



Oak Bay High School

This Week @ Oak Bay High

Apr. 6 30-Apr. 10, 2020

Principal's Message

Over the past two-three weeks, our educational world at Oak Bay High School has been changing as we work with our teachers, support staff and the District to plan so that all of our students can continue their learning. Presently our school building has the administration team, an administrative assistant and a day custodian in attendance and we all miss seeing your children! All the staff are continuing to connect and support each other via Zoom, email and personal phone calls as we all navigate this new remote learning. I continue to be so very appreciative of this staff as they also balance their own situations and families all the while working hard to prepare and support the learning of your children.

At this point, your child should have been contacted by their advisory teacher. If not yet, please expect this to happen today. We are reaching out to determine wellness and to gauge whether technology supports are required for continuity of learning. Students with Individual Learning Plans will continue to be supported by teachers and case managers. Each child's program will be given careful consideration.

All your child's teachers will be reaching out. Some by mid-week, many following the Easter weekend, depending on the readiness of their program delivery model. All teachers have been reviewing their subject material and will be developing programming that focuses on the priority curricular competencies for all subjects. All teachers will be determining a final grade for students in June. This grade will be based on work completed prior to the spring break and assessments of work after the spring break. Teachers, parents and students must recognize that learning will now look quite different with the suspension of in-class instruction.

Upcoming Dates

April 10

- Good Friday

April 13

- Easter Monday



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All students should be regularly checking their “sd61learn” email account as this is the centralized means of communication for our learning community at Oak Bay High. Furthermore, for ease of teachers, students and parents/guardians, most teachers will be utilizing Google classroom as the “one-stop shop” for educational programming. There are a number of students who have not activated or renewed their G-Suite accounts this year. Google G-Suite for Education is used to:

1. G Suite for Education **learn email account** (ie @sd61learn.ca)
2. Google Drive – unlimited storage, including docs, sheets, slides, forms, and drawing
3. Google Calendar, Google Sites and **Google Classroom**
4. Read&Write by TextHelp extension for Google Chrome

IMPORTANT - ALL students should verify whether or not this applies to them by following [this link](#) and scrolling to the end of the page. This will provide information as to whether a student needs to renew/create an account or if they have already done so. Instructions to change a G-Suite password from home are found [here](#).

To facilitate continuity of learning we have developed a schedule to allow students to access the school to collect items **essential for learning**. This schedule starts tomorrow so please ask your child to review the link below. It is important that this schedule is adhered to in an effort to control the number of students in the building at any one time and allow for physical distancing. To view the student access schedule, [please click here](#).

This is not the time to collect unclaimed report cards. If there is a need for a digital copy of a report card, please email sbender@sd61.bc.ca. We do not consider it *essential to return overdue library books at this time, however, if a student is coming in to gather other materials, they are welcome to bring those overdue books at that time.*

For the Grad Class of 2020 - Every student eligible to graduate this year will graduate. This means that if a student were to successfully complete courses underway they would satisfy all grad requirements. Students are expected to continue their learning and complete the learning assigned by their teachers while in-class learning is suspended. This includes completion of Career Life Connections (Capstone) and Career Life Explorations (usually completed in Grade 11). Ms. Taggart or Ms. Buckingham has invited all Grade 12 students to join the Google classroom for information as it becomes available.

Our Dinner and Dance for grads is scheduled for May 22, 2020, with the Graduation Recognition ceremony scheduled for June 5, 2020. At this point in time, it is still unclear whether these events will proceed as scheduled. We will relay information as it is released to us.

During these unsettled times, personal health and wellness are of the utmost importance. Please continue to take care of yourselves and family. Our counselling team is ready to be of any assistance to your child or family. Please consider connecting with:

Will Moore wmoore@sd61.bc.ca

Linda Tate ljtate@sd61.bc.ca

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We are wishing you all good health.

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COMMUNITY FAMILY RESOURCES

(Updated April 2, 2020)

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSES & COMMUNITY CENTRES			
Burnside Gorge Community Centre	<p>Providing child care for parents working in essential services. Distributing food for community members in need. Staff onsite to take phone calls and deal with emergency walk-ins in relation to family homelessness; financial crisis, youth and families in crisis.</p> <p>*Asking that community members do not visit centre unless</p>	471 Cecilia Rd., Victoria	250-388-5251 or in-fo@burnsidegorge.ca
Cridge Centre for the Family	<p>Providing child care. Continuing food distribution. Cridge Young Parent Outreach Program providing services over</p>	1307 Hillside Ave, Victoria	(250) 384-8058
Fairfield Gonzales Community Association	<p>Continuing to provide food security programs: Moss Street Market, modified, and community dinner, modified to have people take away food. Providing outreach to community.</p>	1330 Fairfield Rd., Victoria	250-382-4604
Fernwood NRG	<p>Exploring having Seniors' lunch and Community Dinner continue as "window service". The Good Food Box will (hopefully) begin after spring break, but with a huge need for more delivery driver volunteers</p>	1240 Gladstone Ave., Victoria	250-381-1552
James Bay New Horizons for Seniors	<p>Community Centre Programming cancelled. Senior Reassurance Program (calls made to seniors) Prescription pick-up service Supporting frail and isolated sen-</p>	234 Menzies St, Victoria	(250) 386-3035

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Oaklands Community Centre	<p>Community Centre and programming closed.</p> <p>Organizing food drops for vulnerable seniors (& others) in the community. Contact Centre for more information.</p>	<p>2827 Belmont Ave #1, Victoria</p>	<p>(250) 370-9101</p> <p>pro-grams@oaklandsca.com</p>
Quadra Village Community Centre (QVCC)	<p>Centre closed.</p> <p>Organizing community food delivery for those in need. Contact centre for more information.</p> <p>Staff will be available to provide emergency and virtual support via phone, texting, email, and social media.</p> <p>If you wish to be contacted by staff on a regular check in basis, please call or email and leave</p>	<p>901 Kings Rd., Victoria</p>	<p>250-388-7696</p> <p>or</p> <p>info@quadravillagecc.com</p>
Saanich Neighbourhood House	<p>Centre is closed.</p> <p>Providing food packages to families and community members in need. Extending support into the Westshore and surrounding neighbourhoods. Contact admin@snplace.org to request food deliveries.</p> <p>Offering online baby groups and Mother Goose for families to connect.</p>	<p>3100 Tillicum Road</p>	<p>admin@snplace.org</p> <p>250-360-1148</p>

The University of Victoria will be offering uStart again in 2020/2021. An email will be sent home to all grade 11 parents later today with information on how to apply. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Giesbrecht.