



# DELVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### Return of 'Live at Lunch'

On November 19th Delview welcomed back our 'Live at Lunch' presentations.



With COVID Protocols in place Delview students performed in the front entrance of the school.



Delview's next Live at Lunch' will be on December 16th and will be viewable on Delview's YouTube channel.



Dear Delview Families,

We hope that all our families continue to be well. The past two weeks have undoubtedly been devastating for our province and the many people who have been impacted by the storm, floods and landslides. Our thoughts are with those of you who have family, friends and loved ones who live in affected areas. Seeing reports of individuals and local groups coming together to help those impacted is an example of how we can work together to support others; collectively, we can make a difference for people in communities across the country by doing our small part. On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, [Superintendent Sheppard sent a letter to parents/guardians](#) outlining steps the school district is taking and how families can be helpful during this difficult time.

Today's newsletter contains important information for our families as well as highlights a number of experiences and educational opportunities that have been going on at Delview over the past couple of weeks.

### Flex Time

After some discussion with staff and feedback from students, we have decided to move back to a traditional flex period, offering students choice in where they attend during our scheduled flex period. Below is the planned timeline:

- December 1-13- Staff set up their flex spaces in Connect
- December 14th- Admin will hold an information session for students on expectations and sign-up
- December 14th-17th- Students sign-up for flex spaces for after the winter break
- January 4th- Return to regular Flex

## Delview Spirit Day-Twin Day

Delview staff and students showed their spirit taking part in our 'Twin Day.'



Delview's Raider Leadership class is organizing a Winter Spirit week from Dec. 13th-17th.



## Festive Fuzzy Fundraiser

Delview's Raider Leadership class has organized a fundraiser, collecting warm clothing that will be donated to individuals in need this winter. Students can bring their donations into their A block classes. Thank you for your continued support.



Flex time is considered instructional time and all students are expected to be registered in, and attend a flex block. Students sign up for a space using student connect and staff will be taking attendance, as they do with all their classes. Absence emails will be sent home for any students who do not sign up or do not attend a flex block. Please encourage your children to sign up for flex ahead of time and come to the space prepared to engage. We are looking forward to students having the opportunity to have increased ownership of their learning as we finish our first semester.

## Attendance and Lates

Over the past few weeks, we have increased communication with families to address the issue of unexcused absences and lates. Data has shown that absences are related to student achievement and student lates are distracting to the class and take time from the learning environment. We want to continue to partner with our parents/guardians, students and staff to support students being in class, arriving on time and developing strong work habits.

We believe that the essence of our educational programs occurs in classrooms with skilled teachers. Explanations, clarifications, discussions, opportunities for feedback, and group tasks are invaluable components of an effective educational program. This is why our policy regarding attendance is that **students are expected to attend all classes that they are registered in every day.**

As per Delview Attendance Procedures, parents/guardians are requested to call or provide a written explanation to the school office (call: 604-594-5491 or email: [delview@deltaschools.ca](mailto:delview@deltaschools.ca) for all student absences or lates.

Parents can continue to monitor their child's attendance, including lates, through Parent Connect daily and unexcused absences are reported daily to parents by email.

We appreciate your help in improving student's work habits and continue to see them at school with staff, engaged with the curriculum.

### Student- Staff Volleyball Game

On November 23rd, the Delview staff took on our Senior Girl's Volleyball team at lunch for a staff-student game. Fans were not in the gym but the game was live-streamed to TV's throughout the school. Congrats to all our fall athletes on the completion of your season.



### Basketball Live Stream

While we are looking forward to welcoming a small number of basketball fans back into our gym, Delview will be live-streaming all home games for those fans that cannot be in attendance. Visit Delview's YouTube channel for links to our livestreams. Thank you to Mr. Choy and his media arts students for providing this opportunity for our fans.



### Delview Athletics

Delview is ready to kick-off its basketball season with league play starting on December 6th. Check out [Delview Athletics webpage](#) for team schedules and information.

## Spectators for Indoor Events (Basketball)

Back in October, Delta Schools re-introduced hosting a limited number of spectators for indoor events (sports and performance) in a safe, organized and structured manner. With the basketball season now upon us, we will continue to welcome spectators at a limited capacity - parents, family members and when possible, students up to 50% of our seating capacity. At Delview Secondary, this number may range anywhere from 40-50 spectators, plus the athletes and officials given the full capacity of our bleachers.

In order to do so safely, the following guidelines must be adhered to by all spectators, players, coaches and performers:

#### Spectators must:

- Complete the Daily Health Check prior to their arrival.
- Sign-in prior to entering the gymnasium - electronically or using a paper sign-up sheet.
- Enter through the main gym entrance for an athletic event.
- Sanitize their hands before entering and exiting the school facility.
- Wear masks at all times - masks are required for all spectators.
- Exit the school through the nearest exterior exit - please do not wander through the school.

