



# DELVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### Semester 2 Schedules

In order to assist with a smooth transition to semester 2, we are asking students to view their schedules on MyED ahead of next Thursday. Any student who would like to request a course change are asked to email their counsellor.



*Unfortunately, we are limited in the number of changes that we can make to a student's schedule due to class size, class composition, and timetable limitations.*

Students must attend all scheduled classes until they receive a response from their counsellor.



Dear Delview Families,

We hope that all our families continue to be well. This is our first newsletter since the Winter Break so I hope that all our families had a great holiday season. Last week offered a few bonus days for our students with the school closures due to some late winter weather. I know many of our students are looking forward to our short transition break before returning for our second semester.

This week's letter contains important information as we approach our semester transition, as well as highlights a number of opportunities for students both in and out of the classroom.

### Semester 2 Transition

Reminder that the final day for semester 1 classes will be Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup>. Friday January 26<sup>th</sup> is a non-instructional (Pro-D) day with January 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> scheduled as a "Transition Days". The "Transition Days" will be used by staff to allow students to complete missing assessments prior to the end of semester 1, and allow teachers and support staff to prepare for the start of semester 2, starting on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Teachers have informed their students who are encouraged to attend the transition days as they have assessments to complete and/or an opportunity to show their learning on a previous learning outcome.

The school will remain open during our regular hours (9:30 start on Wednesday) and staff will be available to all students during the three days. Students planning to attend the transition days are encouraged to speak with their teacher ahead of time to make a plan. If you have any questions regarding whether your child has been encouraged to attend the 'Transition Days,' please reach out to your child's classroom teacher directly.

## Graduation Information

### Graduation Photos

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 February 20th-25th for students to book a photo session.



Artona will charge families a \$60 'refundable deposit' that will be put towards the grad photo package. For more information, please visit their website: <https://artona.com/schools/DLVW>

### Graduation Gowns for Commencement

This year we will be renting our Commencement graduation gowns from Artona. Students will be measured for their grad gowns during their graduation photos.

Grad Banquet & Dry Grad- Friday, May 24th.

Commencement- Monday, June 24th.

Information on upcoming grad events can be found on the [Delview Website](#)



## Semester 1 Report Cards

Semester 1 Final report cards will be viewable in MyED and Parent Connect on February 8th. This report card will provide final marks for semester 1 classes and mid-term marks for linear classes.

Students in grade 8 and 9 will receive a Proficiency Scale while students in Grade 10-12 will receive percentages. Information on reporting can be found on the back page of all report cards. As always, if you have any concerns over your student's progress in their classes, please reach out to the classroom teacher by email.

Reminder to families that the MyED Parent Portal is now open and can be used to view students' report cards as well as semester 2 schedules. Instructions on creating a MyED account have been shared with families and information is available on the [Delview website](#).

## Course Selection-2024/2025

Starting on February 5<sup>th</sup> Delview will begin the process of course selection for the 2024-2025 school year. Counsellors will be presenting information to students in flex during our first week of semester 2. Students will complete course selection in MyED. We are asking families to be informed and involved through the course selection process, please. We want to ensure students take the time to pick the courses they are interested in, and for our senior students, those needed for graduation and program requirements. If you have any questions regarding course selection, please contact your child's counsellor.

## Course Selection Parent Evenings

Delview will be hosting a Grade 8 Parent Evening on Tuesday, January 30th at 6:30pm in the Delview Library. Last year we had an incredible turnout and we always look forward to seeing how excited our new students and families are to join the Delview school community.

The school will be hosting Course Selection parent evenings for current Grade 8-11 students on February 15th.

### Delview Exhibition 2024

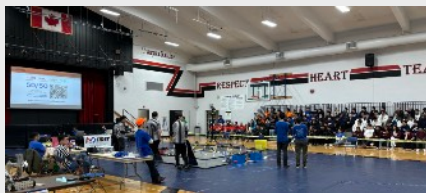
Tonight, January 24th, Delview will be hosting our 2024 Exhibition. This will be an opportunity for students in Innovation 10 to display the children books they have written as part of their IDS projects from this semester. Students in Engineering and Drafting will also be displaying their projects.



Thank you to our talented students for showing off your work and to Mr. Kung and Mr. Turpin for organizing our exhibition.

### Delview Robotics Host the First TECH Challenge

This past Saturday Delview hosted the First Tech Challenge-Robotics Competition. There were 22 teams from around the lower mainland at Delview competing. What an incredible opportunity to grow our program and an amazing showing by all teams. The top 10 finishers will move onto the Provincial finals at LA Matheson next month.



