



L'École Secondaire

Oak Bay High

Sept 8, 2023

Dear Parents, Guardians & Students,

Welcome back to a new school year. It is wonderful to see our many new, grade 9 students now beginning to successfully navigate their new school and establish the routines associated with high school. It is also wonderful to see all of our returning students; I always love the positive energy a new school year brings.

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 connect, share information and 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

Allergy Aware

We have several students that have been identified as having life-threatening allergies which may result in an anaphylactic reaction. We take our responsibility for all students' safety seriously and intend to provide an allergy aware environment for all students with life-threatening allergies.

To help reduce the risk of accidental exposure, we need your cooperation to provide a safe and secure learning environment for all students. The following is respectfully requested:

- That students avoid bringing tree nuts, peanuts, and fish, or products containing these items, to school
- If your student enjoys this food at home, please reinforce the need for proper hand hygiene. Even a small amount of these foods can be transferred to a desk surface or gym equipment and can pose a risk for these students.

We hope you will appreciate the seriousness of this medical condition and that you will assist us in our efforts to create as safe an allergy aware environment as possible for these students.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

For your reference:

SD61 Anaphylaxis Policy & Regulation 5141.21Anaphylaxis Policy

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.

For Grads...

On Friday, September 15th, *Blush, the Bridal Boutique*, is hosting a private event for Oak Bay graduating students who are interested in shopping for a grad dress. This exclusive event will occur between 4:00 and 8:00 pm.

Cops for Cancer

The student leaders are working hard to have a successful Cops 4 Cancer campaign. The first fundraising activity is the Car Wash from 9-3 this Saturday, and we will happily accept more volunteers. We are also looking for items that we can sell for the Garage Sale that will occur next Saturday, September 16th, in the small gym from 9-2. Items need to be dropped off in the Cranmore parking lot on Friday from 8:30 until 5. The Bottle Drive will occur on September 23rd from 9-3 in the Cranmore lot and we will accept all bottles and cans during that time. We are still

looking for volunteers for canvassing and the headshave. Lastly, the Silent Auction will be going live soon and all of the items will be displayed during the Meet the Teacher night on the 21st.

Upcoming Important Dates:

Sept 13	Student Photos
Sept 15	Grade 9 ' <i>Colour Clash</i> '