

Oak Bay High School

This Week @ Oak Bay Nation

Week of November 14-17, 2017



Curriculum Implementation Delay

On October 24, 2017, the Minister of Education, Rob Fleming, announced to School Districts around the Province, changes to New Curriculum implementation. Essentially, there will be a one-year delay with implementation at the high school level for grades 11 & 12 curriculum. Grade 10 curriculum will be implemented in September 2018 as planned. There is an attachment to this newsletter that explains this delay and outlines some changes. Worth noting is that our current Grade 10 students will experience the most change in the years ahead.

OAK BAY WEAR - AVAILABLE NOW

Oak Bay High clothing and other items are now available for purchase through the school website. Hoodies, sweatpants, t-shirts, scarves, mugs and sport packs are all on sale.

Perfect gifts for your student.

Click the "[Online Fee Payments](#)" button on the school web site to view items for sale and place your order.



Upcoming Dates

- November 15-17**
Girls AAA Field Hockey Team to Provincials
- November 17-18**
Swim Team to Provincials
- November 17-18**
Choir Trip to Comox
- November 17-18**
Oak Bay hosts ISr. Boys Island Volleyball Championships
- November 20**
Jazz Affair #34; 7 pm Theatre
- November 23**
Team Planning (No block 4)
- November 24**
Pro D Day
- November 27**
Application to Post-Secondary Evening 7 pm Theatre
- November 27**
PAC Meeting 7 pm Library
- December 1**
Report Cards sent home
- Dec. 25 to Jan. 5**
Winter Break. School re-opens on Monday, January 8

Dear Parents,

After our library recently received a few book donations, I thought I would put it out there and see if anyone else had a few items they would like to contribute to our library.

First, we are always looking for History books related to World War 1 & 2, especially those related to Canadian experiences. Also, we never seem to have enough books related to indoor/outdoor hobbies.

Christmas is coming, and we have the perfect place for a large (7-10 ft.) artificial Christmas tree and ANY type of decorations you might no longer use.

Finally, we would love any "International" items such as statues, vases, dolls, that we can display in our bookcases.

Joyce Moreau, Teacher-Librarian

For the 9th time in 11 years, the **Oak Bay Barbers Sr. Boys volleyball team** won the Greater Victoria High School Championship, the Judy Bourne Memorial Cup. The Cup pits the AA Lower Island Champion (Pacific Christian School) against the AAA Lower Island Champion (Oak Bay High) for the bragging rights in the city. Oak Bay defeated PCS 3-1 (25-15, 25-17, 22-23, 25-19) at Oak Bay High.

Judy Bourne was a long-time boys' volleyball coach in Victoria, coaching elementary, junior high, and senior high school volleyball for many years, and was also a well-respected men's volleyball coach. She was an educator and First-Nations housing advocate, and was taken from us by cancer in the early 1990s. The Judy Bourne Memorial Cup has been played for, in her memory, by senior high school boys since 1998.

Collette Cristante, Judy's daughter, and Judy Cristante (a student in grade 12 at Oak Bay and Judy Bourne's granddaughter), were on hand to present the Cup to the Oak Bay Barbers.

Jr. Boys Volleyball Team Win Bronze

The Jr. Boys Volleyball team had a very strong showing at this year's Island Championships. The team went undefeated in pool play and did not drop a set. They suffered their only loss of the tournament in the semifinals where they were defeated by St. Andrews in a very close hard-fought match. The boys rebounded for a win in the bronze match by defeating Dover Bay for a 3rd place finish.

Ordering Student Photos

For parents wishing to order student photos, an updated information sheet with clearer information on how to order photos on line from [Mountain West Studios](#) is attached. Photos can be ordered through [Mountain West Studios](#) until June 2018.

Leadership Students - Clothing Drive

There is a **clothing drive** happening right now until November 23. Make sure to bring in your old clothes! All clothes will be donated to Our Place.

Steveb Toleikis is Retiring from Ecole Margaret Jenkins School

After 40 years, Steven Toleikis, aka "Mr. T", is retiring from Ecole Margaret Jenkins School. For Steven's retirement celebration next month, his EMJS colleagues would like to create a video montage from Steven's former students and colleagues, as well as long time friends. If you would like to send a picture or a video, please email Karen Grigor at karengrigor@gmail.com.



