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# Newsletter

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The school newsletter will be available to students and parents on-line only. A telephone message will notify you that it has been posted on the Dover Bay website [www.doverbay.ca](http://www.doverbay.ca) If you do not have access to a computer there will be some copies available in the office for you or your child to pick up.

## I. PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS:

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to the New Year and the "stretch run" to the end of the semester. Attention to home study is very important at this time of the year and I would encourage all parents to support their children in this endeavor. Student and teachers are beginning to prepare for the course ending assignments and assessment, it is important that you follow your daughters/sons schedules over the next few weeks to support them.

School counselors are beginning the course selection process for the 2012-2013 school year. Please review the course selection options and familiarize yourself with the course calendar on our Dover Bay website. Careful planning for next year pays big dividends for the future!

### Important Points for the end of semester 1:

- all classes will be in session for semester 1 until January 26 inclusive.
- Grade 10 students will be dismissed Tuesday January 24 am. they will not be required to attend classes but will be required to attend when their provincial exam is scheduled then returning to classes in the afternoon for regular scheduled classes.
- Grade 10 students will be dismissed January 25-26, they will not be required to attend classes but will be required to attend when their provincial exam is scheduled.
- On Friday January 27 only students writing a special conflict exam or teacher appointed time are required to attend.

- Semester 2 will start on Monday, January 30, starting with a 10 min. homeroom, moving to a regular day schedule.
- Teachers will have course ending final marks prepared for students and parents after Friday, February 3. Parents and students must request marks by phone call or e-mail from the subject teacher.
- Grade 12 students will be receiving all course final marks on report cards that will be sent home on Thursday, February 9. All other final marks require parent /student requests from teacher.

***Please log into the Dover Bay Web Site ([doverbay.ca](http://doverbay.ca)) to check on all schedules and current Job Action information affecting Dover Bay.***

The staff and students would like to thank and say goodbye to the following staff members leaving:

Elizabeth Monaghan	Office Secretary
Caitlin Ryan	French
Jim Basnett	Technology Ed./Woodwork
John Young	English, Semester 2 LOA

We also welcome:

Ken Holland	Technology Ed. returning
Elke Wohlleben	Office Secretary
Stephen Cummings	Band teacher
Bill McWhinnie	English
Steven Epps	Geography, English

During the remainder of January and February Mrs. Marshall will be the Acting Principal while I am away having surgery. During this time Mr. Pascoe will be Acting Vice-principal supporting Mr. Lintott and Mrs. Marshall, he will also be responsible for students and

families with the last names of A-G for administrative support.

Good luck to all students on your final exams and the start of the new semester.

Sincerely  
John Blain, Principal

## II. IMPORTANT DATES:

Jan. 19	VIU Presentation (Gr.11's) 7-8pm
Jan. 24-26	Exams
Jan. 27	Last Day of Semester 1
Jan. 30	First Day of Semester 2
Feb. 2	PAC Mtg. 7pm – Everyone Welcome
Feb. 20/21	Pro-D Days – No School
Feb. 29	Anti-Bullying Day
Mar. 1	PAC Mtg. 7pm – Everyone Welcome
Mar. 19-23	Spring Break
March 26	Return to School from Spring Break

**Note: Pro-D-Day is April 23, 2012 NOT 16<sup>th</sup> as stated in previous correspondence.**

## **EXAM SCHEDULE – JANUARY, 2012**

### Monday, January 23

Regular classes in session

### Tuesday, January 24

Regular Classes in session

8:35 – 11:30 am – **Math 10 Exams**

### Wednesday, January 25

Regular Classes in session

Provincial 8:35 – 11:30 am – **Eng. 10 & BCFNS 12**

12:10 - 3:00 pm – **Social Studies 11**

### Thursday, January 26

Regular Classes in session

Provincial 8:35 – 11:30 am – **Eng. 12**

12:10 – 3:00 pm – **Science 10**

Friday, January 27 - Students in session by appointment only.

