



# Oak Bay High School

## Next Week @ Oak Bay High

### Mar. 29-Apr. 2, 2021

March 12, 2021

Parents and Guardians,

As we wind up our final day before Spring Break I would like to wish you all a relaxing and safe two weeks. The days are becoming more light with less rain and grey and along with this comes a sense of optimism of better days ahead, especially with vaccinations taking place and the ability to gather in small groups (10 total) outside. It is amazing to think that this week marks one year since COVID-19 was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization. Though our school lives have changed drastically with cancelled trips and events, not being able to gather in groups, wearing masks, etc. I am constantly reminded about how resilient and amazing our students and staff are. Students continue to excel in the classroom and staff have continued to find COVID-safe ways for students to engage in extracurricular sports and clubs. It would have been easier to simply not do all of this but that is clearly not the Oak Bay way. I am humbled regularly with the passion I see to make the best of a challenging situation. Having said that, we are not out of the woods yet and I encourage everyone to please follow the COVID-19 safety protocols. We are almost there and I want to ensure that we do everything possible to keep our Oak Bay community safe.

When we return from Spring Break there are only a few weeks left before the start of our final quarter. A great deal will happen in these last few months including planning for the 2021-22 school year and organizing graduation. With respect to 2021-22, at this time we are planning to start the year in a quarterly system like this year but with students in school 100% of the time. If all goes well with COVID-19, it is possible that we may finish the year in a semester schedule. That decision will not be made until much later, however, and if there is one thing I have learned over the past year it is that we need to be prepared to pivot and change on short notice.

Have a wonderful break,  
Tom Aerts  
Principal, Oak Bay High School

### 2021 Grad Class Valedictorians and Grad Gift

Yesterday we held a virtual grad assembly to select this year's Class Valedictorians and grad gift. Five students put their names forward as valedictorian candidates. Each of them recorded a 3-4 minute video demonstrating why they believe they would be a great valedictorian. All five students did an outstanding job and we are pleased to announce that this year's valedictorians are:

Seoyoon Lee      and      Celeste Vickery



#### UPCOMING DATES

**March 29**  
School returns

**April 2**  
Good Friday

**April 5**  
Easter Monday

**April 16**  
End of Q3

Congratulations to both of you.

Also during the assembly graduation class of 2021 has decided that their grad gift contribution will go towards the refurbishing of our school track. Thanks grads!

**Superintendent Shelley Green's video message to parents and guardians:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UnCg2UUPIbQ>

**Interim Reports**

At this point, all parents/guardians should have received an interim report from their child's block E and block G teachers. An interim report may include an email stating the student grade and progress, an emailing directing you how to login to an online gradebook, a phone call directly to the parent(s)/guardian(s), or an itemized progress report. If you did not receive an interim report, please contact your child's teacher. A teacher directory can be found on the app with a direct link to email them (<https://oakbayhigh.appazur.com/app/>) or on our [school website](#).



**EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT – TRAINING PROGRAM**

**APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> TO 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2021**

Are you looking to join our District?

Do you want to make a difference in the everyday lives of children?

We have an opportunity for you!

The Greater Victoria School District is offering a two-week condensed training program designed to get aspiring Educational Assistants classroom ready!

For more information about the Educational Assistant Training Program, including program content and requirements for acceptance into the program, visit the School District 61 website at [www.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.sd61.bc.ca) and go to [Employment](#).

