



# Oak Bay High School

## This Week @ Oak Bay High

### June 22 –June 16, 2020

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#### Message from the Administration

This final week of school is one of the busiest since we returned from Spring Break. Today (Monday) we have our Awards presentations with the Athletic awards being delivered to homes and major school award winners being invited to the school for photo opportunities. A link to the 2 video awards shows will be released this afternoon. On Wednesday we begin our recognition ceremony for our Grads, and with allowing for social distancing we have scheduled this for 2 days. Grads and guests should have signed up for specific times to come to the school to collect their recognition certificate. Our virtual grad ceremony filmed earlier in late May will be available for viewing Thursday at 7pm. We will also be releasing the final report card via email starting on Wednesday June 24. Each student will receive a copy of their report card to their sd61learn.ca email account. At this point we have no indication when yearbooks will be delivered. Please continue to monitor emails and the OB App for updates on yearbook pick-up plans.

Our school office is open through to July 10th if you need to bring in any text books, uniforms or if your child borrowed a chromebook. The school office will re-open August 24 as we prepare for the 2020-2021 school year. While at this time there is no formal announcement from the Ministry of Education as to the “phase” of education we will be in when September school starts, we are preparing for a “blended” type model for course delivery. This model will incorporate both in-class instruction and remote instruction as we adhere to the restrictions on student capacity in our learning spaces. For Oak Bay, that means that for September 2020 through June 2021 we will be a “semestered” school. Our students will be scheduled into 4 “in timetable” classes for September through late January and then another four from February to June. We believe this decrease from our present course load of 8 classes all at one time will help students stay more connected with all their classes. This move to a semestered schedule is strictly a “COVID” response with our proposed model being similar to other models through the District. We expect to return to a linear schedule once the 2021-2022 school year begins. Specific details such as start and finish times will be shared with our learning community in August.

Finally, it has been my distinct honour to have been the Principal of Oak Bay High School for the past 3.5 years. While my career in education has been long and varied, I truly have saved the best for last. The students at this school are outstanding and I have genuinely enjoyed working with the staff, students and parents in this learning community. Our students are resilient and determined learners and I have confidence that they will make the best of any circumstance and be all the stronger in the end.

I wish everyone a safe and calm summer and I hold positive hope for the upcoming school year.



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