



GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS SECONDARY

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January 2024 Newsletter

Principal's Update,

Dear Grandview Parents & Guardians

I hope this communication finds you starting 2024 on a positive note. February 1 marks the start of Semester two and the halfway point of the school year. The purpose of this newsletter is to highlight important information, dates, and timelines to help families and students navigate the semester turn around. I would also encourage you to visit our school website www.surreyschools.ca/grandviewheights and download our school App www.grandviewheights.appazur.com to stay informed.

School Calendar Updates

January 22-26	Provincial Literacy & Numeracy Assessments for Grades 10 & 12
January 29	Last Day of regularly scheduled classes for semester one
January 26	Second semester schedules finalized and available in MyEdBC
January 26	School newsletter published
January 30-31	Semester completion days – student attendance is optional
February 1	First day of semester two
February 5	First semester report cards available online in MyEdBC

January 30-31 are semester completion days where not all students need to be in attendance. Teachers will be available for those students who need to complete last minute assignments and assessments. Students who do not need this extra time will not be marked absent if they do not attend school on these days. This is the same for students in year-long classes.

New Students New staff

As we approach semester two, we welcome over 15 new students to our school. There will be a school tour for all new students Jan 31 from 1-2 pm. Please meet in the front Atrium.

Course Selection

On February 5th students will be receiving in class presentations regarding course selection for the 2024-2025 school year. We ask that students and parents make informed and accurate selections as there will be little opportunities for changes once complete. Please see more information in this newsletter and visit our website for more information.

I look forward to working with our staff, students, and parent community and I wish everyone a positive start to semester two. If you have any questions regarding this newsletter or other inquiries, please call us at 604-542-3322

Take care,


Principal, Grandview Heights Secondary
Darren Bedard



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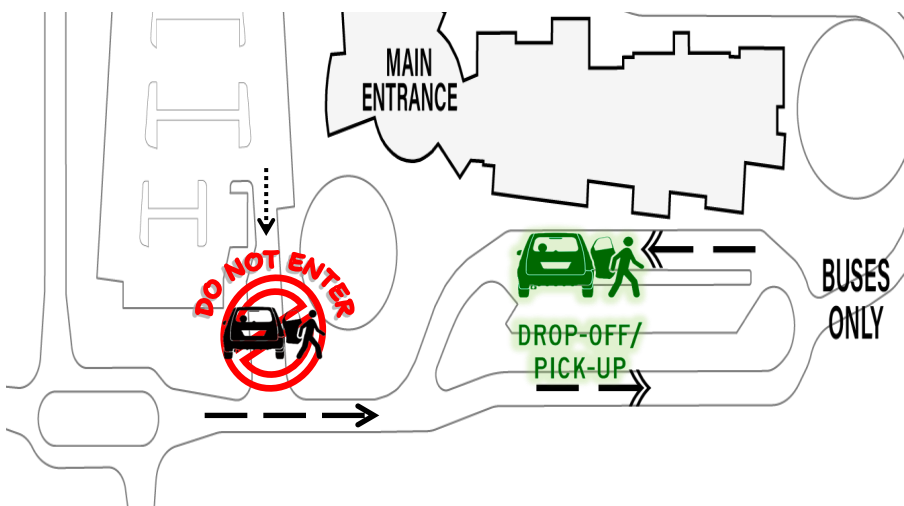
COURSE PLANNING 2024-2025

DATE	WHAT IS HAPPENING?	DETAILS
February 5, 2024	The 2024/2025 Course Planning Guide will be posted on Grandview Heights Website.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take a look at the Course Planning Guide and start to think about courses you would like to take. Download the Grade Course Selection Form and begin to pencil in your choices.
February 15	Grade Assemblies for Grade 8-11 with Counselors and Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will be having grade specific assemblies outlining to Grandview students how to choose courses on MYED portal.
February 15 - 22	The MYED portal will be open for next year course selection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MYED instructions will be posted on our website Grade Assembly power points will be posted on website with full information and instructions.
February 20 – March 1	Counselors will be visiting all Grade 11s for one-to-one appointments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counselors will check course selections done by Grade 11s (ensure they are done!) and make sure they meet graduation requirements. Counselors will also make sure students have the courses they need to meet their plans for after graduation.