Thank you to our teacher and parent sponsors for spending their Saturday at Delview to provide this opportunity for our team.

### Grade 8-11 (Current) Parent Evening- February 15th @

#### 6:30 in the Delview Library

We will send reminder emails to families closer to our scheduled evenings. We look forward to seeing our families and answering any questions they have ahead of the 2024-2025 school year.

### Student Attendance and Absences

At Delview, we are committed to educating and supporting our students to help them realize their full potential and live purposeful lives. We recognize that in order to achieve this, we must establish a partnership with our students and their parents or guardians.

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.**

Developing effective attendance habits, as well as being to class on time, requires the cooperation of students, parents, the school, and the community. We must work together to promote, carefully monitor, and encourage regular attendance and good work habits. A review of our data from previous years clearly indicates that poor attendance is linked to poor achievement.

### CLC 12 & Capstone:

Students are nearing the completion of the CLC assignments portion of the course at this point. All CLC assignments are to be completed by January 26th, 2024. Students should also have met with their Capstone Teacher Mentors twice by now and be working on their Capstone Projects currently. Capstone projects will be presented to Capstone Teacher Mentors in mid to late April. Students can access all CLC & Capstone information via the Google Classroom, Parents can view all CLC & Capstone information at [www.mrbirtcareers.weebly.com](http://www.mrbirtcareers.weebly.com)

## Delview Athletics

As the 2024 school year begins a number of basketball teams have taken part in tournaments throughout the Lower Mainland. The senior girls' team is off to an undefeated start, and the senior and junior boys have been very competitive as well. We want to wish all our Delview athletes success through the continuation of our winter athletics season.



Delview greatly appreciates the volunteer coaches who provide the opportunities for our student-athletes to work towards their potential. If you are interested in helping the Raider program as a coach or assistant, please contact Mr. Kent Laubman @ [klaubman@deltaschools.ca](mailto:klaubman@deltaschools.ca).

## Welcome New Staff

Starting on February 1st Delview will be welcoming three new staff members to the Delview School Community.

Ms. A. Ampuero (English)

Mr. J. Saran (Math)

Mr. B. Williams (LST/Social/PHE)

## Extended Absences-Vacation During School Time

Over the past few years we have noticed an increase in the number of families scheduling extended family trips during the school year. This has led to pressure on both students and staff, and in a number of cases, students were unsuccessful in meeting the learning outcomes in some courses due to the missed learning opportunities. Please see below for Delview's policy regarding 'Vacation During School Time' as written in our student handbook (pg. 7):

"At Delview Secondary, we are not in a position to grant or deny permission for any student to miss school for an extended holiday. Those are parent/guardian decisions. However, we do not endorse students missing school time for vacation.

Teachers cannot duplicate valuable class time for students who are on extended vacations. It is not unusual for students to see a significant decline in marks following an extended absence.

Teachers are not required to provide assignments for students before or after their vacation. Teachers have the discretion in determining how and when assessments are made up so students can demonstrate learning. Arrangements must be made directly with the student's individual teacher well before a student leaves."

## Careers 8 & 9:

All Grade 8 & 9 students have been introduced to the Careers curriculum and should have completed the following assignments to date found on the respective Google Classrooms:

Careers 8- My Learning Profile Assignment, How I View Myself & My Blueprint Activation Assignment

Careers 9-Take Our Kids to Work Day Assignment Career Values & Networking Assignment

Students can access all Careers assignments and information via the Google Classroom. Parents can view all Careers assignments at [www.mrbirtcareers.weebly.com](http://www.mrbirtcareers.weebly.com)

## Holiday Spirit Week

Prior to our winter break Delview celebrated our Holiday Spirit Week.

Delview's Fuzzy Fundraiser brought in over 250 warm new and used clothing items that were donated to the Salvation Army. Thank you to our entire community.



Delview held their annual door decorating competition. Congratulations to Ms. Hanson's B block class for taking first prize and the pizza party.



As always Delview ended the day with an assembly that included a variety of performances from students and staff.



Thanks you Ms. Schalk, Mr. Laubman and our entire Raider Leadership class for organizing this years activities.

## Career Programs

A number of career-related opportunities are available to students within the Delta School District. For more information, please view the January edition of the [Career Programs Newsletter](#), or visit [Delta School District's Career Programs website](#).

