

I. PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS:

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We have now completed the first term of semester one. Reports are being sent home with this newsletter to allow parents to read through them and discuss them with your children. If you sense any uncertainty I would ask you to contact the appropriate teacher during Meet the Teacher Night on Thursday, November 26th 3:00 to 6:00 pm.

We were very pleased with the Remembrance Day assemblies. Students and staff took some time to honour our soldiers that risk their lives for our futures. The student presenters were excellent and are to be commended on their fine presentation.

A reminder to parents that if schools are closed due to snow, or any other problems such as power outages or bad weather, announcements will be on local radio stations (WOLF 106.9 FM and WAVE 102.3 FM) by 7 am on the day of the closure. Please do not call the radio station - tune in and listen for the announcements, which will be made on a regular basis.

That will be all for this month and I hope to see as many parents as possible in the gym on November 26th for parent/teacher conferences.

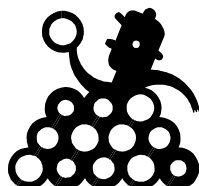
John Blain,
Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ATTENDANCE AND LATES

Dover Bay office has moved to an automatic attendance and broadcast system. This system will phone homes when there is a recorded absent or late from the classroom teacher. The system is also capable of sending announcements and school wide messages. Please do not disconnect if you hear the recording, the system will inform the school who has answered the call and what response has occurred. You will no longer receive a call from a noon hour supervisor at home. This system will enhance our ability to communicate with the Dover Bay community. I thank you in advance for any inconvenience that is occurring during this transition.

SNOWBALL POLICY

- This policy deals with the throwing of snowballs and any other inappropriate action with snow, including bringing snow into the school with intention.
- Students will be reminded there is a snowball policy at Dover Bay Secondary.
- Students throwing snowballs outside on school grounds will be dealt with through the Code of Conduct which may result in suspension.
- Students caught throwing snowballs in the school will be suspended.

**II. WELCOME:**

We welcome the following new staff to Dover Bay:

Dave Fraser	Metal/Auto Shop
Kimberly Barton	Social Studies

III. IMPORTANT DATES:

Dec. 3	PAC Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Library
Dec. 17	Newsletter home
Dec. 18	Last day of school before Winter Vacation
Jan. 4	School re-opens
Jan. 7	PAC Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Library
Jan. 22	Last day of Semester I
Jan. 25-29	School/Provincial Exams

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parents/Guardians are invited to the school on Thursday, November 26th, to review their son's/daughter's progress with subject teachers, counsellors and the administration. The intent of these conference times is to foster positive and direct communication between the home and school. Please support our efforts by attending. We look forward to seeing you.

EARLY DISMISSAL:

In order to accommodate these conferences, students will be dismissed at 1:50 pm and school buses will arrive shortly after.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Report cards were sent home with today's newsletter.
- Please review this information with your sons/daughters so that you can have an informed conversation with your child's teacher
- Parents/Guardians are reminded to bring their son's/daughter's report card with them to the conferences.
- All report card conferences will be held in the gymnasium. (Teachers are located alphabetically in the gym). Please refer to the map at the end of the newsletter.

We look forward to seeing you at Parent/Teacher Interviews November 26th, 3 - 6 pm, in the Dover Bay gym.

PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING DOVER BAY'S REPORT CARD NIGHT

IV. STUDENT ACTIVITIES:

ATHLETICS & EVENTS CALENDAR:

Nov. 27-28	Randerson Ridge Craft Fair @ Dover Bay
Dec. 2-5	“The Boyfriend” – 7 pm
Dec. 10	Winter ball - 3–10 pm
Dec. 15	Band Concert – 7-10 pm
Jan. 2	Sr. Boys Basketball @ Dover – 2 pm

CROSS COUNTRY: Mr. Saunders

The Cross Country team has just completed another outstanding year. Successes ranged from the improvement that our fitness group showed, to the wins and placings that all our groups had at various meets around the Island and Lower Mainland.