November 3, 2017

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Re: Changes to the New Curriculum Implementation Schedule for Grades 10–12

Our government would like to do everything we can to ensure children are ready for the challenges of tomorrow, and that students develop the collaboration, critical thinking and communication skills that post-secondary institutions and employers are looking for. To that end, the Ministry of Education is in the midst of rolling out a new curriculum that benefits students by preparing them with new knowledge, skills and abilities that will be needed in a rapidly changing world.

British Columbia is already a world leader in education—our students regularly rank among the best in international assessments. The new curriculum is ensuring they remain at the top of the class and are fully prepared for the challenges and opportunities of the future. Kindergarten to Grade 9 teachers are already using the new curriculum, and Grade 10-12 teachers are currently trialing it in their classrooms.

In my first three months as Minister, I engaged with many partners in the education sector, and continue to hear overwhelmingly positive feedback on the new curriculum and how it is working in classrooms for students of all ages. At the same time, teachers, parents and educational leaders have expressed the need for more time to ensure the transition to the new curriculum goes smoothly for the critically important graduation years.

As Minister of Education, it is one of my top priorities to ensure all students experience a seamless transition to the new curriculum. That is why we are adding an additional year of transition time to bring in the Grade 11-12 curriculum—now all students will be using it starting in September 2019. The Grade 10 curriculum will be implemented as planned in September 2018.

I am confident teachers, administrators, post-secondary institutions and education leaders all across the province will use this extra time to make sure everyone is ready, including students and parents. Teachers will now have more time to prepare and organize classroom supports and resources, and the new curriculum will be well-aligned with post-secondary admission requirements so students have the best possible chance for future success.

The curriculum and graduation requirements have been, and continue to be, thoughtfully designed and reviewed by hundreds of teachers and in collaboration with education partners across the province.

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With this extra year, we will ensure teachers have what they need to support students as they develop the skills they need to transition smoothly to the post-secondary institutions and jobs of their choice.

Below you will find details on exactly how this change will affect students, including information on the provincial graduation assessments. If students or parents have specific concerns about the new curriculum, the graduation program or post-secondary requirements, I encourage them to get in touch with their teacher or school principal.

Sincerely,



Rob Fleming
Minister

When is it changing?

Grade 11–12 curriculum will be fully implemented in September 2019, one year later than previously planned.

The Grade 10 curriculum will be implemented as planned in September 2018.

The new Provincial Literacy Graduation Assessment will be moved to align with the new Grade 11 and 12 curriculum implementation, with the first assessment scheduled for January 2020.

As previously planned, the Provincial Numeracy Graduation Assessment will be taken for the first time in January 2018 as part of a staged roll-out, with another session in June 2018.

For more detailed information, please visit <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/graduation>.

How will this change affect me?

Students currently in Grade 9 and younger will continue their learning with the new curriculum throughout their graduation years. Students in this group will participate in the 2018 Graduation Program, and take the new graduation assessments.

Students currently in Grade 10 may take the Provincial Numeracy Assessment starting in January 2018, and they will take the Provincial Literacy Assessment in January, June or August 2020.

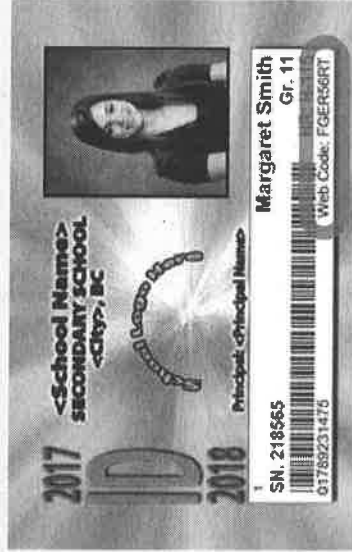
Students currently in Grade 11 will continue on the current curriculum and will take the new Numeracy Assessment prior to graduation.

Students currently in Grade 12 will not be affected by these changes, and will continue to work towards completion using the 2004 Graduation Program requirements.

Your image/s are ready for online viewing and ordering!

Here's how to order:

- Go to order.mountainwest.ca (more options are available when on a laptop or desktop)
- Enter the 8 character Web Code from your student ID card
- View and customize your images; your order will be sent to the shipping address provided- it's just that easy!



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