

École Salish Secondary





<u>Principal's Message</u>

January 17th, 2020

What a week! The freezing temperatures, icy roads and a snow day makes for a very unsettling week. Despite the uncertainty, staff made it to work and students were in classes. The challenging weather definitely adds another layer of stress as we close out first semester. Thank you to all staff for keeping our students focused despite the distraction that the bleak weather conditions created.

A huge thank you to our custodians as well as Mr. Mahli, Mr. Tait and Andrew for shoveling the sidewalks and access points to the school. It took the crew all day Wednesday to clear the paths for school on Thursday.

I always enjoy walking around the school and poking my head into classes to see learning happening. I am particularly excited when invited to see lessons that teachers have collaboratively designed. This week, I was hoping to observe students working on a collaborative project that combined science, math and drafting. Ms. Punia, Ms. Mann and Ms. Ryan had 60 students in the woodshop and CADD lab working on community meeting spaces. I had the visit scheduled in my calendar but with the snow day, I mixed up the times and managed to miss the class on Thursday. I was most disappointed as the project sounded very interesting. I also had a moment to stop in the upper green pod to watch a few moments of the Confederation debate that was happening in a combined Ms. Grover and Mr. Anderson's Social Studies 9 classes with Mme. Jarvis' French Immersion Social Studies 9 class. It was a different experience to hear the Confederation debate happening in both official languages of Canada.

This weekend we are hosting the Breakout Dance Competition. This is a massive event with over 2000 students participating in the event. We wish Ms. Jensen and her students all the best in this event. All dancers must arrive at 9am. Volunteers please arrive at 9am or the time decided at the meeting. Doors open at 11am for audience members. NO tickets will be sold at the door. Ticket sales may open half way through the event for the team categories.

Next week will have a different flow. First, we hope the weather is significantly warmer and we don't see any more ice or snow. It is our last week of the semester for our Grade 10-12s. The Numeracy Assessment will happen on Thursday, January 23rd. Thursday is a 'Completion Day' and that evening we will hold our first Winter Formal. Friday is another 'Completion Day'.

Ms. Hammond, Mr. Mahli and Mr. Tait

CAREERS CORNER

- 1) CLC Capstone Presentations have been rescheduled to February 13th due to the weather conditions this week.
- 2) There are several work experience opportunities for students to apply to over Spring Break. Any interested students should head to the Career Centre for more information.



3) Students interested in a career in Law Enforcement are encouraged to apply for the National Youth Engagement Week where they will have a chance to train at the RCMP Depot Division in Saskatchewan from March 23-27th.



4) There will be an information session on the newly offered Tah-tul-ut Education Pathway Program on Jan. 30th from 6-7pm at the District Education Centre (Room 2020)



École Salish Secondary Schedule: Graduation Numeracy Assessment

For all **grade 10 students who are on a regular graduation program-** please see the following schedule: **9:00 am January 23rd**:

- Students last names beginning **A-B**, meet in **Room 274 by 8:30 am**. You may bring a calculator and pen/pencil- see guidelines below.
- Students last names beginning **C-E**, meet in **Room 125 by 8:30 am**. You may bring a calculator and pen/pencil- see guidelines below.
- Students last names beginning **F-L**, meet in the **Learning Commons Library by 8:30 am**. You may bring a calculator and pen/pencil- see guidelines below.

12:30 pm January 23rd:

- Students last names beginning **M-O**, meet in **Room 274 by 12:15 pm**. You may bring a calculator and pen/pencil- see guidelines below.
- Students last names beginning **P-Sidhu**, meet in **Room 125 by 12:15 pm.** You may bring a calculator and pen/pencil- see guidelines below.
- Students last names beginning **Singh-Z**, meet in the **Learning Commons Library by 12:15 pm.** You may bring a calculator and pen/pencil- see guidelines below.

Important Information

- The Graduation Numeracy Assessment (GNA) is a graduation requirement for all students. It consists of 24 multiple-choice questions and two response-type questions.
- Results will be reported using a proficiency scale rather than an actual letter grade. Students can retake the GNA to improve their proficiency. Their best level achieved will be counted as their final result.
- For more information and to review practice materials: https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/assessment/grade-10-numeracy-assessment
- Students have up to three hours to complete- most will be done in 2 hours or less.

• <u>Calculator Policy</u>:

Calculators must be hand-held devices designed primarily for mathematical computations including addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; operations with exponents square and cube roots. (Graphing calculators are allowed.)

Devices such as smartphones, tablets, laptops and other electronics with cameras, storage, and Wi-Fi capabilities are not permitted. *Calculators cannot be used to share information during the assessment, or to remove assessment questions or answers from the assessment room*.

January 23rd and 24th are Completion Days. There will be no scheduled classes for all grades. Teachers may request specific students to come in.

The Learning Pack is offering "Catch Up & Get Organized":

When:

• Thursday, January 23rd from 8am-2pm

Where:

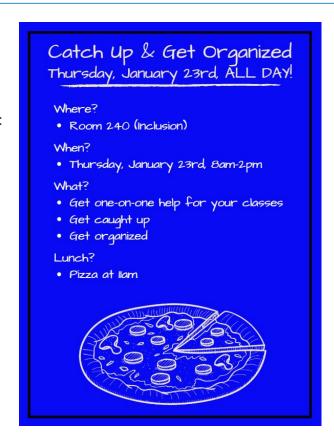
Room 240 (Inclusion/Butterfly room)

What:

- Get one-on-one help for your classes
- Get caught up
- Get organized

Lunch:

Pizza at 11am



ATTENTION PARENTS & STUDENTS:



Early
Registration
Deadline Feb. 7th!

Sun Run 2020!

If you're interested in running with the Salish team, please see Mr. Lo & Ms. Baumgartner.

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The Vancouver Sun Run is Canada's largest 10K road race. Run/walk through a beautiful scenic course that highlights Vancouver's downtown core at Burrard Street and Georgia Street, the world famous Stanley Park, and Cambie Street Bridge for the final stretch across the bridge to the finish line. Come walk/run with Salish April 19th, 2020!

Details here: http://bit.ly/salishruns or ask Vincent Lo and Angie Baumgartner!



Bell and Rotation Schedule 2019-2020

2019-2020 School Calendar

Salish Online Counsellor Appts.

Salish Careers Website

Salish Volunteer Directory 2019-2020

CALENDAR

Saturday, January 18th – Breakout 2020, Surrey High School Dance Competition at Salish.

Doors open at 11:00am, Show starts at 11:30am

NEXT WEEK

Mon., Jan. 20th 9:35am Grade 9 Course Selection Assembly (Block B)

Tues., Jan. 21st Wed., Jan. 22nd

Thurs., Jan. 23rd Completion Day (No Scheduled Classes)

8:30am Numeracy Assessments (Gr. 10 last names A-L)
12:00pm Numeracy Assessments (Gr. 10 last names M-Z)

7:00pm-9:30pm Winter Formal Dance (Gr.11/12)

Fri., Jan. 24th Completion Day (No Scheduled Classes), Last Day of Semester 1

LOOKING AHEAD

Mon., Jan. 27th Semester 2 starts

Tues., Jan. 28th 8:15am Grade 10 Course Selection Assembly (Block B1)

Wed., Jan. 29th

Thurs., Jan. 30th 11:40am Grade 11 Course Selection Assembly (Block B1)

6:30pm Current Gr. 9-11 Parents - Course Selection Night (Large gym)

Fri., Jan. 31st

REPORT CARDS

Published online, through the MyEd Family Portal, at 4:00pm on February 5th, 2020

- Semester 1 Final Report Card
- Linear Midterm Report Card