The Grade 9 girls team were crowned Island Champions with a first place finish at the Island Age group meet on October 21st. At the same meet the senior girls team placed second, the grade 10 girls team placed second and the grade 10 boys team placed third. At the Island Open the next week the boys and girls teams both placed third, which qualified them for the Provincial meet on November 7th in Surrey. Individually Garrett Dunlop was 7th in the boys' race and Jillian Hannah placed 12th and Leah Kitsul placed 18th in the girls' race. The Provincial Championships saw both teams work very hard. Congratulations to all member of the cross country team who took part in training this fall.

Team members competing at the Provincials: Ray Murphy, Clarke Hiemstra, Trent Arnott, Bryce Pirozzini, Spencer Hiemstra, Stephen Notley, Josh Richardson, Jillian Hannah, Leah Kitsul, Ashlee Allbury, Julia Magrath, Christine Jenkins, Claire van Rensburg and Rachel Elliott.

DISTRICT ART SHOW - Mrs. R. Haaf

A new art show will open on Monday, November 30th at the Port Theatre. You will be able to see and enjoy, on the third floor, a representation of some of the best art from our school district's high schools. It is open from 7 to 8 pm and is free of charge.

Art from these students has been selected: Cho Rok Gene, Tehilia Cordocedo, Shaun Burns, Marlie Raines, Emily Johnston, Vanessa Young and Tanya Playasova.

ATHLETICS – Mr. D. Nelson

Congratulations to all the athletes and coaches for excellent performances on the field and on the courts during the fall sports season. The cross country teams had strong showings at BC's, the field hockey team won their season-ending tier 2 tournament, and both senior girls and senior boys volleyball teams have qualified for the Island Championships.

Thanks especially to the coaches for their time and dedication:

- Cross Country - Bob Saunders, Jan Saunders, Linda Irvine
- Field Hockey - Eiko Eby, Britt Ratzburg, John Eby
- Grade 8 Girls Volleyball - Tony Dendes, Rita Haaf
- Grade 9 Girls Volleyball - Marty Stoner, Dale Nicks
- Grade 10 Girls Volleyball - Hung Tang
- Senior Girls Volleyball - Dave Nelson
- Junior Boys Volleyball - Holly Calvin, Pat Morley
- Senior Boys Volleyball - Chris Depka, Neil Holmes

We are now looking forward to the winter season, with basketball and wrestling just getting underway!

Athletics Fundraising - Thanks to all the athletes and parents for their efforts in our Honour Roll Fundraiser. A reminder to any that haven't yet turned in their forms and money that these are due as soon as possible!

DRAMA NEWS: Ms. Schwarze

WACK A DO, WACK A DO, WACK A DO!

Don't expect deep meaning from a 1920's musical, especially Sandy Wilson's spoof, *The Boy Friend*, playing Dec. 2 - 5th. What you can expect, though, is great dance, bold sets and costumes, a happy ending, and quirky characters.

The Boy Friend is the story of Polly Browne, a young English girl attending Mme Dubonnet's school for girls in Nice, France. It is the day of the Carnival ball, and all the girls are excited about their costumes, and, of course, the boys with whom they will dance. In fact, they get to dance when the local boys sneak into the school long enough for a big opening number. Polly, unwilling to let the girls know she is without a beau, writes herself a letter, which she says is from her boyfriend who will be arriving that day. Thus, a simple plot of boy meets girl, complete with farcical twists, is set in motion. She meets her love, accidentally of course, dances with him, overhears scandalous information, dances, gets the truth from the sensible serving girl, and returns just in time for the happy ever after ending that has positively everyone engaged to be married. And dancing.

The Boyfriend runs from Dec. 2 - 5 in Dover Bay's Multi-Purpose room. Doors open at 6:30 pm. and the show begins promptly at 7:00. Tickets are \$8 for students and seniors, and \$10 for adults. They are available at More than Movies, the office or at the door.

JANUARY'S PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY SHOWS:

Where is Chuck? What is Chuck? And what is a Drive-By-Chucking? Find out in the Dover Bay Multi-Purpose Room January 14th - 16th when this year's amazing Grade 8 Academy Class presents Jonathan Dorf's funny yet poignant dramedy, *Dear Chuck*.

