of one mid-term and one formal report each semester and Full Year courses will receive two mid-term reports and a final grade in June. All reporting dates are viewable on the Delview Calendar.

If parents have any questions regarding their students' progress please reach out to the classroom teacher.

Message for Grade 12 Students and Families

We know Grade 12 is an exciting time in students' lives and they are keen to celebrate the wonderful milestone of graduation. We will be engaging with our Grad Committee members early in the school year to begin to discuss and plan how best to celebrate Grad 2021 given that we may still be subject to COVID-19 health and safety restrictions next year. There is no question there is a great deal of uncertainty with respect to what types of events will be permitted in Spring of 2021. As such, we will be keeping in touch with Health Authorities for updates on restrictions for any type of events and gatherings as we plan for grad events.

Despite a great deal of uncertainty with what June 2021 will look like, we still want to ensure that we don't lose out on the opportunity to secure potential venues, and other important details for grad events. Given this, we feel it is prudent to move ahead with the collection of grad fees at this time. We will adapt and adjust Grad events due to COVID restrictions as required and if events cannot go ahead, or need to be re-organized, refunds will be provided.

Although we know that many of our grad events this year will look differently due to the current restrictions, we look forward to continuing to find ways to celebrate our senior class in a meaningful way.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school

Thanks

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