STUDENT PICKUP & DROP-OFFS

Reminder to parents and students.

For everyone's safety and faster flow of traffic - please **do not** drop-off or pickup students in the orange coned area of the main parking lot entrance. This causes traffic to backup and block the road.



Are You Moving?

Are you changing schools and not returning to Grandview Heights Secondary?

Please notify the office so we can update our records and ensure that your student file is forwarded to your new school.

EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY 2024	
30	Completion Day - B, A, D, C
31	Completion Day - C, D, A, B
31	Semester 2 New Student Tour
FEBRUARY 2024	
1	Semester 2 Begins
8	Report Cards Issued Online
12	PAC Meeting at 7:00PM
14	Valentines Day
19	Family Day—School Closed
23	Non-Instructional Day
28	Pink Shirt Day
29	Jazz & Java at 7PM
29	Grade 9 Immunizations Day 2
MARCH 2024	
13	Spring Music Concert at 7PM
14	Early Dismissal for Parent /Teacher Interviews 2:30PM-5:30PM
18-29	Spring Break & School Closure
APRIL 2024	
1	Easter Monday—School Closed
2	School Re-Opens
15	PAC Meeting at 7:00PM
15-19	Numeracy & Literacy Exam Week
22	Early Dismissal for Marks Entry
25	Report Cards Issued Online
26	GRAH 23/24 Newsletter #3

COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

It's hard to believe that we are already at the end of semester 1 and about to get started with the second half of the year. With second semester approaching, we look forward to getting started with new classes. Once everyone is settled into their new courses we will move into our course selection process for next year. There will be much more information to come about this process next month. We wish students a wonderful start to their second semester.

For those students inquiring about course change options, there is a new course change process being implemented for second semester. We look forward to our continued work together with our Grandview students/families.

Semester 2 Course Change Request Process

To increase efficiency of course change requests and reduce repetitive student inquiries, we are moving towards a new system for course change requests that will begin this Friday, January 26th. All course change requests will be completed via this online Form:

[2023 / 2024 Semester 2: Course Change Form \(office.com\)](#)

Please do not email, call, send a Teams message or book an in-person appointment for course change requests as we will only be taking requests via the Form.

The Form will be open from Friday, January 26th until Tuesday, February 6th at 3pm. We will not take any requests after that time. Any changes that can be made, will be completed by Wednesday, February 7th at 3pm. Please review your schedule on MyEd BC at that time, and if a change was not made, it was because it was not possible. Please do not email or Teams message your counsellor to inquire. Most importantly, please only fill out the Form once, all other entries will not be considered.

The counselling office will be closed to in person appointments from Monday, January 29th to Wednesday, February 7th as we process these requests. If you need to see your counsellor during that time for a reason other than course change requests, please send an email or Teams message and they will send you an appointment time.

Recap of important dates:

Regular appointments	January 22nd to January 26th
Form for course change requests —> Email or Teams message for other reasons	January 29th to February 7th (Form open until February 6th)
Regular appointments, all course changes for semester two have been completed	February 8th onwards

Thank you for your support in this process!

Grandview Heights Counselling Department

NEWS FROM THE CAREER CENTRE

Work Experience

Thank you to the following employers who gave our semester one student's incredible opportunities for their Work Experience, your support and participation in our Career Education Programs is greatly appreciated.

- ◆ Buchanan Printing Ltd.
- ◆ Creative Kids Learning Centers
- ◆ Dockstader Source for Sports
- ◆ Kids & Company
- ◆ Menchie's
- ◆ Neuromotion Physiotherapy Rehabilitation
- ◆ RONA
- ◆ Rosemary Heights Seniors Village
- ◆ SD36 - Earl Marriott Secondary
- ◆ SD36 Pacific Heights Elementary
- ◆ Shoppers Drug Mart
- ◆ South Surrey Recreation Centre
- ◆ Surf Architecture Inc.
- ◆ Washington Kids Foundation
- ◆ White Spot
- ◆ Winners



District Partnership Programs

Applications for the 2024-2025 school year are now available to our Grade 10 & Grade 11 students. For further information about all the incredible District Partnership Programs available to students, please view the [PDF from our school's website](#). Students who are interested in earning post-secondary credit while still in high school should review the Dual Credit programs and those students interested in pursuing a trade need to review the District TRADE programs. Deadlines are mid- March 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year. Please see Ms. Egitto by early February 2024 to start on the application.

