



L'École Secondaire

Oak Bay High

Sept 9, 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians & Students;

Allow me to begin by welcoming everyone back for the 2022/23 school year. Being new to the school as principal, it has been wonderful getting to know the staff and some of the students over the past couple of days. I look forward to building these relationships over the days and weeks ahead. School start-up has been busy; the positive energy around the school is palpable as we all strive to settle into the new routines of September. As classes settle in for the first semester the counselors are busy working with students to adjust timetables and at this point, most of this work is accomplished. Next week, school administration will be hosting grade-wide assemblies to help establish routines and expectations and to inform our students of upcoming events.

In an effort to keep you informed, while not clogging up your inbox, my plan is to send out a *Friday Message to Families* to help keep you in the loop. This message may not occur every Friday as there are points in the year that are typically more busy than others.

Again, welcome back & I look forward to a terrific school year!

Shawn Boulding

Outside the Timetable Courses

Those courses that either start before our regular school day begins (before 8:55 am), occur during lunch, or occur after the school day (3:05 pm onwards) are referred to as outside the time table classes. These classes will begin next week. If your son or daughter is registered in such a course and is unsure of the schedule, please have them refer to their 'Google Classroom.' The schedule for these classes can be found under 'Special Announcements'.

Athletics

Our gymnasiums and fields are becoming very busy spaces as the fall athletic season is underway with many try-outs already occurring or scheduled for next week. Our fall sports consist of Field Hockey, Cross-Country, Rowing, Swimming, Volleyball and Boy's Soccer. Once again, schedules for each of these teams can be found in your child's Google classroom.

Career Education Department

The Career Education Department at Oak Bay High School is hosting our second **Career Connections Expo** on November 2, 2022 and we need your help and expertise!

Our mission is to offer Oak Bay students an opportunity to connect with people from a wide variety of career sectors to explore and learn from the experts (that's you!). Students will pre-select two sessions of their choice in the career areas that they are interested in learning more about. Sessions will be 30 minutes (15-20 minute presentations followed by a 10-minute Q & A).

We are requesting your help in developing our speaker selection list. If you or someone you know would be interested in participating, please complete the google form (see link) and you will receive a follow-up email with further details.

Please consider helping our students learn more about the variety of available career options.

To complete the Google form please click the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/123e5hgXZ_MSKnD2YjRdfHAla3S-vwE4nUD21eutOulQ/edit

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Roxanne Taggart at rtaggart@sd61.bc.ca

Cops for Cancer

We are happy to announce that the annual Canadian Cancer Society's Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock events will take place at Oak Bay High School this year. We would love to have your support in our campaign this year, in any way possible.

Here is a list of our fundraising activities to date:

Beginning now: Silent Auction (end date of Sept 30th) <https://www.32auctions.com/OBC4C2022>

- Sept 9th -*Drop in the Bucket* donation (please bring donations for the cause)
- Sept 10th -Car Wash. Front parking lot (9:00 am to 3:00 pm) by donation
- Sept 17th -Garage Sale. Small gym. We are looking for donations of lightly used goods.
Please bring such items to the parking lot off Cranmore Rd on Sept 16th
- Sept 24th -Bottle Drive. If you have cans/bottles to donate please drop off at the Cranmore
Parking lot beginning at 8:00 am.
- Sept 28th -Head Shave. Students and staff wishing to participate will raise money through family and
friends
- Oct 6 -Riders arrive

We are encouraging all students to sign up for the Google Classroom (**75smmcd**) and the Oak Bay High School Team Fundraising Page and encourage all of your friends to donate through the site as well. The instructions on how to join can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ofoVeLd3kXjWaOkbnuxhVTn57jKLhC6bYd893efr1-k/edit?usp=sharing>

We will have our first volunteer meeting for those that can make it, on Thursday at lunch in the big gym for any students who are interested in helping out during the Cops for Cancer campaign this year.

We hope that we can count on you and your child's participation. More information will be coming soon.