One week later, January 21st - 23rd, the Grade 9/10 Academy Class will entertain you with a highly varied play of their own creation! Humour abounds in this insightful look at the world through the eyes of these extremely creative and talented teens.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Dover Bay's Annual Can Drive officially started on Nov. 17th with a delicious Pancake Breakfast and Pajama Day! The race is now on so start collecting those cans!! The contest is during Block 1 and there will be a grand prize for the class that collects the most cans. In addition, there is an inter-grade challenge to see which grade can collect the most cans. The results can be seen on the giant bar graph in the atrium. Last year we collected over 15,000 cans for the Salvation Army. Let's see if we can beat that number this year!

The holiday season is just around the corner, which means...so is Door Decorating! It will be taking place during Block 2 this year. Doors will be judged on Thursday, December 10th. So start planning if you want your class to be the one to take the grand prize!

The Winter Ball is also coming up fast! It will be on Dec. 10th from 6:30 (doors open) to 9 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. There are only 300 tickets available so get yours fast! You aren't going to want to miss this! Ticket sales will be held in the atrium at lunch, starting soon!

PROM 2010 UPDATE

Prom planning is well under way and excitement is growing. All committees have been formed consisting of dedicated parent volunteers and graduating students. The school, parents and students are all committed to making this a wonderful and memorable event. The theme for 2010 will soon be announced.

Both student and parent volunteers continue to be welcome to join any committee; we still need an adult chair for the Clean-up Committee as well as student reps. for the Fundraising, PR and Ticket/Posters Committees. A huge thank you to our enthusiastic volunteers who are working hard on behalf of our graduating students.

The Fundraising Committee wants and needs **your** support with the following events / activities:

November 27th and 28th – Randerson Craft Fair at Dover
Tell your family and friends: Prom Poinsettia Sale - Beautiful plants at a great price.

Bottle Drive on Sun. Dec. 6th, 12 pm, please bring bottles to Dover Bay in the collection bags that will be distributed to students.

Mostar Bottle Depot account is set up as “Dover Bay Prom 2010”. Please donate your recycling funds to our fundraising account.

Please get involved! Contact DoverProm2010@shaw.ca
Next Prom Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 15th at 7:00 pm in school library. Everyone is welcome!

V. PAC NEWS:

I am pleased to announce our PAC line up for the remainder of the 2009/2010 school year.

President	Paul Tidey
Vice President	VACANT - Could be YOU
Secretary	Glynis O'Shea
Treasurer	Kathy Obad
DPAC	Holly Henderson
Assistant Treasurer	VACANT - Could be YOUR friend
Members at large	Erin Burden Lovanna Smith Shaorong Li Marg Corcoran
Acting Past President	Doreen Darwin

Our next PAC meeting is set for Thursday December 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Library. Admission is free! This is the Festive PAC meeting, which means we have a short business meeting, followed by our Christmas Social (please bring an appy or dessert to share).

Please note that we still have some vacancies on the Executive and we look forward to seeing you or your friend(s) at the meeting.

The PAC meeting set for Thursday January 7th at 7:00 pm in the Library will be the major BUDGET meeting for the remainder of the school year until June 2010 - a must meeting for all departments applying for funds.

Regards,

Paul Tidey, PAC President

VI. MISCELLANEOUS:

YEARBOOK

There are still several copies of the 2008-2009 yearbook available for sale if you did not get one last year. This book is available for \$55. Don't let this chance slip by. Full colour and lots of pictures will make this yearbook one to keep. For more information, please contact Ms. Domino at 756-4595 local 613 for more information.