**For the Full Exam Schedule, please go to Dover Bay website at [www.doverbay.ca](http://www.doverbay.ca)**

## **EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE**

If you are wondering if schools are closed due to snow, or other emergencies, please listen to local radio stations (WAVE 102.3 FM and WOLF 106.9 FM) in the mornings, or visit the school district website at [www.sd68.bc.ca](http://www.sd68.bc.ca).

## **SNOWBALL POLICY**

- This policy deals with the throwing of snowballs and any other inappropriate action with snow, including bringing snow into the school with intention.
- Students will be reminded there is a snowball policy at Dover Bay Secondary.
- Students throwing snowballs outside on school grounds will be dealt with through the Code of Conduct which may result in suspension.
- Students caught throwing snowballs in the school will be suspended.

## **STUDENT REGISTRATION 2012/13**

Registrations are now being accepted for the 2012/13 school year. If you are applying to another school out of catchment, the application deadline is Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. The process is first-come, first-served so the sooner you apply, the better as space is limited in some schools. You must register at your home school and choose courses as well.

Secondary Schools accept all students from their feeder schools regardless of their home address. As per the attached procedure, once an elementary student is accepted and attending an elementary feeder school, they become “like” an in-catchment student.

## **STUDENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP: Mr. Lintott**

A reminder to parents that the roundabout in front of the school is not to be used for dropping off and picking up students. Access to the roundabout is for school buses and emergency vehicles only between 7:45 AM to 3:45 PM. The main gates will be closed to general traffic throughout the day. Please use the designated drop off zone in the main parking lot before and after school. Parents are also reminded to recognize the handicap parking spaces in front of the portables, and to leave those spots available for vehicles with proper handicap identification. Please do not use those spots for dropping off or picking up your child.

## ANTI-BULLYING DAY

Wednesday, February 29 is Anti-Bullying Day. There will be pink t-shirts available to purchase for \$3.00 each to wear in support of the day. Please have your child(ren) listen to the daily announcements for when these t-shirts will be available. We would like to see a "sea of pink" at the school in support of Anti-Bullying!

## **IV. STUDENT ACTIVITIES:**

### ABORIGINAL EDUCATION



#### Canadian Armed Forces PAID Aboriginal Summer Youth Programs

Erin Moody and Karen Larsen will be taking students to John Barsby on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> for a presentation by Sergeant Karmali about paid Aboriginal summer programs with the Canadian Armed Forces. If you would like more information on the Bold Eagle, Raven, or Black Bear Programs, or would like to attend the info session, please see Erin Moody in D206.

#### Button Blanket

Before Christmas almost every Aboriginal student sewed at least one button on our button blanket. It is currently hanging in D206 and is unfinished. **Helpers needed!!** Please come to D206 **AT ANY TIME** that works for you, and sew some buttons on. **ALL** students are welcome to be a part of this legacy!

#### Aboriginal Scholarship

Aboriginal students (First Nations, Metis, and Inuit) in grade 12 are encouraged to apply for the RBC Aboriginal Students Awards Program. RBC funds 5 Aboriginal students entering a discipline related to the financial services industry and 5 Aboriginal students entering disciplines unrelated to the financial services industry. Students may receive \$4,000 per year. Please see Erin Moody, in D206, for assistance applying. **Applications are accepted between December 1, 2011 and February 28, 2012.**

#### On-Line Tutoring

An incredible tutoring website is available through Khan Academy. Go to [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org) and watch an on-line lesson on hundreds of concepts in various courses. LearnNow BC also offers on-line tutoring services for 17 different courses for grades 10, 11 and 12. Go to [www.learnnowbc.com](http://www.learnnowbc.com) to sign up for this free service.

## Vancouver Island University Registration

A reminder to all grade 12s that VIU is now accepting registration for September, 2012! **The sooner you sign up, the more likely you are to get the programs and classes you want.** Registration can be done in person, by mail or on-line. A \$35.00 non-refundable registration fee is due at the time of registration. If you would like help registering, please see Erin Moody in D206. Health and Human Services deadline is Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> and the deadline for all other programs is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

## COUNSELING

### Course Selection for 2012/13 - Mr. Christianson

The course selection process for the 2012-13 school year has started.