CLC 12 Classes / Capstone Projects

On Tuesday January 23 our Career Life Connections 12 classes had their Capstone presentations in the Learning Commons. The event is always a huge success and gives the students an opportunity to showcase their passions.

CLC 12 is a course that focuses on the 5 stages of Career development: Exploring, planning, reflecting, adapting and deciding. The course explores how decisions are influenced by internal and external factors and highlights the importance of engaging in networks and relationships to find a sense of purpose and career-life balance. The Capstone presentation demonstrates personal learning, achievement, and growth in the areas of thinking, communication, and social competencies.



Scholarships

Stay up to date on the latest, visit our Scholarship Website and view posts on the Microsoft TEAMS Scholarship Team.

Surrey Schools Partners 36 scholarships are LIVE on February 5th, 2024. Completed Application must be printed out and are due to **Ms. Egitto** in the Career Centre by April 4, 2024. DO NOT SUBMIT DIRECTLY TO DISTRICT!

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/page/11480/post-secondary-scholarships#:~:text=Applications%20for%20the%20Partners%2036,February%2015st%20and%20April%2015th.>

Grandview Heights **Internal Scholarship applications** will be available mid February with a due date in early April 2023. Access to application will be available on **@GrandviewHeightsCareersDept**

Grandview Heights Online Clothing Store

We have created an online store where anyone and everyone can order clothing items of their choosing. Please click the link below to see all clothing items available for purchase. If you would like to order any clothing items, please have your order in by February 4th.

If you have any questions, please let me Ms. Rai know! rai_sierra@surreyschools.ca

<https://www.prostockathleticsupply.com/collections/grandview-height-online-store>

ATHLETICS

Athletics is proud of all athletes and coaches this winter season.

This year we have 8 Basketball teams, our Ice Hockey and Wrestling team all displaying Grizzly Pride in the community.

It does not go unnoticed the amount of time and effort our coaches put in to push our students beyond the classroom walls and continue to develop well rounded individuals that goes beyond sport.

A big thank you to our teacher coaches Greg Weidmann, Chad Olafson, Drew Gallacher, Jayne Baggott, Edward Ewacha, Dean Shiels, and Nate Fleming.

An ever bigger thank you to our community coaches who have stepped up to coach our teams, thank you to Craig Preece, Bill Richards, Bill Bakk, Nick Brown, Harp Gill, Mitch Curby, and Eduardo Jovel.

Thank you to the parents for supporting our athletes with all of the work behind the scenes. Please check our Grandview Grizzlies Athletics Website and Instagram for all information regarding our athletic program.

www.grandviewheightsathletics.com

NEWS FROM GRAD COUNSEL 2024

The Grad Council continues to be **fundraising to reduce the cost of grad tickets to enable all** grade 12 students the opportunity to participate in the Grad Dinner & Dance on **May 25th, 2024**. Our upcoming fundraisers include:

Want to know the most DELICIOUS way to support us?

Order Purdy's chocolates from our fundraiser!



From now until **Feb. 26th**, you can order Purdy's treats from our fundraiser by joining our campaign and browsing the tastiest selection of Easter chocolates online.

Shop gifts for family, friends, neighbours AND yourself in one convenient place.

After all orders are submitted, we'll sort, distribute (March 13 during block B), or you can collect your goodies on March 13th from 3:00 to 3:30pm.

What you'll need to order:

All orders due by
Feb. 26th

Order pick-up
March 13th at GHS

*If you have a question,
please contact
Ms. Patterson or Ms. Brett

1. Our campaign name: **GHS Grad 2024** campaign number: **74989**
2. Go to our fundraising website:
<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1877391-115116>
3. Click "Join Campaign"
4. Shop, shop, shop away!

Thank you EVERYONE for your support.

Even if you can't buy chocolates from us, it would mean the world if you could share this fundraiser link to everyone you know!

Happy chocolating!