#### Please note:

- A limited number of spectators will be permitted to enter the gymnasium.
- Priority will be given to parents and immediate family members as seats are limited.
- Spectators will be required to sit in marked seating areas only in the bleachers.

We are looking forward to the start of the upcoming basketball season and providing opportunities for friends and families to watch our student athletes.

## Counsellor Contact Info.

Below is the current alpha split for our counselling team:

Ms. R. Pooni (A-K)

[rpooni@deltaschools.ca](mailto:rpooni@deltaschools.ca)

Ms. M Schlatter (L-Z)

[mschlatter@deltaschools.ca](mailto:mschlatter@deltaschools.ca)

## Let's Connect!

Find us on the web:

<https://dl.deltasd.bc.ca/>

Follow us on Twitter:

@delview

Delview Youtube Channel:

[Delview Youtube](#)

## Have You Downloaded the School App?

The Delview School App is available to download on the apple and google play store.

Download the app and follow your child(ren)'s grad channel:

Grade 8- 2026      Grade 11- 2023

Grade 9- 2025      Grade 12-2022

Grade 10-2024



## Scholarship Information

### Schulich Leader Scholarship

The Schulich Leader Scholarships are the largest and most prestigious undergraduate Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) scholarships in Canada, with a value of up to \$100,000 each. This scholarship was established to encourage our best and brightest students to be the next generation of entrepreneurial-minded, technology innovators. It is open to all Canadian graduating students planning to pursue an undergraduate degree in an [eligible STEM program](#) at one of our 20 partner universities. Delview can nominate one student per academic year. To be nominated, students must send their brag sheet and cover letter to Ms. Abad on or before December 16, 2021. For full information, visit <https://www.schulichleaders.com/>.

### Beedie Luminaries Scholarship

Beedie Luminaries Scholarships are looking for students who have the academic readiness to advance their education, achieve their dreams, and inspire others. 110 scholarships were offered in 2021, up to \$40,000 each to resilient students facing financial adversity. Online application is now open and January 13, 2022 is the deadline. For more details, visit <https://beedieluminaries.ca/>.

For the list of scholarships available to students, visit <https://delviewcareercentre.weebly.com/scholarship--awards.html>

Feel free to contact Ms. Abad if you have any questions [cabad@dletaschools.ca.ca](mailto:cabad@dletaschools.ca.ca)

## Grade 12 Students - CLC & Capstone

Students are to be meeting with their Capstone Teacher Mentors next week to discuss their progress on their Capstone project. Please check the Google Classroom for which CLC assignments are due. Parents can view all information for CLC and Capstone at the following site: [www.mrbirtcareers.weebly.com](http://www.mrbirtcareers.weebly.com)

## Commencement Gown Orders

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Delview's Commencement Committee is starting our initial planning for this year's Commencement ceremony. Yesterday the school posted information to collect sizing for our graduation gowns. QR codes can be found throughout the school and are also posted on the [Delview website](#). Students must complete the google form prior to winter break (December 17th).

## Graduation Photos

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Graduating students are reminded to sign up for their grad composite photo (grad photos) with the Artona Photography Group. Artona will have a mobile studio in our main parking lot from January 23rd-28th for students to book a photo session. For more information please visit their website: <https://artona.com/schools/DLVW>

## Careers 8 & 9

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All Grade 8 & 9 students have now started their Careers curriculum; supported by Mr. Birt in the Career Center and housed on a Google Classroom. Careers 8 & 9 are delivered through an "X" block; therefore, students need to complete assignments outside of class time. Utilizing Flex time to complete these assignments is suggested. Parents can access all Careers 8 & 9 information and assignments through the following website: [www.mrbirtcareers.weebly.com](http://www.mrbirtcareers.weebly.com)

## Provincial Assessments-Numeracy & Literacy

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All students prior to graduation as part of the graduation program are required to complete three assessments (Numeracy 10, Literacy 10 & Literacy 12) in addition to the 80 credits (minimum requirement). Delview will be offering Provincial Assessments between January 24th-28th and again in April and June. Ms. Oliver is overseeing assessments this year and will be communicating with students and sending information to families over the year.

## Parking and Pick Up/Drop off Areas

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With nearly 700 students and staff coming to Delview Secondary School every day, the traffic before 8:30am and after 2:50pm is quite congested. To ensure the safety of all when traffic is busy, please use the designated areas when dropping off or picking up your son/daughter from Delview. Please use extreme caution at the cross-walk in front of the school as well as on 116th. Let's keep all our students safe on their way to and from school.



