

# Oak Bay High School Next Week @ Oak Bay High

June 7 – 11, 2021

June 4, 2021

This week we, like the rest of the nation, have been coming to terms with the tragic discovery of the bodies of the missing Indigenous children who attended the Kamloops Residential School. I would like to acknowledge the staff, students and members of our community who have worn orange this week as an act of acknowledgement of the audacities that have taken place. Together we are mourning the loss of these children and are thinking deeply about how this news of these findings impact our Indigenous and non-Indigenous students and families and communities we serve.

We want to acknowledge that this is not unusual for students to experience strong feelings when they hear such news, this can evoke feelings of sadness, grief, fear, confusion and loss. We recognize that you know your child best and what they may need from you and from the adults at school. Please reach out with any questions or concerns you may have as we are here to help and have support to offer if needed.

I would encourage you to watch this video statement, if you have not seen this already, about the discovery at the Kamloops Residential School by Murray Sinclair, a former member of the Canadian Senate and chairman of the Indian Residential Schools Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1903872579996

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# 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 you continued patience as we navigate these ever changing times.

### 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.
- $\cdot$  They are in grade 11 or 12 and have NOT written the Numeracy 10 assessment
- $\cdot$  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 schedule 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.

## 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 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:

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

Ministry of Education link which includes samples:

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

#### Numeracy 10 specific information:

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

#### **Grads**

Have you moved during the school year? Does the school have your correct mailing address? Final Transcripts and 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.

#### More Grad Amazing race photos



Let the race begin "Off to station #1"



Racing between stations



The shortest route from Point A and Point B is a straight line.



The Cowboys are coming