Course selection for all students in *first semester* Elective Package 8, Health and Career 9/half semester elective 9, Planning 10, and English 11 classes took place from January 4<sup>th</sup>-12; these students should have now handed in their completed course selection forms to the counseling center.

February 8<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>: Course selection for all students in *second semester* Elective Package 8, Health and Career 9/half semester elective 9, Planning 10, and English 11 classes.

**Please note:** Students will be bringing their course selection form home for parental approval. This should be returned to the counseling center with a parent's signature. We will also have students fill out and hand in a second course selection form in their session. If we do not receive the signed copy back from parents, we will use the second course selection form to enter courses into the computer. If you have any questions, please contact your child's counselor.

### Vancouver Island University

#### Enrichment Courses - Mr. Christianson

Did you know that you can earn university credits while in high school and take up to two courses per semester, tuition free?

If you are an academic high achiever, have interest in enhanced educational opportunities and will be in grade 12 in 2012-2013, then you may be interested in taking VIU enrichment courses during your grade 12 year.

If you are interested in finding out more, there will be an information session here at Dover Bay on Thursday

January 19<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 PM. A representative from VIU will be here to go over this opportunity and answer your questions.

**VIU Discovery Days** Mr. Christianson

VIU is hosting VIU Discovery Days on Thursday February 23<sup>rd</sup>. This session will be open to any Grade 10 or 11 students who are interested in finding out more about VIU programs and it's campus. Students will have the opportunity to sign-up for individual sessions in specific areas of interest.

We have a limited number of spots for this; the first 55 grade 10 and 11 students who get their signed permission slips into the counseling center will be able to go. Permission slips are available in the Counseling Center. We recommend students take advantage of this excellent opportunity to start planning for their post-secondary education.

**VIU Information Sessions** Mr. Christianson

If you are interested in trades or applied technology programs at VIU, they are hosting several information sessions:

Power Sports and Marine Technician Wed, Jan 18<sup>th</sup>  
6-8 PM

Heavy Equipment Operator Thu, Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 6-8 PM

Office Careers Training Wed, Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30 PM

Automotive Thu, Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 6-8 PM

Welding Wed, Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 6-8 PM

Heavy Duty/Commercial Transport Thu, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 6-7:30 PM

Construction Trades (Carpentry, Electrician and HVAC)  
Wed, Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 6-8 PM

Hairdressing Wed, Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 6-8 PM

Culinary Arts and Professional Baking Thu, Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 6-8 PM

Esthetics and Nail Technology Thu, Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 6-8 PM

Information Technology and Applied Systems Wed, Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30 PM

If you are interested in any of these, call 1-866-734-6252 to reserve a seat. More information is available at [viu.ca/tat](http://viu.ca/tat)

**Grade 7 Parent Night** Mr. Christianson

There will be an information night for parents who have a son or daughter in grade 7 who will be coming to Dover Bay in September 2012. Information will be provided on the grade 7 into 8 transition process, academic programming, extra-curricular activities and Dover Bay's policies and expectations. There will also be a tour of the school after the presentation. If you are interested, please join us on **Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room.**

**SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE** - Ms. Smith/Ms. Domino

*Local Scholarship* booklet and applications for 2012 are available on line January 16 at [www.nlsf.ca](http://www.nlsf.ca) Check this out, applications will be due Feb. 16 and 17. We will take in Scholarship applications from 8am -10am on both days. Listen to announcements to where we will be set up to take your applications. We review them before accepting them. No incomplete applications will be accepted ie. missing parent signature, missing SIN number etc.) No late applications will be accepted.

*Top 20 Under twenty*

[www.top20under20.ca/en/Apply/Checklist.htm](http://www.top20under20.ca/en/Apply/Checklist.htm)

Deadline January 23, 2012

*Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Program*

Deadline February 1, 2012

[www.terryfoxawards.ca](http://www.terryfoxawards.ca)

*UBC Vancouver Major Entrance Scholarship 2012/13*

*UBC Vancouver Entrance Award – (Financial Need Award) 2012*

[www.ubc.ca/search/?q=scholarship](http://www.ubc.ca/search/?q=scholarship)

January 16 Info session about Dover's process of applying. Dover Bay can only nominate 2% of our population for the Major Award which will be 5 students this year. Our school deadline to be considered will be January 20 noon to give us time to support those 5 applying. Meeting will be in the Counseling Area at 3pm.

