



Guildford Park Secondary School

"Everyone Matters"

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We acknowledge that we work, live and learn on the unceded shared territories of the Coast Salish. We acknowledge the q̓íçəy̓ (Katzie), Kwikwetlem, Qayqayt, Musqueam, Semyome (Semiahmoo) and Kwantlen First Nations who have been the stewards of this land since time immemorial.

Good afternoon Guildford Park Parents and Caregivers,
We are now well into the semester and everyone is back to our normal school routines. It has been a busy fall already with various school events, activities, sports, and lots of learning in our classes. The purpose of this letter is to provide various reminders, updates, and upcoming events and dates.

First, we would like to share our best wishes for those families who celebrate Diwali.



Last Week Events

Last week was very busy. Fraser Health Authority hosted a vaccination clinic for our community. We had about a dozen or so grandparents and parents take the opportunity to get vaccinated and 110 students chose to get a vaccination. Just after 3 pm that day, the nurses ran out of vaccine and all of the 125 doses were used. We also hosted our first Parent Teacher Interviews in a long time. It was wonderful to welcome our parents and caregivers into the building to speak with teachers and discuss student learning. Teachers were busy all afternoon and evening. We also used an online booking system for the appointment session. Lots of positive feedback on that system. A special thanks to the 25 plus student volunteers who helped our parents find the proper room in the building. Thank you as well to our Surrey School District Multicultural workers who attended to help and provide translating for many of our families.

Halloween was an exciting day last week as well. The entire staff dressed up and so many students celebrated Halloween with creative and amazing costumes. Sabre Council hosted an amazing costume contest at lunch in the Plaza. Lots of creative and wonderful costumes. For the second year in a row, Mr. Strain, Ms. Biggar and our Rec Leadership class hosted a pumpkin patch for the primary grades from Mary Jane Shannon Elementary. Everyone involved had a great time. Our student leaders were wonderful with the children helping them select their pumpkins. Many positive connections were created with this annual event.



PAC Meeting

The next PAC meeting is this coming **Wednesday, November 10th**. The meeting will be at 6 pm in the Library. Parents can also attend online by using this Zoom Link below. See you next week in the Library or online.
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89757890015?pwd=L01hUmIxVGxXNlZQSXZlEaHY3NEJudz09>

Meeting ID: 897 5789 0015

Passcode: 0G6xkt

Empower Surrey Parent Workshop

The City of Surrey and the Surrey School District has partnered together to provide various parent workshops. Guildford Park is hosting the next session on Tuesday, November 9th at 6 pm in the Library. Parents will learn how to keep your kids safe from criminal activity and gangs. For more information check out the website: www.empowersurrey.ca



Take Your Kid to Work Day

A big part of Careers 9 is today! All across the province, Grade 9 students have the opportunity to go to work with a parent, caregiver or a family member. This is great day of learning and an introduction to the work world. Today we had about 165 Sabre Grade 9 students go to work with a family member. We look forward to hearing their experiences. Thanks to our Careers staff for promoting this day of learning!

Reminders & Upcoming Dates

Just a few reminders for our families and students.

- We continue to have to complete a daily health check. If students and staff are not feeling well and have symptoms of COVID 19, they must stay home. Any questions related to COVID 19, please contact your health provider or call 811.
- If you child is not able to come to school, please call the main office at 604-588-7601 or email at guildfordpark@surreyschools.ca
- School Fees & *School Cash Online* provides you with the convenience of paying online for school items such as school fees, yearbooks, field trips and athletic fees. We really want to save you time when paying for school expenses, so we can't wait for you to take advantage of this opportunity. *School Cash Online* is a safe and secured way to pay without the need for cash or cheques – fees can be paid through 2 different payment methods: credit card and eCheque.

Register Online: Note: School Cash On-Line offers communications in different languages - please see the 'Select Tab' at top right corner of the home page. **Step 1:** Please go to www.gpsabres.ca select the **Parent tab** at the top of page then select **Pay Fees Online** to register online (it takes less than 5 minutes!). Once you have registered your child, you will be able to see when they have a new item posted online for purchase. You also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school expense due, so you don't have to worry about missing the deadline. **Step 2:** Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and following the steps. **Step 3:** After you receive the confirmation email, select the "click here" option, login in and add each of your children to your household account. At this time only the student fee, yearbook and graduation ceremony fee are listed in the school cash online catalogue. If you would like to pay for school fees at the school office, we can accept payment in cash (exact change only) or by cheque made payable to Guildford Park Secondary. Thank you.

Upcoming Dates

- November 9 Parent Workshop, 6 pm
- November 10 PAC Meeting
- November 11 Remembrance Day
- November 12 Professional Day – School Closed
- November 15 Report Cards posted to MyedBC

Athletics

Our Fall sports are coming to a close in the next few weeks. Everyone was excited this fall as school sports were back after a hiatus since March 2020 due to COVID. Our Sabres competed hard on the court and the field. They worked hard as a team and represented to the school and family with respect and good sportsmanship. A special thanks to the coaches who make this happen and our Athletic Director, Mr. Strain.

Junior Boys Soccer	Mr. Dudka, Mr. Puharich
Grade 8 Girls Volleyball	Ms. Missellbrook, Cherylou Amigo, Mark De Castro
Junior Girls Volleyball	Ms. Hoff
Senior Girls Volleyball	Ms. Carpenter
Grade 8 Boys Volleyball	Mr. Weidmann
Junior Boys Volleyball	Mr. Prahalad, Mr. Plumb
Senior Boys Volleyball	Monica Martinez, Mr. Ebtakar

Our next season has started already with basketball and wrestling. We are proud of our Sabres!

Sincerely,

Mr. J. Johnstone, Mr. M. Moloney, Ms. J. Johnson and Ms. A. Biggar,
GP Administrative Team