



Oak Bay High School

This Week @ Oak Bay High

Week of Jan. 28 - Feb. 1, 2019

Course Selection Process for the 2019-2020 School Year

This week we have wonderful opportunities for students to plan for their next school year. We understand this feels early, but we need to have student course selection information so we can begin the building process for next year.

Course Selection Assemblies will be offered to students on Wednesday, January 30:

Grade 9 - Block D

Grade 10 - Block F

Grade 11 - Block G

Students will learn about the mandatory requirements and assessments for Graduation as well as preparation for Post-Secondary. Following these assemblies, students will get an opportunity to find out even more about course choices. There will be a Mini Course Fair on Thursday, January 31st from 9:24 am-10:19 am (in lieu of Focus). Students will be able to select and attend three different sessions.

Over the following week (February 4th to 7th), students will be given an opportunity to work with a counselor and an administrator to ask clarifying questions about courses and the graduation program. Course Selection Forms will be handed out during these classroom visits. Copies can also be found in the office. **Completed, parent signed forms are due to the office by Thursday, February 14th at 4:00pm.** All Course Forms returned after this time will be date-stamped and recorded; these students may be in jeopardy of not getting first elective choices. Please encourage your child(ren) to return the forms on time. A course selection verification form will be sent home with students with the March 14th report card.

What can parents do to help their child? In preparation for the Course Selection Process, please view our "Course Offerings Website" for more information and guidance:

[2019/2020 Course Offerings](#).

During Course Selection times, counselors are unable to answer all parent questions and return all phone calls due to the high volume of requests. **Parents with questions are encouraged to attend a walk-in session to chat with a counselor between 8:15 am and 9:30 am on Thursday, February 7th offered by our Counseling Team.** Students are encouraged to seek out information from their Advisory teachers and subject-specific teachers, attend the Mini Course Fair, and explore the website for more information. Mrs. Giesbrecht, our Career Centre Coordinator, and Mr. Alexander, our Careers Teacher, are also accessible to students who have questions about courses and post-secondary requirements.

Upcoming Dates

January 28

Pro-D Day (no classes)

January 29

Jazz Affair 7 pm Theatre
All Jazz and R&B Bands

January 30

Course Planning Assemblies

January 31

Mini Course Fair & Grad
Assembly during Focus Blk.

February 1

Performing Arts Middle
School Tour

February 2

OBH hosted Vocal Jazz
Festival 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

February 5

Band Parents Assn Mtg 7 pm

February 7

Team Planning (no Block D)

February 7

Grade 10 Breakfast

February 8

YPI Finale during Focus Blk

February 11

PAC Meeting 7 pm

February 12

All Concert Bands, Strings
and Orchestra 7 pm

February 15

Pro-D Day (no classes)

February 18

Family Day (No School)

March 18 - 29

Spring Break

Schedule for Course Selection

- **Tuesday, January 29** - Mini Course Fair Session **selections** and discussion in Advisory
 - **Wednesday, January 30** - Course Planning Assemblies in the theatre by grade
 - **Thursday, January 31** - 9:24 am - 10:19 am - Mini Course Fair
 - **Monday, February 4 to Thursday, February 7**- Counselors and Administrators visit Grade 9-11 classes to answer questions
 - **Thursday, February 7** - 8:15 am - 9:30 am (cafeteria) - Counselors and Careers staff will make themselves available to parents who have questions.
 - **Thursday, March 14** - Families will receive a course selection verification form with the Term 2 report card.
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GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT SEEKS INPUT ON NEW PROPOSED CATCHMENT BOUNDARIES

The Greater Victoria School District will be hosting open houses in February to gather input on new proposed school boundaries. The Board of Education passed a motion at Monday night's Board meeting enabling the District to proceed with consultation on proposed school catchments.

The District is proposing new school boundaries due to increasing enrolment and limited space in some of its schools. It has been approximately 20 years since the District last reviewed school catchments. The District's student population continues to grow significantly and smaller class size legislation has impacted the availability of space in schools.

The full Media Release is available by clicking this link - [New Proposed Catchment Boundaries](#)

See [Catchment Boundary Review Brochure](#) for an overview of the proposed boundary changes, important and guiding considerations, and the survey results.

To review the proposed catchment boundary changes in detail, use the **District's Interactive Digital Map** at: www.sd61.bc.ca/schools/school-catchment-boundaries/

PARENTS IN THE KNOW

Parents in the Know is a 10-week educational group put on by the Boys & Girls Club and is designed to provide tools and support for parents of teens (ages 12-19) who would like to begin to explore their parenting and the challenges that arise during the teen years.

The group meets once a week at Oak Bay High School on Thursdays for 2 hours to discuss things such as adolescent development, communication skills, boundaries, and substance use, among other topics. Parents must pre-register.

For more information and/or to register, contact: Romy Pritchard or MarLynn FitzGerald

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