The following student have not picked up their 2008-2009 yearbooks: Devon Barton, Clarice Bland, Chris Calvin, Kieran Davidson, Dan Giroday, Georgia Goddard, Brenden

Grasley, Jayce Ha, Jordan Harry, Sean Hartman, Amelia Hilton, Josh Kang, Adrian Keller, Denera Khan, Leland Kirkham, Alex Kludash, Cassandra Knieval, Greg Kowatski, Caitlin Langelier, Andrew Langille, Dawson Lassman, James Lattanzio-Battle, Claudia Lavis, Cory Lavis, Joo Sung Lim, Josh Lindstedt, Vivian Liu, Paige Lunn, Natalia Lunow, Jordan MacLachlan, Sash Mahara, Kyle Maltesen, Kaden Martin, Violeta Martin, Zac Molcan, Landon Munro, Derek Nellist, Mandy Newman, Lee Orpen, Samantha Owen, Rupen Patel, Nathan Pater, Dylan Perrier, James Perrier, Jonathan Phillips, Jacob Rader, Vlad Raducu, Brittany Ritter, Nikki Robertson, Jackson Robinson, Spencer Ross, Kyle Simmons, Rachel Skeeles, Chelsey Slater, Alex Smith, Kendra Stoner, Leah Tidey, Amy Touhey, Marley Tourout, Shelby Vissia, Shane Walders, Nathan Warawa, Kaila Wetmore, Jared White, Becky Willis, Mackenzie Wood, Taylor Wright, Inook Yeo, Robert Zadra.

SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS

The weather is getting colder and not everyone has the option of throwing on warmer clothes. Help make a difference by donating your old, gently used clothing. Donations may be dropped off in the Dover Bay atrium in front of the office. Everything helps!

CRAFT FAIR:

19th Annual Randerson Ridge
Christmas Gift and Craft Fair
Dover Bay Gymnasium, 6135 McGirr Road
Friday, November 27th – 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 28th – 10:00 – 4:00 p.m.
For more info: Sharon @ 250-758-9598



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We would like to thank the students and staff of Dover Bay who participated in this years Shoebox project. We collected 214 boxes this year. Well Done! Ms. Stigings Grade 9 girls PE class had the most boxes – a remarkable 89 boxes! Second place went to Ms. McDonald's English 12 class with 20 boxes. Honorable mention to Mr. Currell's Computer Animation 12 class with 19 boxes. Thank you again for giving to this worthy cause. Because of your generosity 214 children will receive a box full of treasures this Christmas.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - Part 2

32 Weeks to Being Emergency Prepared!

Week 13: Put in each container: brush and/or comb, toothbrush and toothpaste.

Week 14: Put in each container: 6 safety pins of as sorted sizes, 1 towel, 1 washcloth, and 1 small bar of soap, flashlight and batteries.

Week 15: Put in each container: 1 tube of chap stick, 10 quarters for phone calls.

Week 16: Put in each container: 6 individual wrapped hand wipes, 15 paper towels, sanitary pads for any family member needing them, toilet paper rolled up.

Week 17: Put in each container of each person over 12 years of age: 12 matches waterproofed with paraffin or nail polish and piece of sandpaper for striking, 1 candle in jar, 1 small pocketknife or paring knife.

Week 18: Put in each container: 1 package of rice cakes, paper and pencil, 1 small game (Cards, etc). Fill out medical release form for each minor child in family and put in appropriate containers.

Week 19: Put in each container: 1 can pork & beans, 3 fruit rolls (fruit leather), 3-8oz. cans juice (6 oz./12oz.—apple/orange/tomato).