## COVID-19 Vaccines- Children 5-11

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This week the Province of British Columbia has started their COVID-19 vaccination program for children aged 5-11. If you have children at home within this age group, we encourage families to register for their vaccination. To register please visit the [Provincial Vaccination Registration Website](#)

## COVID-19 Protocols in Schools

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Delview staff and students continue to adhere to all Health and Safety Protocols.

Current guidelines state:

- All K-12 students will be required to wear masks indoors, including at their desks (unless they have provided one of the listed exemptions). **All students are required to bring masks everyday and ensure they are being worn properly at all times.**
- Students will continue to sanitize their hands upon entering the school and classroom, with continued emphasis on hand hygiene.
- Parents will be asked to complete a [Daily Health Check](#) and keep their students home if they are not well.

Parents are encouraged to continue to view information on the Delta School [District website](#). The focus of the school continues to be on providing a safe environment for staff and students to work and learn under our current conditions.

## COVID-19 Exposures

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In the event that a family experiences testing protocols, or a self-isolation notice related to the COVID-19 virus, we are encouraging families to contact the school to inform us. We would like to centralize the collection of this information, so that we can effectively follow up as necessary in an effort to keep our community safe. Please call [604-594-5491](tel:604-594-5491) or email [delview@deltaschools.ca](mailto:delview@deltaschools.ca)

**Please note:** If an individual tests positive and contact tracers determine they may have been infectious while at school:

- Parents, caregivers and staff will be notified by Fraser Health if their child is determined to be a close contact of a COVID-19 positive person.
- Students and staff determined by Fraser Health as **close contacts** may be asked to self-isolate or self-monitor.
- Individuals who are not close contacts are not at increased risk so don't need to take any additional actions beyond continuing to follow general public health recommendations.
- Exposures are posted to the Fraser Health School Exposure website.

- If there are multiple cases that are confirmed clusters or outbreaks, the whole school community will be notified.

## School Fees

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Families have now received notification of school fees. Fees are payable online using Parent Connect or by cheque, cash, or card at the Delview office. If paying by cash or cheque at the office, please include the student's name and grade. Thank you to all our families that have already paid their 2021-2022 student fees. If you have any questions regarding student fees, please contact the Delview office at 604 594-5491.

## Permission Forms

There are several forms on Parent Connect for you to review and authorize. Please login to Parent Connect, ( <https://cimsweb.deltasd.bc.ca/schoolconnect/parentsignon.aspx> ) review the notices, and select the appropriate response to each form. Forms are:

Personal Information Consent Form, COVID-19 Daily Health Check, Permission for Google Classroom, Outside Media in Schools, Electronic Communications, Walking Field Trips Permission, BC Fruits and Vegetables Program Permission, Demographic Information, and Student Emergency Release.

If you require assistance logging into Parent Connect, please contact the office.

## Communication with Families

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Most of our communication with families is done electronically through our website, email, school app and Parent Connect. Please ensure you have provided us a current email address, updated contact information and you are able to log into Parent Connect. A MyEd parent portal will be open soon.

## Reporting Student Absence

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To report a student absence please:

1. Contact the school office by phone (604-594-5491) or
2. Notify the school by email: [delview@deltaschools.ca](mailto:delview@deltaschools.ca)
3. Send a message through Parent Connect.



Absences should be reported as early as possible on the day of the absence to allow a Parent Advised code to be entered into the system. Any unreported absences will result in an automated email from the student system, which will email a message by default.

## Suzanne Perreault Parent Presentation

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This parent presentation is for families with students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). Suzanne Perreault is a noted active participant in community development & mentorship for over 20 years. Suzanne guides families with children on the Autism Spectrum, ADHD & Anxiety. Having worked in the health care industry, employed within the higher educational institutes, ran for School Trustee and is a public speaker, she offers a milieu of insight as a Counselor. Through her advocacy on fair inclusion, Suzanne has positioned herself as a strong collaborator to create bridges between those who need a voice and those who are willing to hear.

This presentation will take place on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30pm via Zoom (link will be sent after registration) To learn more, please visit this link to view Suzanne Perreault's TED Talk.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gu5XFdT7q8k>

Advanced registration is required for this meeting. Register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtfyorj4tG9HVB3e5wlzJ2RbQuk-VE54->

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## Important Dates to Note

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Whitehatter Social Media Presentation (Grade 8's)- Monday, December 6th

Holiday Spirit Week- December 13th-17th

Last Day Before Winter Break- Friday, December 17th

School Returns from Winter Break- Tuesday, January 4th

Last day of Semester 1- Thursday, January 27th

Semester Break- January 31st- February 2nd

For a complete calendar of events, check out the Delview website: <https://dl.deltasd.bc.ca/>

Thank you to all our families for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact the Delview office (604 594 5491) if you have any questions.

