



April 4, 2022

Good morning, Guildford Park Parents & Caregivers.

We hope everyone had a great spring break. The two weeks gave everyone time to relax and for some to catch up with their studies during the rain. The purpose of this email is to inform our parent community about various updates, events, and dates. We also have a survey for parents to complete regarding our school.

Health Restrictions Update – Masks

The announcement prior to the break regarding the mask mandate came into effective last week. Our students have been very cooperative and conscientious with their mask wearing in the past year plus. Based on observations, more than half the students continue to wear masks in class and the hallways. Students and staff continue to show respect for the individual choice to wear a mask or not. Masks are still available for students to use at the front office desk. Masks are optional, but schools still have health restrictions that must be followed:

- Daily Health Checks are still required
- Stay home if you are not feeling well
- Wash or sanitize your hands frequently

Grad Class of 2022 Information

Please see the separate email sent to all parents & caregivers regarding important information with upcoming Grad celebrations this coming spring. Some grads still need to pay their \$45 grad fee. Again, check your email for that important message to Grads. ALL students can help the grads by participating in various fund raisers for the grads ... Krispy Kreme donuts is one. This will happen every second Friday.

Graduation Assessments Grade 10 and 12s

The Ministry had postponed Graduation Assessments in January and ALL grade 10 and grade 12 students have to complete these assessments to graduate. We have scheduled the assessments on April 27th.

April 27th Morning Grade 12 Literacy Assessment

April 27th Afternoon Grade 10 Literacy Assessment

Students will be informed the time and location for this online assessment. Grade 10's will compete the Numeracy Assessment in June (date TBA). Grade 12's who miss the Literacy Assessment on April 27th MUST write in June to graduate.

Sabre Council Humanitarian Fundraiser for Ukraine

Sabre Council continues to support those in need. In December they raised lots of funds and can goods for the local food bank. This time, Sabre Council is supporting the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. Last week, students were able to pre-order bubble tea from a local business called Chatime. For every \$7 bubble tea, half of the cost is going to the United Nations Humanitarian Crisis & Refugee fund. The pre-orders sold out in one lunch hour, and they raised over \$700 in one day.

Sabre Council is also asking our community to support this as well by donating online. Please click on the link below to contribute to support those in crisis in Ukraine. Every dollar counts to help this situation!

<https://surreyschools.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/49516/90/False/True>

This link will be open till April 19th for contributions. No tax receipts will be provided. On behalf of Sabre Council, thanks for your support for those in crisis in Ukraine. We would like to thank Chatime for supporting our initiative to raise funds as well!

Student Learning Survey 2021/2022

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until April 29th.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Johnstone.

April Celebrations

April has various cultural celebrations that many of our students and families celebrate. To all our Muslim students and families, on behalf of the entire staff Happy Ramadan Mubarak. May Allah ease your hardships and shower you with loads of peace and prosperity during the holy month of Ramadan. For those students who wish to pray during the day, please note the wrestling portable is available from 1:15 pm -1:30 pm. Once again, Happy Ramadan.

For our Sikh students and families, April is also an important spiritual celebration. April is the month of Vaisakhi and is celebrated on April 13th which is the birth of Khalsa. On behalf of the Guildford Park staff, Happy Vaisakhi!

Planning for the 2022-2023 School Year

We have been planning for the next school year since February. Students have had course selection presentations and have selected their courses for next year. There will be upcoming information about course verification for next year. Students will have ONE more chance to change courses. After that we build the master timetable for next year. Student course selection determines what teachers teach.

Summer Learning

For those who are interested in summer learning. Surrey Schools offer various credit and non-credit courses during the summer. Remedial (Grade 8/9 students who fail a class) and full credit courses will be offered at Guildford Park this summer again. If you are interested in taking a course in the summer, please see the online registration link: <https://legacy.surreyschools.ca/departments/cedu/summerlearning/8-12/pages/default.aspx>

Please note it is very important for students to message their counsellor on Teams if they intend to register for a course in the summer. Thanks for your cooperation.

Upcoming Dates

April 4	Summer Learning Registration Opens
April 13	PAC Meeting – Library
April 14	Sabre Council Applications due for 2022-2023
April 15	Good Friday – School Closed
April 18	Easter Monday – School Closed
April 27	Graduation Assessments – Grade 10 & 12
April 26	Early Dismissal
April 29	Report Cards Posted to MyEdBC
May 3	Sabre Council Election Day
May 6	PD Day – School Closed

Have a great April and take care everyone!

Sincerely,
Mr. Johnstone, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Biggar, and Mr. Moloney,
Guildford Park Secondary Administrators