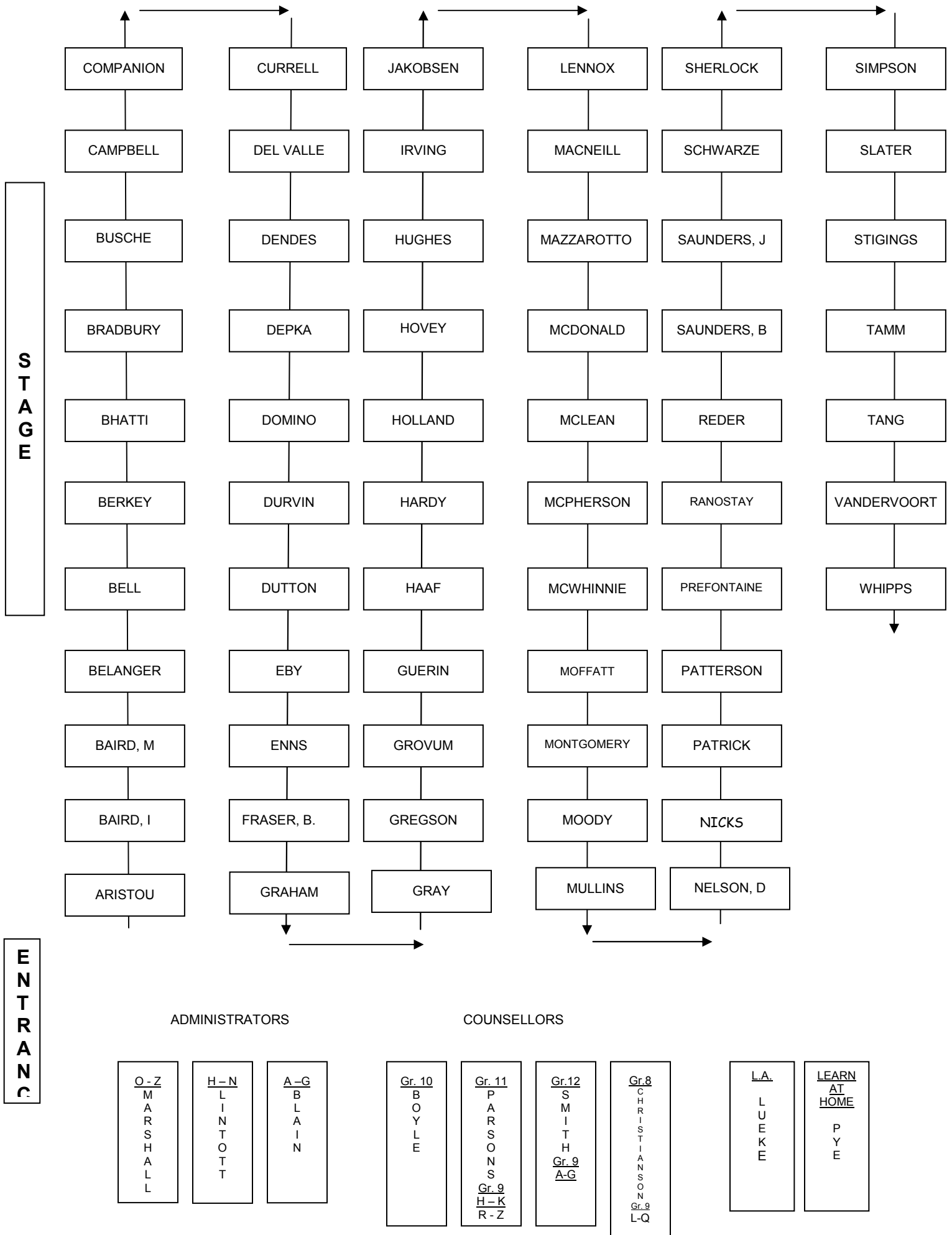
Week 20: Put in ONE container: 10-20 foot length of rope,

water purification tablets or medicine dropper and small bottle of liquid chlorine bleach (odourless), bar of soap and soap dish.

Week 21: Put in ONE container: sunscreen, hand lotion, fingernail clippers, deodorant, nail file, small bottle of aspirin or Tylenol or Advil.

Week 22: Put in ONE container: Battery-operated radio with extra batteries, scriptures, favorite family books.

Parent/Teacher Conferences - Teacher Locations





Mr. Durvin
250-751-3401
bdurvin@sd68.bc.ca
PM only
Tu/Th @ lunchtime

Mr. Dendes
250-751-3419
edendes@sd68.bc.ca
Blocks 1 & 2

Mrs. Monaghan
250-751-3420
lmonaghan@sd68.bc.ca
Counselling Office



Post Secondary Planning

Post-Secondary Institute Day – December 8

Representatives from nine BC universities, colleges and institutes will gather at Dover Bay to speak to all Grade 12's. The morning will begin with a mini fair, and then students can choose two presentations from the following institutions: UBC, SFU, UVIC, BC Institute of Technology, Camosun College, Thompson Rivers University, University of Northern BC, Nicola Valley Institute of Technology, and the Royal Military College.

