

Oak Bay High School This Week @ Oak Bay High June 1 –June 5, 2020

Message from the Administration

We are now in Phase 3 of the K-12 Education Restart plan. During the past 2 weeks we have had numerous students in the building receiving support for their educational plans. This "soft start" has given us time to refine our Exposure Control Plans for these next few weeks as we finish this exceptional school year. Teachers have scheduled office hours either in school or remotely to help students to complete any work previously assigned. Teachers will have reached out to the students who require direct support to complete assignments and students are encouraged to reach out to the teacher should they want some assistance. Many routines we have for the finish of the school year remain in place, although somewhat modified. Locker clean out will occur by grade and by advisory groupings to decrease the volume of students in the building at any time - please see the schedule in this newsletter. We expect the yearbooks to be delivered mid next week and a schedule for yearbook distribution for grades 9, 10 and 11 will be released soon.

This newsletter also includes the proposed calendar for Oak Bay High school for 2020-2021. Any changes to this calendar will be released to all families in late August.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to administration or our counseling team if you have any questions.

Grad 2020 Update:

Please find attached our Grad Update (May 25) bulletin from last week.

We are anticipating releasing information on the June 25th outdoor stage walk and diploma pick up later this week. This will include a signup tool which families will use to book their 15min time slot at the school.

Three important Grad deadlines occur this week. We ask that parents help us ensure that your child is aware of them.

1.All Grads must provide consent in order to be included in the Virtual Grad. The hard deadline for this is Thursday, June 4th. The process is simple and quick. Click on the link below. They use their login credentials (as if they were logging into a school computer/chromebook, NOT their learn account). A video tutorial is also linked in case they are having trouble.

SD61 Student Consent Portal: https://studentconnect.sd61.bc.ca/

Digital Grad Consent Tutorial: https://bit.ly/sd61-consent-tutorial

2. If Grads would like to submit any School Candid Photos for the fun slideshow at the end of the Virtual Grad, please do so using the link below. Be sure you read and follow the criteria. Note, the deadline for this is Thursday, June 4th.

School Candid Photo Submissions

Update from the 2020 Grad Pac Subcommittee:

Join us as we celebrate the Class of 2020 - see www.obhgrad2020.weebly.com for details about the graduation celebrations planned for Thursday, June 25 2020.

We are recruiting parents who are willing to host a <u>pop up for grads</u> on Thursday, June 25 2020. Our goal is to feature the diverse number of interests and programs at OBHS. Pop Ups provide an opportunity to celebrate OBHS in a unique way. Visit our FAQ's to learn more and to volunteer to host or sponsor a pop up.

If you would like to order a "We Made History, Grad 2020" T-Shirt or Hoodie, please do so via the link below. The deadline for this is June 7th.

T-Shirt Orders

Many thanks and see you on Instagram @Oak Bay High Grad 2020 Anne Pappas, Chair, 2020Grad PAC Sub-committee



Office of the

Superintendent

Shelley Green - Superintendent

May 29, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Re: Monday Marks First Day of BC's K-12 Education Restart Plan - Stage 3

We look forward to welcoming more of our students back to class on Monday as we enter into Phase 3 of BC's K-12 Education Restart Plan. We are thrilled to announce that approximately half of our student population will be returning on a part-time rotational basis after many weeks away.

We are mindful that there may be some concern but also excitement about what Monday may look like. We wish to take this opportunity to communicate a few important changes for families and to let them know what their children will experience when they return to our buildings, as well as our expectations around health and safety protocols.

The health and safety of our students and staff continues to be our top priority. To do our part in keeping our learning community safe, we have developed administrative controls in alignment with the BC Centre of Disease Control (BCCDC) Public Health Guidance for K-12 Settings. Our Exposure Control Plan directs all staff and students to follow measures that will prevent the spread of the virus.

Due to our safety measures, our schools will look different when your child or children return. There will be visible signage, markers and one-way direction arrows on the floor indicating how students can safely navigate the building. On the first day back, teachers will be instructing students on the safety measures in place and important safety practices, such as hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, physical distancing and no sharing of personal items. We will continue to educate students about our 'new normal' and answer any questions or concerns that they may have. We understand the importance of their socialemotional well being and we want our students to know our buildings are safe, as well as inform them on how to best protect themselves and their friends.

Our Exposure Control Plan and the BCCDC Guidance for K-12 Settings are attached to this letter. Please review the documents and share the pertinent information with your child before Monday.

We must emphasise that we all have a shared responsibility in keeping our children safe. Our staff will continue to follow strict guidelines around cleaning and disinfecting but we also need your help. We ask that you check for daily symptoms. If your child is not feeling well, please keep them at home. If they are experiencing a fever, a new cough or are having difficulty breathing, call 8-1-1.

We are in a very fortunate position here in BC in comparison to other places in the world. We have had limited cases, especially on the island, but we must continue to work together to prevent a surge in transmission. We must move forward cautiously but have confidence in that we know about the virus and that we are taking all precautions so we can aim for a full time return to class in September. If you have chosen to keep your child or children at home for now and later change your mind, please contact your school as each school has a tailored schedule to accommodate the needs of their families while maintaining safety protocols such as limited density requirements. To learn more about your school's schedule please visit your school's website.

As we navigate through the next four weeks, we understand that there will be learning opportunities that present themselves. We continue to thank you for your patience and understanding as this is a first for all of us. As we truly value parent and student voice, we will be connecting with you in mid-June to collect input on your child's experience. We will be launching an online engagement where you can provide feedback so we can continue to improve upon our students' learning experience. In the meantime, we ask that you please stay safe and know that our schools are here to support you and your child through these uncertain times.

Sincerely,

Shelley Green

Superintendent of Schools

<u>Library Year End Book Return Procedures... June 2020</u>

There will be a wooden book drop outside the library and trolley in the library available for students to drop books only until June 3rd. Please see below for International Students....

All Books Due on the same day as locker clean out (except those used for final assignments):

Schedule (see Advisory times)

June 4 - Grade 9

June 5 - Grade 10

June 8 - Grade 11

June 12 - Grade 12:

Please return all resources (except those being used to complete assignments) to the side door of library in hallway, where there will be a table set up in front of the door. Books will be signed in by students showing the book bar-code & students will then be made aware of what they have outstanding.

Students are responsible for text-books signed out under their personal student number, and if they happen to return someone else's book, they are still responsible for the one signed out to under their personal identification number. Therefore, even if a student returns someone else's text-book, he/she is still expected to either return/replace/pay for their own book. For anyone who believes he/she has already returned a text-book, we are always happy to help look for the text-book in our book room.

International students: Unless you or your Victoria home stay families are able to return your text-books at this time, you will return them when you are able to in September. If you are not returning, please return them to our school though the mail system.

If you have questions or concerns, please send a detailed email to me at: jomoreau@sd61.bc.ca

Many Thanks,

Joyce Moreau (Teacher-Librarian)