Please consider donating your recycling funds to our GHS Graduating Class of 2024!
Take your cans, glass, and plastic bottles in clear or clear blue plastic bags to any Return-It location in the Lower Mainland and use our



Account: **G.H. GRAD # 604-532-7995**.

Together we can fundraise and help take care of our earth!

South Surrey Locations:

- #28 - 15515 24 Ave
- 3221 140 St

MUSIC PROGRAM NEWS

The Grandview Heights Music Program has had a busy and successful year so far! All our students performed in our Fall and Winter concerts with great success! Our grade 9 – 12 concert bands participated in the Surrey Concert Band revue in November and received very positive feedback. As a result, our Senior Concert Band was invited to perform in the prestigious national competition called “Music Fest Canada”; it can be very difficult to qualify for this festival! Our Senior Jazz Band was the opening band for the Vancouver Groove Orchestra Christmas Concert in December. It was so exciting to be invited to perform with them and it was a fun night of music!

Currently, our four jazz bands are busy preparing for the Surrey Jazz Festival on February 23 and 24. Students will have the chance to perform for well-known adjudicators and receive feedback and to hear other groups perform. Seven grade 10 and 12 students have been selected to participate in the Surrey student rep. bands at this festival, and we’re looking forward to hearing them perform in these groups!

On February 29th, we are looking forward to presenting our Second Annual Jazz & Java Concert. This evening was very successful last year and should be just as fun this year! Our four jazz bands will be performing at the concert, and the evening will conclude with a performance by the Vancouver Groove Orchestra, a top-level adult jazz band. Guests will be able to enjoy the music in our large gym alongside refreshments such as coffee, tea, and a variety of delicious desserts. Throughout the evening, we will be holding a silent auction, with many exciting items to bid on. Tickets for this event will be sold in advance, and people are strongly encouraged to purchase beforehand. Tickets will cost \$15 per adult, \$12 per student, and children 5 and under will be free of charge. To purchase, please contact Andrea Smith at smith_andrea@surreyschools.ca.

Our Spring Concert will take place on Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00 pm in our large gym and will feature our three concert bands. This will be a great chance to hear the music that students are preparing for their spring trips. Admission will be by donation and paid at the door.

Our grade 10 – 12 music students are very excited to be travelling to Disneyland from April 12 – 16! While there, we will be performing in several venues, taking part in a Disney workshop, enjoying numerous activities in the area, and, of course, spending time in Disneyland!

Our grade 8 and 9 music students will be travelling to Whistler from April 25 – 27 to take part in the Cantando Music Festival. We are looking forward to performing for others, hearing other groups play, and spending some time in Whistler village.

Thank you to our parents and staff for their continued support of the GH Music Program!



GRANDVIEW VISUAL ARTS

2024

Inside the Grizzlies Art Studio!

This is the most rewarding time of the year for art educators, as we see the fruits of our students' labour in their final creations. Our Yearbook, Photography, Ceramics & Visual Art classes have all expanded rapidly with GHS creatives who thrive in our inspiring learning spaces. As my focus has changed throughout my career, I have found my joy in teaching pottery. My students seem to love having the connection to earth and using their hands to create

something beautiful from it. Aasha, one of my new students finished her wheel thrown plate with a dragon eye design said today, "This is literally the best thing I've ever made in my life!". I've found it so important for youth to reduce stress and be present as they are focused on the mud spinning wildly in front of them! Fun facts: the potter's wheel is about 6000 years old, while the oldest known piece of pottery is 25 000 years old.

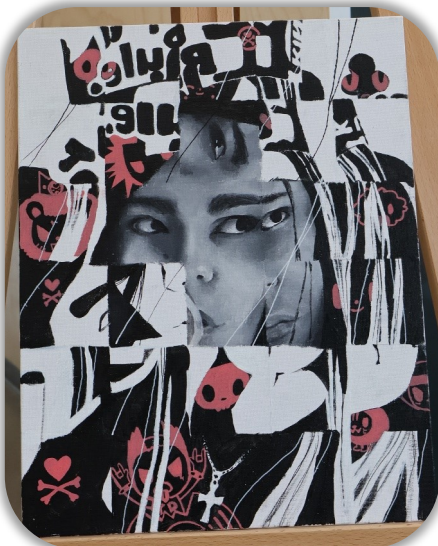
SUNNYSIDE ART COLLAB

In September, myself (Mrs. Shuto) and Ms. Mears (the high school teacher) were talking while our own children played together at their soccer practice. She was telling me about a project that her students were working on at Grandview Heights. It was a tape project inspired by Darel Carey, an artist from Los Angeles who creates optical