Registering For Post Secondary:

Registration is now open for all post secondary institutions. Early applications get preferable registration dates. Check out the entrance scholarships for your university of choice.

Register now for Vancouver Island University

Students who apply to V.I.U. early have the best chance to reserve their place for September 2009. Applications are usually made on line at www.viu.ca; choose the "Become a Student" link. You will need your PEN# (not your school student #) which can be found on your report card. Have a credit card number ready to pay the \$35 application fee.

Self Reporting Marks –University of Victoria

Current Grade 12 students are able to report their final Grade 11 marks from September to November 30, 2009 and potentially receive a conditional offer of admission for September 2010.

Apply on-line for admission to UVic. Then visit www.uvic.ca/self-reporting: before November 30, 2009 to self-report your marks. Don't forget to also apply for housing if you want to live on campus. Check out their entrance scholarship information by clicking on Student Awards & Financial Aid.

Grade 12 B.C. Awards On-Line Scholarship Site

You can research many of the scholarships available in B.C. by going to: www.bcschoolcounsellor.com

Then click on: BCAwardsOnline.org

Sign in by scrolling down to: School District #68 Nanaimo-Ladysmith

Click on Public School

Click on Sign In

\$\$\$\$ Upcoming Scholarships and Bursaries \$\$\$\$

Zonta Club of Nanaimo (\$500-1000) – Jan. 15, 2010

Awarded to a female showing an active commitment to volunteerism; leadership; and dedication to the advancement of the status of women. www.zonta.org

Toyota Earth Day Scholarship (\$5000) – Feb. 28.

Applicants must show leadership in activities involving improving the environment, plus strong academics and extracurricular involvement. www.earthday.ca

Terry Fox Humanitarian Award (\$7000) – February 1
Demonstration of the highest ideals and qualities of citizenship are the criteria for the selection of recipients. Further relevant qualities are courage in overcoming obstacles, involvement in humanitarian service and participation in sport, fitness and community service. www.terryfox.org

New Scholarships Available

The following is a list of new scholarships that are available in the Graduation Center:

BC School Sports Commission Scholarships for Aquatics and Football
BC Health Care Bursary
College of New Caledonia Scholarships and Bursaries
College of the Rockies Entrance Awards
Justice Institute of BC Bursaries and Awards
Nurses Education Bursary Program
Royal Canadian Legion Annual Poster and Literary Remembrance Contests
Secondary School Apprenticeship Contests
Victoria Mechanical Trades Promotion Fund Scholarship
Certified Management Accountants
BCGEU Members Scholarship
Queens University
University of Alberta
University of Calgary
University of Western Ontario Entrance and President's Scholarship

Opportunities

Grade 11 Enrichment Program

Waterloo Unlimited, at the University of Waterloo, is an opportunity for high school students of exceptional potential to cultivate their passion for learning. Students may apply online for bursaries. We recognize BC students have additional transportation costs. Details: <http://www.unlimited.uwaterloo.ca>

Grade 11 Program, Design Theme

Sunday, March 14 - Friday, March 19, 2010

Application Deadline: Postmarked by Dec. 15, 2009

From architecture and the environment to science fiction and virtual reality, students from across Canada will spend a week exploring the theme of Design with a community of like-minded peers.

Program fee: \$400 (meals included), plus supervised overnight hotel accommodation of \$300 (\$60 per night)



Lattitude

Global Volunteering (Gap)

Volunteer abroad after graduating from school. There are many opportunities in every continent, and depending on the program, students

can choose a volunteer placement from two weeks to eleven months in length. For more information visit the website: www.lattitudcanada.org.

