



Oak Bay High School

Next Week @ Oak Bay High

June 14 – 18, 2021

June 11, 2021

2021/2022 Timetable Update:

I would like to update you on our timetable for next year. As we continue to navigate these changing times, changing restrictions and potentially seeing the light at the end of the pandemic tunnel I am able to share that starting in September 2021 all secondary schools (with the exception of Vic High) in the Greater Victoria School District will start the school year with a semester timetable, rather than quarter timetable as had previously been discussed. As a school we are prepared to pivot back into our quarter timetable if required by health, but hopefully this will not be required. An Oak Bay High Timetable Committee is working on the details of an OBH semester timetable. We will share the details of the 2021/2022 timetable as soon as we can. Thank you for your continued patience as we navigate these ever changing times.

UPCOMING DATES

June 14-18
Literacy and
Numeracy
Assessments

June 22
Last day of classes

June 22, 23, 24
Grad Stage Walk

June 23 & 24
Curriculum
Completion Day

Graduation Literacy 10 and Numeracy 10 Assessment for the week of June 14th – June 18th

Students will be scheduled to write the Numeracy or Literacy 10 assessments if:

- They have a Math 10 or English 10 in Q4
- They have already taken Math 10 or English 10 this year and have yet to write the assessment.
- They are in grade 11 or 12 and have NOT written the Numeracy 10 assessment
- They are in grade 11 and have NOT written the Literacy 10 assessment

IMPORTANT NOTE: Current grade 12 students are **REQUIRED** to write the Numeracy 10 assessment in order to graduate. Current grade 11 students are **REQUIRED** to write the Literacy AND Numeracy 10 assessments in order to graduate.

A list of which students are scheduled to write the assessment including which assessments, the date, the time and the room that has been posted on the front office window and provided to all Grade 10 block H teachers. Students have been scheduled to write the assessment during their part time morning block to ensure that they do not have to miss class time to write this assessment. If they need to change the date to write the assessment, students are asked to come to the office to make the request.

More about the assessments:

- Students should arrive at 8:45 AM to login and settle in.
- Students will have 3 hours to write this assessment.
- This assessment is completely electronic and a device will be provided to each student.
- Students should bring:
 - o a water bottle, if desired,
 - o 2 pencils,
 - o 1 eraser,
 - o Numeracy only - A scientific calculator (there is an electronic calculator if a student forgets)
- No other materials are permitted into the assessment room including internet watches (ie apple watch).
- Scrap paper will be made available for students who need it

Students have been scheduled into rooms where there is enough space to have 6 foot distance between students. Students will be required to wear a mask while writing the assessment. Please do complete the daily health check the morning of and IF you are not feeling well, **STAY HOME**. There will be future opportunities to write this assessment.

These assessments are scored on a proficiency scale out of 4 which means that students will NOT receive a percentage or letter grade, but instead will receive a 1, 2, 3 or 4. There are not any course credits associated with this exam; instead, transcripts will show RM (Requirements Met) and a score out of 4. Please check with the university or college that you are applying to determine the entrance standards regarding this assessment. If you need assistance with this, please see Ms. Giesbrecht in the Careers office or any of our counsellors at Oak Bay High. If a student determines that they would like or require a higher score after they have written the assessment, they will have the opportunity to re-write in future years. Results typically take about 2 months to be finalized and can be found by the student logging into their MyEd account.

Literacy 10 specific information:

Thank you to Ms. Gilbert for providing a short orientation to the assessment. It is of significant value for students to view this orientation AND to work through a sample assessment or two.

Orientation Video found here:

· <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qROzflp-aVut-aU5DKRHwKwxzZkHkisk/view>

Ministry of Education link which includes samples:

· <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/assessment/literacy-assessment/grade-10-literacy-assessment>

Numeracy 10 specific information:

For more information regarding the assessment itself, including *samples*, please visit the Ministry of Education website at: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/assessment/grade-10-numeracy-assessment>.

Grad update

Thank you to the nearly 300 grads who have signed up for our graduation ceremony the week of June 22nd through 24th.

Caps and Gown Distribution

- Distribution will take place next Thursday, June 17th during block H - students will be called down from their class by last name to collect their gown package.
- Students who are absent on the 17th or do not have a BLK H class can pick up their gown package in office on Friday June 18th or Monday June 21st
- Inside the package will be a graduation gown, cap, stole and tassel to go on the cap.
- It is recommended that you hang or possibly iron your gown when you get it as it has been folded up and will have creases

