



EVER CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Ever Creek Students, Parents, and Families,

As we transition into our summer mindset and hopefully take some time with family and friends to recharge the batteries, I am taking some time to reflect on the 2019/2020 school year. I think we can all agree that the school year started out like most before it and then COVID-19 hit the world stage and life as we knew it began to change radically.

When word came in March that there would be a suspension of in-class learning, I think we were all surprised. Ever Creek's teachers, education assistants, and support staff rallied to provide a completely new learning structure and to connect personally with every student in our school. This work was complex and it required a great amount of learning and time from all members of our staff. What was clear to me right away was that staff put the care of students first. They reached out over and over and worked to ensure that students and their families had what was necessary to minimize the impact of the global pandemic. Ever Creek distributed close to 100 laptops to students/families that required additional technology. Students were asked to learn in a completely new way and had to "own" their learning in a way they had never before. Parents, siblings, and other family members stepped in to help students be successful at home in every way possible. Thank you to our students, staff, and families for all coming together during this very challenging time.

Grade 12 Dogwood Graduation Certificates and Transcripts

Graduation certificates are produced by the Ministry of Education and will be available for pick up at the school near the end of August. We will send an email when the certificates are ready to be picked up.

Students can access the StudentTranscripts Service at: www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca/. To get started, they must first create a Basic BCeID account to access their transcript information. Help videos, including "Registering for a BCeID and Accessing the StudentTranscripts Service" and "How to order/send a transcript to a Post-Secondary Institution," are available on the website along with other help information.

Students need only complete their PSI selections once in the current school year but may add to their selections at any time up to July 10, 2020. Students may make up to 25 selections free of charge within six months after completing their last course. After six months, students will be charged \$10 per transcript on the StudentTranscripts Service.

Report Cards

Report Cards are available now and can be seen on the MyEd BC Student and Family Portals. If you have questions about the marks in a particular course, please email the teacher directly and "cc" your alpha vice-principal. Instructions for accessing MyEd BC are available on our school website.

Textbook & Library book returns/Yearbooks

Any textbooks or library books that students have at home, should be dropped off ASAP at the school office between 10 & 2 Monday to Friday to ensure you are not charged for lost resources. Yearbooks that were previously ordered can be picked up at the office during these same times.



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September 2020

We are planning to open our doors on September 8th to welcome our new Grade 8's and welcome back our returning students. However, at this point it is difficult to know what the start of school will look like. We anticipate hearing more from the Ministry of Education and Provincial Health Officer later in August and we will let the science guide us on our steps forward. We will update you as soon as we are able to. Please check out our website and look out for emails from the school in late August for more information. We have already shown that together we can be flexible and successful in planning for different scenarios and changing our approach to instruction and student learning quickly so I am confident that we will be able to handle whatever lays ahead.

Grads of 2020

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations. As I stated at your commencement ceremony, I am sorry that we were not able to come together to celebrate you in the traditional ways we have at Ever Creek. I wish you every happiness as you head into the next chapter of your life. You should have all received an email with your photo from commencement and a link to the ceremony video. Please email Ms. Larsen directly at larsen_m@surreyschools.ca if you have not received this.

As we see this strange school year come to an end, I want to again thank our parents, community partners and staff for your hard work, dedication, passion and commitment to our students. Please rest assured that we will take what we have learned over the last few months to create the most effective and safe learning environment possible.

To all of our Ever Creek students, I wish you a safe and fun summer. Stay safe (keep physically distanced and wash your hands often!) and we look forward to welcoming you back in a couple of months. I look forward to seeing everyone back inside Ever Creek in September (hopefully!).

Regards

Mike Kilpatrick
Principal