Projects Abroad

Projects Abroad has two North American offices located in New York City and Toronto. They have more than 250 trained staff, and offer over 100 generic projects in many places all over the world.

www.projects-abroad.org

International Volunteer Programs Association

IVPA encourages excellence and responsibility in the field of international volunteerism. Organizations that are members of IVPA are encouraged to follow IVPA's principles and practices as guidelines for good programming. www.volunteerinternational.org

Shad Valley

Twelve select universities across Canada host this innovative summer leadership program for 600 select grade 11/12 students. Apply online at www.shad.ca before December 9.

Canadian Forces Army Reserves

Great part-time job opportunity working weekends and one evening a week, plus approximately \$5000 in the summer. University tuition is covered up to \$2000/year as well. More details in the Careers and Graduation Centre or from www.forces.gc.ca

Forum for Young Canadians

Spend a week on Parliament Hill with 125 Canadian high school students aged 15-19 years. A bilingual, non-partisan and **AMAZING** experience to develop leadership skills and to learn about parliamentary democracy, **how** government works and **how YOU** can make a difference! Eligibility is based on sound academic performance, social and leadership skills, participation in extra curricular activities and interest in current national and community affairs. www.forum.ca

Local Opportunities

Contacts for student volunteering opportunities:

Loaves and Fishes: 250-754-8347
 Leaders in Training-Nanaimo Parks
 And Recreation: 250-756-5200
 Boys and Girls Club: 250-754-3294
 United Way: 250-729-7400
 Canadian Cancer Society: 250-741-8180
 Heart and Stroke Foundation: 250-754-5274

Dover Bay Feeder Schools:

McGirr Elementary: 250-758-8946
 Pleasant Valley Elementary: 250-390-4027
 Seaview Elementary: 250-390-4022
 Randerson Ridge: 250-758-5076
 Frank J. Ney: 250-729-8045

Upcoming Event for Gr. 10 & 11

Vancouver Island Education & Career Fair – “Your Future Begins Now” - December 3

This event will take place at the Vancouver Island Convention Centre from and is designed to introduce senior secondary students to a variety of post-secondary education choices, career and employment options and labour market information to assist them with career planning. **Please Note:** This is a **mandatory curricular event** for students and is endorsed fully by the School District. Students will be transported by school bus, with Grade 10's attending the morning session and

Grade 11's attending the afternoon session. If you wish your child not to attend and complete an alternate assignment, **please provide a written note to the school by Monday, November 30th.**

The Graduation Centre staff help provide relevant information and guidance about post-secondary education, training and scholarships.



Graduation Transition Standards

30 Hour Work Experience

Mr. Dendes, and Mr. Durvin are the advisors for this program. Students have been assigned to one advisor who will guide them through the process. There are 4 components of graduation transitions:

- Personal Health
- Community Connections
- Career and Life
- Interview

Students should make sure that they complete the Graduation Transitions package as soon as possible, especially those students who wish to graduate in January. At this point you should have handed in proof of 30+ hours of paid work or volunteer experience. GTS forms are available in C100 or by accessing the website: www.dovergts.pbworks.com

Daily Physical Activity Requirement:

All grade 10-12 students need to show they are physically active at the rate of 150 minutes per week. Please see Mr. Dendes or Mr. Durvin in C100 for support in making healthy choices and how to log your hours.

S.A.T./A.C.T.

These scholastic aptitude testing programs are for students planning to attend university in the United States. Students taking the College Board exams should be aware of upcoming test dates.

The A.C.T. test can be written at Wellington Secondary School on February 6. Deadline to register is January 4. See Mr. Christianson for information.

The S.A.T. can be written at Vancouver Island University. Registration deadlines are December 15 for the January 23 sitting and February 4 for the March 13 session. Students can register online for S.A.T. exams and will also find practice tests at www.collegeboard.com. We also have registration booklets and practice materials in the Graduation Centre. Fees for writing the S.A.T. exams are \$45 plus a \$26 international fee. **Fees are in US dollars.**

Employment Opportunities

Come to the Graduation Centre and check out the bulletin board for new Employment Opportunities that are being offered locally for the holiday season.