



DELVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Friday January 31, 2025

Dear Delview Students & Families,

Semester 2 has begun and there was an enthusiastic buzz in our hallways with the anticipation of new classes and new learning experiences for our second half of the year. This past Monday we had the pleasure of welcoming many of our Grade 7 families for an Information Night and sharing the many wonderful things that are offered at our school. This month we will also be meeting with our students to go over potential course offerings for next year as we begin our course selection process. **A reminder to parents that we will be having a Course selection Information session on Thursday February 13th at 6:30pm.**

February is also *Black History Month* and this year's theme is "*Black Legacy and Leadership: Celebrating Canadian History and Uplifting Future Generations*". To help celebrate this month, our librarian Mrs. Minhas has created some wonderful displays of books and literature to inform and educate students as we celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of Black Canadians.

Lastly, we also want to wish all our families who celebrated Lunar New Year this past Wednesday, a Happy New Year. Chinese Lunar New Year 2025 marks the start of the Year of the Snake, a time of transformation, wisdom and personal growth. May the year bring you continued health and prosperity!

Delview Staff Leaving after Semester 1:

I want to take this moment to recognize the following staff who left our school at the end of semester 1. Thank you for all your efforts this year and your care for our students. I wish you all the best in your next endeavour. You will be missed.

- Mrs. Anh Huynh - Languages

Welcome New Staff for Semester 2:

I also want to take a moment to welcome our newest staff members who will be joining us for the second semester. Welcome to Delview Secondary.

- Mr. Cody Baker – Cares teacher (in for Mr. Woo)
- Ms. Heather James – Take A Hike Teacher (in for Mr. Grimsey)
- Ms. Shannon Leveck – Science Teacher (in for Mr. Hare)

In addition to this letter, information can be found on our school website: <https://dl.deltasd.bc.ca/>. Please see the important information items below:

Important Dates:

- February 4 - 9 Grad Photos Artona Mobile Studio
- February 6 Semester 1 Written Summaries (Report Cards) on MyED/CIMS
- February 13 Grade 8 – 11 Course Selection Information Night, 6:30pm (Cafeteria & Library)
- February 17 Family Day (School Closure)
- February 21 Professional Development Day (Non-instructional Day)
- February 24 Grade 11 Course Selections (Block B)
- February 25 Grade 10 Course Selections (Block B)
- **February 26** **Pink Shirt Day “Anti-bullying Day”**
- February 26 Grade 9 Immunizations (all day)
- February 27 PAC Meeting, 7:00pm (Library)
- February 27 Grade 9 Course Selections (Block B)
- February 28 Grade 8 Course Selections (Block B)

Fraser Health Immunizations – February 26th

On Wednesday February 26, 2025, the Fraser Health Nurses will be coming to Delview Secondary School to provide immunizations - [Fraser Health Grade 9 Immunization Information](#) . *In addition to immunizing grade 9 students, this year we will be offering immunizations to grade 8, 11, and 12 students who had a letter mailed to their home. If you received a letter in the mail and would like your child to be immunized at school, please ensure they bring this letter with them to school on Wednesday February 26, 2025. If you did not receive a letter, your child does not need any additional immunizations at this time*

We will be returning to the school on Tuesday April 1, 2025, to immunize any students that were not immunized on our first visit.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Delta School Public Health Nurse at: 604-507-5459.

Grad Photos/Composite 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 back parking lot from February 4 - 9 for students to book a photo session. For more information visit their [website to book an appointment](#).

Semester 1 Report Cards:

Semester 1 final marks will be released to students and families on February 6th. Report Cards will be viewable on the MyED student portal as well as on student and parent connect. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s progress, please reach out to the classroom teacher by email.

Semester 2 Student Schedules & Course Change Requests:

Counsellors are currently working on students with incomplete schedules and any course requests. If students are requesting a course change for semester two, please click on the following [Semester 2 Course Change Request Link](#):

Over the next two weeks we will be reviewing class rosters and student requests to see where we may be able to accommodate students. **We will be very limited with the number of changes that we can make to a student’s schedule due to timetable constraints.**

A reminder to students and families that our counsellors are available to meet with students to address any concerns, issues or challenges they may be having in or out of the classroom. Students can email their teachers or visit them during a break to set up an appointment.

