



Oak Bay High School

This Week @ Oak Bay High

May 4 -May 8, 2020

Message from the Administration of Oak Bay High School

Our administration team and some office staff continue to be present and available to our staff and students during this period of suspension of in-class learning. We are meeting frequently with all our school committees to continue to provide structure and support to all our learners. We are also planning for the following school year with the development of the timetable and school calendar being the primary focus at this time.

Mr. Tom Aerts will be the new Principal of Oak Bay in September 2020. Tom has most recently been the Principal of Reynolds Secondary School and his skill sets will greatly complement the team of Melanie Paas and Phil Ohl. While finishing my career in education under these circumstances was definitely not in my plans; it has been my sincere honour and pleasure to have been the Principal of Oak Bay High School.

We are so very appreciative of our students, families and staff, as you all have rapidly transitioned to Remote Learning. Due to the digital world our youth live in, some thought that this transition would be easy. In reality, learning remotely through a digital platform can be very challenging. Self-regulating school, work and social schedules has been challenging for many. We know that our staff are working very hard and doing their best in offering their students the opportunity to continue their learning. Some of our staff are video-conferencing in conjunction with Google Classroom, while others have decided to solely use Google Classroom as a means to communicate. We support both of these options, as just like our students, our staff also have unique circumstances and comfort levels while working from home. These may, or may not, allow them to video conference. We also know that some students are feeling overwhelmed, some are doing just fine and some are feeling underwhelmed. We are doing our best to meet every student where they are at, and in doing so, develop plans to meet each student's needs. If you or your child needs subject-specific support, please reach out to their teacher so that they can assist you. If there are social-emotional supports needed, please reach out to one of our Counsellors:

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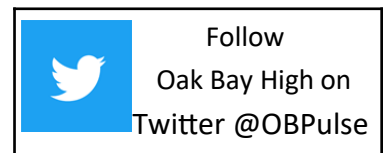
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Update Regarding Student Work During June:

Given the realities of Remote Learning, we expect that considerable time and effort will be required around curriculum completion and grade finalization. With that in mind, teachers will not be releasing "new work" after May 29th. We hope that this will assist both students and staff in identifying, organizing and completing outstanding work. Additionally, students and families can work with teachers during this time to identify and address any essential competencies that are yet to be demonstrated. It is important to note that school is not over on June 1st for staff or students! Critical work will be taking place throughout the month of June. Students will continue to work on tasks released to them prior to May 29th.



While predicting weeks in advance is challenging during these times, long-term planning is required for both staff and students. We will remain flexible and adapt our plans as needs arise.

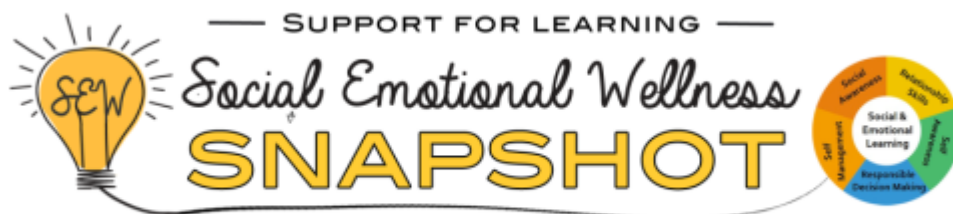
These are unique times that require unique plans. We ask that our learning community be patient and understanding with each other as we navigate this together. We cannot wait until we are permitted to be together again.

Sincerely,
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