

Oak Bay High School This Week @ Oak Bay High Week of February 4-8, 2019

Student Course Selection

This week 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 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.

In preparation for the Course Selection Process, please view our "Course Offerings Website" for more information and guidance: <u>2019/2020 Course Offerings</u>.

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 7 offered by our Counseling Team.**

Students are encouraged to seek out information from their Advisory teachers and subject-specific teachers and explore the website for more information. Mrs. Giesbrecht, our Career Centre Coordinator, and Mr. Alexander, our Careers Teacher, also are accessible to students who have questions about courses and post-secondary requirements.

Schedule for Course Selection

- Monday, February 4 to Thursday, February 7 Counselors and Administrators visit Grade 9 -11 classes to answer questions and distribute course selection forms.
- Thursday, February 7 8:15 am 9:30 am (library) Counselors and Careers staff will make themselves available to parents who have questions.
- **Thursday, February 14** Completed Course Selection Forms signed by a parent are due in the office by 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 14 Families will receive a course selection verification form with the Term 2 report card.

Inclement Weather Notifications

During an emergency, inclement weather, power outage or similar incident, the Greater Victoria School District works closely with local municipalities and emergency services to gather accurate information about road conditions and safety considerations.

The school district is usually able to determine school closures due to inclement weather by 6:30 am. If schools are closed, an alert will appear on the Greater Victoria School District website.

For more information about notification of school impacts due to inclement weather: https://www.sd61.bc.ca/our-district/inclement-weather-notifications/

Upcoming Dates

February 5 Band Parents Assn Mtg 7 pm

February 7 Team Planning (no Block D)

February 7 Parent Session re course planning 8:15 to 9:30 a.m.

February 7 Grade 10 Breakfast

February 8 YPI Finale during Focus Blk

February 11 PAC Meeting 7 p.m.

February 12 All Concert Bands, Strings and Orchestra 7 p.m. Theatre

February 13-14 Evenings of Drama

February 14 Course Selection Forms due

February 15 Pro-D Day (no classes)

February 18 Family Day (No School)

February 19-25 District Transfer Process

February 21-23 Oak Bay High hosting Island Championships for Senior Boys Basketball

Feb. 22-March 2 School Musical "Mary Poppins"

Feb. 28 - March 1 Bandfest at UVic

March 18 - 29 Spring Break



Oak Bay High School Musical Theatre Presents:

Mary Poppins

• February 22, 23, 27, 28 and March 1, 2, at 7:30 pm

• February 24 at 2:00 pm

Tickets available at \$12 for Adults and \$10 for Students and Seniors. Tickets available through School Cash Online, from the school Accounts Office, or at Ivy's Bookshop.

Youth - Leaders in Training for Spring Break Camps

Get the Leading Edge, with Leaders in Training! This course will concentrate on basic job preparation skills but also focus on the roles and responsibilities of a Spring Break camp leader. Course outline includes completing your resume, and cover letter, as well as learning interview skills, behaviour management strategies, lesson planning, and working with children.



Upon completion of this course students have the opportunity to successfully complete 15-20 hours volunteering with Recreation Oak Bay spring break camps. An invaluable opportunity to gain actually work experience to add to your new resume!

Youth Center Monday-Friday 1-3:30pm March 18th-22th

Contact the Oak Bay Recreation Centre for more information or to register.

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 - <u>New Proposed Catchment Boundaries</u>

See <u>Catchment Boundary Review Brochure</u> 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/