For any inquiries, please contact your child's counsellor:

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| • Last Name A – G | Ms. Pooni | rpooni@deltaschools.ca |
| • Last Name H - M | Ms. Sharma | rsharma@deltaschools.ca |
| • Last Name N – Z | Ms. Hughes | lhughes@deltaschools.ca |

Raider Athletics – Basketball Season has started:

Playoffs are upon us for our winter athletes. We want to wish our Grade 8, Junior & Senior Girls good luck as they enter their playoffs and compete for a district and regional championship. Go Raiders Go.

Spring sport sign-up is taking place on our Athletics Information board outside the changing rooms for the upcoming spring season – badminton, ball hockey, girls' soccer, track and field and ultimate. More information regarding tryouts will be coming out soon.

For our athletics calendar and information visit our athletics website: <http://delviewraiders.weebly.com> . You can also follow our athletic teams on our Athletics Instagram account [@delviewathletics](https://www.instagram.com/delviewathletics)

Delview Robotics Team – FTC Challenge January 18th



Congratulations to our Robotics Raiders who received first place in the Connect Awards Category for their connections between community diversity in the engineering world.

The team played a successful tournament, competing without any violations in their match and as a result have qualified for the *FTC BC/Yukon Provincial Championships in Victoria in February!* Congratulations to our Delview Robotics team and their sponsors.

Good luck at Provincials Robotic Raiders!!!

Career Education & Programs:

Please see the district's February Career Education Newsletter and the opportunities available to students and their families: <https://deltalearns.ca/careers/newsletters/> . Please see your Career Program Facilitator Ms. Kaur (jakaur@deltaschools.ca) at your school for more information.

Highlights in this edition:

1. **High School Career Program Opportunities:** Apply before Feb 28, 2025
2. **New Dual Credit Program:** KPU- Biomedical and Health Science! Starting Feb 2026. Apply now.

Family Smart Supports – “In the Know” Virtual Events:

Our friends at Family Smart put on a variety of **free events/resources** to support families with youth. For more information, please visit the following link: [Family Smart Monthly Events](#)

Student Fees:

Student Fees have now been assessed for Semester 2. Fees can be viewed on Student/Parent Connect. *Fees include a basic student fee, an Emergency Preparedness fee and in some cases, students may be assessed a course fee to cover the cost of consumable materials.* **We are encouraging parents to pay fees online using Parent Connect.**

Extended Absences

We are aware that over the course of a year, students may be absent for short periods of time for a variety of reasons. Extended absences, for reasons other than student health should be carefully considered by families. To ensure students miss as little time as possible, we ask for parents' cooperation in scheduling family holidays outside of school time.

Schools are not able to approve or deny permission for student absences for family holidays or other extended absences. The decision lies with the parent/guardian. It is, however, important that parents contact the office and the teachers well in advance of an extended absence. Parents should consider the impact of the extended absence as important learning is missed when a child is absent from school and put them at a disadvantage compared to those who attend regularly.

Should a family decide to remove their child for an extended absence, the school is **not required** to provide educational materials. *Please note that teachers are not obligated to provide learning materials or assignments during an extended absence.* Should a student be absent for a significant period and therefore is not able to demonstrate the learning outcomes for a particular course, it may not be possible to provide an appropriate proficiency scale or letter grade – an IE for insufficient learning would be given.

Good Study Habits for semester 2:

Ways to help set your child(ren) up for success in the school year:

- Set high expectations for your child(ren) and encourage them to not accept minimum effort or indifference to quality work.
- Contact teachers directly when you have a question regarding your child(ren)'s progress.
- *Ensure good attendance* (attendance can be viewed on Parent Connect).
- Provide a quiet place in your home for study with few distractions.
- Insist that your child(ren) accept responsibility for their learning and their conduct.
- Model the importance of life-long learning and inquiry.
- Encourage a strong work ethic and promote good time management skills.
- Encourage regular review and application of learning to develop foundational skills.
- Encourage your child(ren) to maintain healthy eating (breakfast, lunch, and healthy snacks) and sleeping habits (8+ hours of sleep minimum)

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or inquiries. Enjoy your weekend!

Sincerely,

Mr. John Pavão,
Principal
(Grades 11 & 12)

Ms. Christine Oliver,
Vice Principal
(Grade 8 – 10)