### Online Session for Parents and Students

[EducationPlannerBC](#)

Online session Feb 7, 2024 at 6:30pm for post secondary programs, admission requirements, and application dates. [Register Here](#)



## School Fees and Yearbook

If you have not yet paid your student fees, please do so before the end of the semester. Fees can be viewed and paid online through Parent Connect. If your child would like to order a yearbook, please ensure that is done now. Orders will not be taken in June. If your child does not want a yearbook, please let the office know and the charge will be taken off of the student's account.



If you have any questions regarding school fees or yearbooks, please contact Ms. Goltz in the Delview office.

## Communication with Families

Our recent school closures due to winter weather highlight that throughout the year there may be incidences when the school has to communicate with our community quickly, including in the instances of school closures. Delview's communication will continue to be done electronically through email and the school app. Please ensure that the school has your updated email address in the system, and if you have not done so already please download the school app (My School Day) from the apple or IOS store on your mobile device. To update your contact information please contact the Delview office by phone (604 594 5491).



## Counsellor Contact Info.

Counsellors will be reviewing semester 1 final reports and finalizing students semester 2 timetable and change requests. If a student would like to make an appointment with their counsellor, a QR code is available outside our counselling offices.

Below is the current alpha split for our counselling team:

Ms. R. Pooni (A-G)

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

Ms. R. Sharma (H-M)

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

Ms. L. Hughes (N-Z)

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

## Let's Connect!

Find us on the web:

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

## 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- 2028    Grade 11- 2025

Grade 9- 2027    Grade 12-2024

Grade 10-2026

## Reporting Student Absence

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. **When you report your student's absence, please indicate the reason for the absence to assist schools in tracking student illness.**



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

## Upcoming Parent Workshops

Gang Reduction Through- Informed Practice (GRIP)

Current Gang Dynamics: Social Media Analysis & Trends

In this complimentary session, we will discuss gang-associated behaviour within the expansive landscape of social media trends. We will analyze perspectives across North America regarding a range of gang activities and the interconnections among different gangs. Attendees will gain valuable insights into the most recent trends utilized by various gangs on the most commonly used social media platforms.

Join us on  
February 2,  
2024

Location:  
Livestreamed  
to your location  
(via Zoom)\*

Time: 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. - Pacific Standard Time



[Click here for more information and registration](#)

## Ministry of Education Learning Survey- Gr. 10 & 12 Parents

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During the months of January to May, Delta School District #37 is participating in the 2024 Ministry of Education Electronic Anonymous Learning Survey Project in cooperation with all other school districts throughout the Province. For 2024, students and parents/guardians in **Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12** are being asked to complete the survey.

Parents/Guardians can complete the online anonymous Student Learning Survey, **any time before midnight May 3rd, 2024**, providing immediate results to the school and the district.

To complete the parent survey:

1. Go to any computer that has an up-to-date internet browser access at home, work, or school.
2. Go to [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm)
3. Under the section Parents- Direct Access
4. District: the name of your child's district (Delta #37)
5. School: the name of your child's school (Delview Secondary)
6. Language: the language of your choice
7. Complete the survey by clicking on the appropriate circle to each question. Move to the next set of questions by clicking on the right arrow in the bottom right corner of the screen. Click on the left arrow to navigate backwards.
8. When you are finished the survey, you will get a message "Thank you for sharing your views".
9. Once complete, your school will have the results immediately.

Thank you for participating in this innovative project. If you need more information, consult with your school principal.

### Parents

- Please complete one survey for each child.
- Parents have two options for accessing the survey: either by using a logon provided to you by your school, or by using the Direct (logon-free) Access (please select one of the options below).

With a logon number from your school

Logon #

Language

Direct Access — no logon number required

District

School:

Language:

Use Direct Access  
Section to Log-In



## Important Dates to Note

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Pro-D Day (No Classes)- Friday, January 26th

Semester Break (I'Days)- January 29th-31st

First Day of Semester 2- Thursday, February 1st

Registration Opens for Non-District/Non-Catchment- Monday, February 5th

Grade 9 Immunizations- Thursday, February 8th

Grade 8 MDI Surveys- February 14th-16th

Grade 8-11 Course Planning Parent Presentation- Thursday, February 15th

MYED Opens for Course Selection- Friday, February 16th

Pro-D Day (No Classes)- Friday, February 16th

Family Day (No Classes)- Monday, February 19th

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.

Sincerely,

Kevin Vasconcelos

Principal, Delview Secondary

Christine Oliver

Vice-Principal, Delview Secondary