illusions using tape. My first response to hearing this was to say, "our kindergarten students can do this too!" We created linear paintings, and we shared them with Ms. Mears who then shared them with her students. This is how our collaboration was born. While we were waiting for our paint to dry, the older students took the younger students on a tour of the school to see their tape art from earlier in the year. They were amazing! The kindergarten students were so excited, and the Grandview students made us feel so welcome. - Kelly Shuto, Sunnyside Elementary

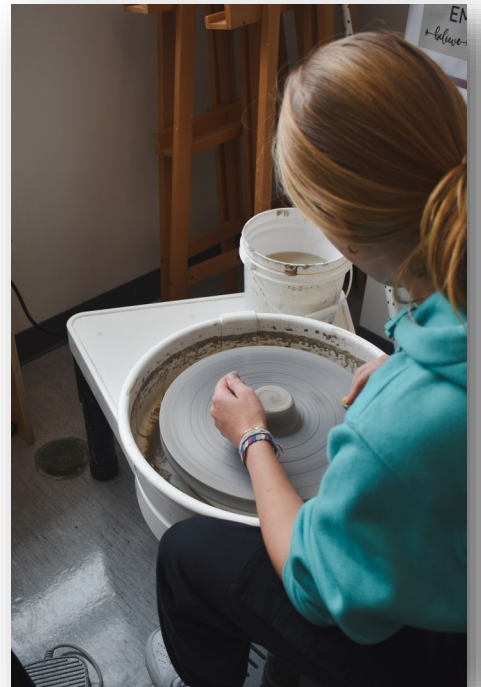


During the semester Grandview Heights gr. 9-10 artists have eagerly explored the curriculum. Some favourite assignments include the animal eye *value* study, *contrast* art using scratchboard and white pencil crayon on black paper and their *colour scheme* paintings. Now, as the semester is nearing an end, students will be moving onto their final project where they will create their own original composition bringing the Elements of Art together in a unique way. We look forward to seeing what they create! - Ms. Wardle, Art Teacher



This fall has been a flurry of creating in our Grizzlies Art Studios. Our annual GHS Polar Pop-Up Art Market Event was completely different this year with an early kickoff to winter in November and the inclusion of student vendors! Feeder school families, staff and students enjoyed delicious baking, candy, hot chocolate and shopped locally handmade arts & craft. Highlights included incredible performances by our talented student musicians & our Junior Hip Hop dance team. We love that this event showcases so many student makers & shakers but allows for cross-curricular / community collaborations as well. Thanks to all staff & students for making this another successful event! Our Pop-Up committee with their super marketing Business leaders, Leadership 9 students, Photography, Woodwork, Textiles, Foods, Ceramics & Art superstars.

Check out our IG pages for info on student vendors by our super savvy social coordinator Aashka Benning. We finally have our cheque ready after many online parent donations & staff room bonus sales... a whopping **\$2741.77** will be delivered by our students to The Surrey Food Bank in February.



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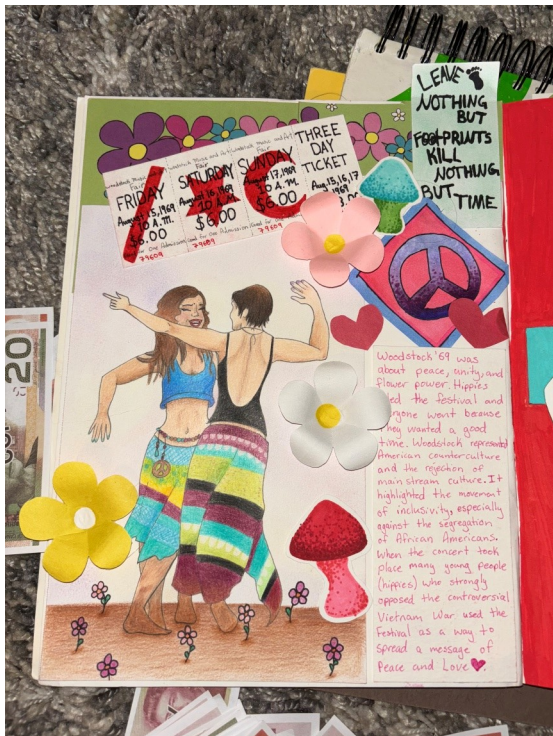
@grandview_art

