

Video Message October 28, 2020
Education Services School Youtube Channel here:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UClldDq8Ab4evBOGYAER1YzQ>

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to our Youtube LIVE Broadcast. I'm not sure how many are able to tune in or how many have questions – but I hope this will be seen by all of the students, parents, guardians, and even staff, in Education Services School. I'm so glad to film this as a live broadcast in case there are any live questions. You can ask them in the chat box on Youtube if you are logged on or email me at to_d@surreyschools.ca to ask questions now or for future broadcasts. We will be broadcasting every two weeks at 12:30pm. It should only be a 15-20 minute session but I can go longer if need be. I will also include a transcript of what I'm saying after the fact on the schools' website. It is, indeed, my pleasure to film this video message as we reach the end of the first month of face to face instruction.

I have several things I want to bring up in this video.

Resources – The COVID 19 Pandemic is not going away anytime soon, and we know the Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, just implemented some additional orders and suggestions. Most of these are around gatherings in homes: but one thing she did ask was that people use masks in indoor public spaces as best they can. For us, that means if you're going into the community with your school group or on your own, you need to have a mask with you at all times. The idea is to first keep others safe and also to keep yourself safe as well. If you have misplaced your district supplied mask or, for some reason, never got one, please let your teacher know and we will make sure you have one.

Our Superintendent, Dr. Jordan Tinney also has a message about masks that he published last week. It can be found here:

<https://vimeo.com/469826125>

Schedules – Schools have shown to be quite safe even though we seem to have more cases of COVID-19 in the Fraser Health region than any other region in the Province. However, out of an abundance of caution, the teachers in each respective program in our school has created a schedule for every student to be able to engage in full school every day, but also stay safe: mainly because our teaching spaces are smaller than a regular school and classroom. You have been in your schedule for an entire quarter now and hopefully you are happy with it. In my visits to each site, I have had nothing but positive comments from students. If you want to review your schedule, please check in with your teacher.

Sports and extras – Unfortunately, we have not had an opportunity to start any extracurricular activities. Our Athletic Director (and also counsellor) TJ is working hard with BC School Sports to create opportunities for you that will be safe during a pandemic. More information will be coming shortly. We will also work with your teachers in the coming months to create more extracurricular and optional opportunities for you to learn and engage outside of the classroom. Stay Tuned!

Finally – I want to once again thank your amazing teachers, outreach workers, EAs, and any other staff who support your learning. They have done outstanding work and should be applauded. I also want to thank our district partners for all they are doing to support your learning. To all of the adults working with our students and families – cheers! Thanks for being on our front lines!

I always encourage everyone to please stay connected to this Facebook Page, our School Website and our District website for any updated information.

<http://educationservicesschool.ca>
www.surreyschools.ca

To close, please know that you and your families are our priority. We have tried our best to always be here for you as a school community – and even more so now as we are living in the “new normal”. Stay safe out there everyone!



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