



L'École Secondaire

Oak Bay High

Oct 14, 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians & Students;

Just some reminders for the upcoming week:

- Oct 17th** -PAC meeting (7:00 pm in the cafeteria)
- Oct 18th** -Parent / Teacher Conferences (6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the gym)
- Oct 20th** -Great Canadian Shake-Out - Earthquake Drill
- Oct 21st** -Pro D Day

Information Items:

From our PAC...

"PAC Meeting - **Monday October 17 - 7:00 pm - Cafeteria (beside Gym)**

Our new principal Shawn Boulding will be in attendance to provide an update and answer questions.

Guest Speaker - Oak Bay High School Counselor:

The Counselors are part of the Student Services team which is dedicated to helping students to reach their full potential. They can assist students who are struggling with personal, academic or career issues. Is your child feeling anxious, having a hard time adjusting to the start of the school year? Wondering about issues with peers or friends? Thinking about what's next for them after High School? We will be joined in this PAC meeting by one of the school's counselors who will share about supports the school offers and lead a discussion about the best ways parents can help kids cope with teenage challenges. Bring your questions.

You can find more information about the Counseling Service at Oak Bay High at <https://oakbay.sd61.bc.ca/student-info/counseling-center/>

We invite all caregivers/parents to attend and participate in your PAC. The PAC can be especially helpful for families who are new to the school. See you there! "

From the office....

Parent / Teacher Interviews - For those parents who have not signed up and wish to do so, please use the following link:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/OakBaySecondarySchool@gvsd61.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

Please understand that many of our teachers have upwards of 100 students this semester and as such, do not have capacity to meet with all parents. As much as we would like to connect with all of our community, please only make appointments if you have concerns about the success of your child. We are always open to phone calls, emails and meeting in-person outside of these interviews.

From the Career Center...

REMINDER FOR GRADE 11 & 12 PARENTS AND STUDENTS - You're invited to join an information session with the University of Victoria and Camosun College on Monday Oct. 17th from 7:00pm to 8:00pm to our theatre. Each institution will share their programs, application process, admission requirements, scholarships and general information about their campuses.

Hope to see you there!

Ms. Giesbrecht

Take Your Kids to Work -Just a reminder to our grade 9 families that forms have been sent home, please help your child complete them and return them to school asap.

From Admin....

School startup has been overwhelmingly positive! It's exciting to see students engaged in learning, building social connections, and taking advantage of all the amazing opportunities available at our school. However, there are a few concerning behaviours that are arising which we are working to address. Any assistance you can provide in reinforcing these with your child/ren would be greatly appreciated.

- **Litter:** There is a significant volume of litter being left about the building and grounds each day. We are asking that students make the effort to place their waste into appropriate receptacles (recycling, compost and trash). The exterior spaces (ie. fields) are of particular concern.
- **Restrooms:** We continue to request that restrooms not be used as meeting places or "hangouts".
- **Vandalism & Graffiti:** There has been a significant increase in both vandalism and graffiti this year. While the bulk of both is taking place within the restrooms, graffiti is popping up all around the building and grounds.

If possible, we'd ask that you please speak with your child/ren about these topics. As we stated at our welcome assemblies in September, it is our collective responsibility to demonstrate respect for our school community, including both individuals and the environment around us. We are encouraging students with knowledge of any vandalism or graffiti to come forward to a staff member.

On another note, many of the Grads are seemingly engaged in a non-school sanctioned game called "Gotcha". While generally good natured, this game does come with a few concerns. We ask that you please speak with your child to ensure that their involvement is being done in a safe way that doesn't put themselves or others at risk. We would also ask that you reinforce that this game cannot impact the operation of the school, including causing interruptions to learning, etc.

Many thanks for your assistance,
Oak Bay High Admin Team