@ghsphotoclass





Students in Yearbook Class have been working hard on the creation of the 2024 GHS Yearbook. This year's chosen theme is Graffiti/street style. We had a great first Siblings Photo Shoot this week, we plan to do another one soon. Please encourage your kids to come get their portraits taken!



Do you have any GHS related pics you would like to be considered for this year's yearbook?



Please send your jpeg images to: grandviewheightsyearbook@gmail.com



Basic Student Fee:

Student Activity Fee (Required for all students) \$25

(Student fee is directed to Student Council, Grizzlie’s App, Athletics, Locks, and Student Events.)

Grad Fee (Required for Grade 12 students only) \$50

(Grad Fee includes the Commencement, Cap and Gown, and Commemorative Graduation Certificate)

ATHLETIC FEES:

Volleyball	\$80
Basketball	\$80
Rugby	\$85
Soccer (includes socks)	\$70
Ball Hockey	\$80
Aquatics	\$40
Cross Country	\$40
Track & Field	\$40
Badminton	\$60
Ultimate	\$60
Golf	\$60
Specialty Program: High Performance Hockey Skills Program	\$1350

Science Dept: Workbooks (optional but recommended)

BC Science 8: Connections	\$10
BC Science 9: Connections	\$10
BC Science 10: Connections	\$10

Math Dept: Workbooks (optional but recommended)

Pre Calculus 11	\$28
Pre Calculus 12	\$28
Foundations of Math 11	\$28
Foundations of Math 12	\$28
Advance Placement Exam (optional)	\$125

ADST FOODS & TEXTILES: Optional Enhancement to Program

Foods 8 Rotation	\$10
Foods 9-12	\$45
Baking and Foodography 12	\$40
Textiles 8 Rotation	\$10
Textiles 9-12	\$10

ADST TECH ED: Optional Enhancement to Program

Woodwork 8 Rotation	\$10
Metalwork 8 Rotation	\$10

ADST FINE ARTS – CERAMICS : Optional Enhancement to Program

Ceramics Enhancement Fee	\$30
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Families who are unable to pay part, or all fees, should contact the school. All requests to waive fees will be kept confidential.

2024–2025 Surrey Schools Calendar

Legend	
	Schools open/reopen
	Non-instructional day (no classes)
	Schools closed

Sept. 2, 2024	Labour Day
Sept. 3, 2024	Schools open
Sept. 27, 2024	Non-instructional day
Sept. 30, 2024	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
Oct. 14, 2024	Thanksgiving Day
Oct. 25, 2024	Non-instructional day
Nov. 8, 2024	Non-instructional day
Nov. 11, 2024	Remembrance Day
Dec. 23 - Jan. 3, 2025	Winter break
Jan. 6, 2025	Schools re-open after winter break
Feb. 17, 2025	Family Day
Feb. 21, 2025	Non-instructional day
Mar. 17 - Mar. 21, 2025	Spring break
Mar. 24 - Mar. 28, 2025	School closure days
March 31, 2025	Schools re-open after spring break
April 18, 2025	Good Friday
April 21, 2025	Easter Monday
May 2, 2025	Non-instructional day
May 19, 2025	Victoria Day
May 26, 2025	Non-instructional day
June 27, 2025	Administrative day/schools close

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Reminder Note for Surrey Schools Students

Once a student is withdrawn or graduates, Example: is no longer an Active student in the District, their account is placed in a holding state for 40 calendar days. During this time, the former student may access emails and files they previously had access to in Office 365. After the 40 calendar days have elapsed, the surreyschools.ca account expires which means emails and files are no longer accessible.