Graduation Ceremony

- Tuesday June 22nd, Wednesday June 23rd and Thursday June 24th
- The time you signed up is your arrival time at the school.
- Please do not come early to the school. Your graduation ceremony is scheduled to start 15 minutes after your arrival time.
- Parking might be tight, but we are asking that everyone please park on Cranmore St or in the back school parking lot off Cranmore St.
- You will be greeted outside by staff when you arrive at the school and directed where you need to go.
- You and your guests must wear a mask and maintain physical distancing from other grads and guests
- Grads are to wear their cap and gowns just as they would have at our traditional graduation ceremony at UVic.
- There are 3 parts to the graduation ceremony
 - **Part 1** - Gymnasium (Welcome from school, Valedictorian address, special musical presentation)
 - **Part 2** - Stage walk in theatre
 - a. Your stage walk quote will be read out loud as you walk across the stage
 - b. There will be a professional photographer taking your picture with your diploma and principal like we would have at UVic at grad
 - c. The professional photo will be made available for all grads to download the next week
 - d. Your parents/guests will be able to watch this from inside the theatre
 - e. The Ministry of Health and Education COVID 19 graduation safety plan allows the option of removing your mask for this photo as long as you are physically distanced from others in the photo. Our stage set up will ensure physical distancing, therefore each graduate will have the choice to wear their mask or remove it for the photo.
 - f. This part of the graduation ceremony will be live streamed so others not able to attend are able to watch and see.
 - g. The livestream link will be shared closer to the graduation ceremony date.
 - **Part 3** - Photo opportunity in the cafeteria. There will be beautifully balloon decorated stages in the cafeteria for graduates and their guests to take individual and group photos on.

- It is anticipated that the entire graduation experience will last roughly one hour in length from your scheduled arrival time.
- Finally, it is important that we ensure we are all following the recommended COVID19 safety guidelines from the Ministry of Health which includes the direction that there is no “crowding” of people. I ask therefore that you please arrive at your scheduled time and leave when you are finished to ensure we do not have crowding on our school grounds.

Grad Yard Signs

- We still have a few of our graduation yard signs here in the office. If you have not yet picked up your sign please come by the office anytime between 8:30 and 4:00pm each day or have your child pick up the sign.

Thanks everyone. We are really looking forward to a fantastic end of year and graduation. If you have any questions at all please feel free to email Tom Aerts at taerts@sd61.bc.ca.

Grads

Have you moved during the school year? Does the school have your correct mailing address?

Final Dogwood Graduation Diplomas for grade 12 students will be mailed during the summer to the address the school currently has in our system. Please feel free to contact the school to check if we have the correct address for your student.



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June 2021

RE: Hosting International Students

Victoria International Education, a Division of the Greater Victoria School District No. 61 is seeking hosts for international students studying in our School District starting in September 2021.

The Homestay Program will offer two information sessions via Zoom on June 16th and June 23rd at 8:00PM for anyone who is interested. Please click on the date in the previous sentence, which has a link to the Zoom session.

In September 2021, we are expecting many students from China, Germany, Italy, and Japan, along with many other regions / countries.

Hosts receive:

- \$975 per month to host one student (many hosts support two students)
- A Homestay Orientation to learn about hosting students
- On-going Support from a dedicated Homestay Coordinator (including a 24/7 emergency line)

To find out more about our homestay program or to apply please visit our **website**:

www.studyinvictoria.com/homestay or contact Lukas Hahn (Homestay Manager)

email: lhahn@sd61.bc.ca **Tel:** 250-592-6871

BECOME A HOST FAMILY

Connect your family to the world!

Why host?

- Have an intercultural learning experience for your family and the community
- Build lasting friendships
- Help a student between 12 to 18 years be successful studying and living in Victoria
- A \$975 monthly fee will be provided to support a student in your home
- 24/7 assistance provided by the Homestay Department of Victoria International Education



Families of all Greater Victoria communities are welcome to apply to our Homestay Program.

*Thank you for
your interest.*

*"It was wonderful to introduce our students to Canadian culture and also learn about their home country and culture. It's so warming how quickly you become a 'family' supporting one another."
- Renee R.*

Questions?

Speak with one of our Homestay Program Staff at 250-592-6871 or email homestay@sd61.bc.ca
Visit our website for more information on hosting:
www.studyinvictoria.com



Yearbook

"Yearbooks are on their way!! We should be receiving the delivery early next week and will distribute books on Friday the 18th through the school store in the cafeteria . Students will be called down from their classes to limit numbers and allow distancing to be maintained. Only students that have pre-ordered a yearbook will be asked to come down. Extra yearbooks, if any, will be sold the following week."

Thank You Oak Bay High Staff

On behalf of the parents and guardians at Oak Bay High School, the PAC would like to salute the Oak Bay High Staff for all that they have done for our students during this very challenging year. Can you hear our very loud virtual thank you? As a gesture of our appreciation, the PAC is inviting all staff members, as our treat, to order the drink of their choice at Hide and Seek Cafe in Oak Bay Village during the week of June 14-18. Next week the PAC will be recognizing our wonderful staff members at Hide and Seek, on social media (check out our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/OBHPAC>), on the electronic sign on Cadboro Bay Road in front of the school, and on posters that will be displayed throughout the school building, designed by grade 10 student Maryn Unger.