Deadline February 28, 2012

*VIU President's Entrance Scholarships for 2012*

Mr. Blain selects and this is only offered to the top graduate from Dover.

*Trevor Lindon Community Spirit Scholarship*

4 Available for 2500.00

Leadership in both school and extra-curricular community service

[www.canucks.com/scholarship](http://www.canucks.com/scholarship)

Deadline: March 15, 2012

*Co-operative Youth Story Project*

\$1000.00

[www.theyes.ca](http://www.theyes.ca)

Register before March 23

Posters up at Dover Bay

*The W. Garfield Weston Awards*

25 Awards

Deadline March 28, 2012

[www.garfieldwestonawards.ca](http://www.garfieldwestonawards.ca) or email [info@garfieldwestonawards.ca](mailto:info@garfieldwestonawards.ca)

## OUTDOOR CLUB ACTIVITIES – J. Young 2011-2012 (tentative schedule)



**Snowshoeing** March 31, April 14 – Strathcona Park – from Mt. Washington -- \$10 (please bring money on the morning of the outing)

**Snow Camp** April 27-29 – Garibaldi Park, Red Heather Hut (near Squamish), or Lake Helen Mackenzie, near Mt. Washington —cost to be determined

**Day Hikes** May 12, 19, 26, and June 1 (training for Keeha Bay and Cape Scott) – no fee

**Keeha Bay Backpack** June 2-3 (near Bamfield) - \$30 (est.)

**Cape Scott** – June 23-27 - \$95

**Nootka Island Backpack** – July 3-7 – Cape Scott vets only - \$270 for transportation (float plane and boat)

## PROM 2012 – AN EVENING IN PARIS



Over 50 parents have been meeting and organizing a memorable evening for this year's grad class.

To be held on May 12, 2012, the theme for this event is **"An Evening in Paris"**.

Co-chairs for planning this event are Colleen Tourout and Lucinda Lacouvee.

The key fundraiser for Prom will be a Dance and Auction for adults on January 28 at 7 p.m. at Pleasant Valley Hall.

There will be Music, Dancing, Refreshments, Silent Auction and amazing raffle items (including hockey tickets, hotel stays, and much more!)

The live band will be **"Jo and the Bros"**. There are still some tickets available, and can be purchased for \$15 each or \$120 for a table of 8 from Owen Car ([dbprom2012@gmail.com](mailto:dbprom2012@gmail.com)). Silent Auction donations are still needed. Please contact Etanda Morelli at [etandam@telus.net](mailto:etandam@telus.net) if you are able to assist with this.

We still need some parents with "Serving It Right" qualifications to volunteer to help at this event, and we are looking for both parents and students to help with the setup earlier in the day on January 28.

Plans are being made for a Prom Fashion Show this spring (volunteers are needed now), an Information Website for parents and students, and much more.

The Decorating Committee, Security Committee and Clean-up Committee are all looking for people to volunteer. We will need parents to help with set up on

May 10, 11 and 12, with take down on May 12 and 13, and security & parking lot duty during the actual prom event. We would like to be able to keep all parents aware of Prom events and planning, and invite all grade 12 (and grade 11) parents to participate. We will be doing this partly through emails. However, at this time, we do not have the email addresses of most parents. In order to keep involved, please send an email to [dbprom2012@gmail.com](mailto:dbprom2012@gmail.com) with your name and address, and if you would like to hear about or be involved with any particular committee.

## STUDENTS' COUNCIL – M. Mazzarotto

HO HO HO! Christmas arrived once again and it was time to think about the less fortunate. Our annual school can drive turned out to be a great success! Arriving in first place was Mr. Nick's class with 3177 cans, runner up in second place was Mr. Tamm's class with 2089 cans and in third place was Madame Mazzarotto's class with 831 cans. WELL DONE! **"Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone."** Thank-you to all staff and students who helped out with this event and congratulations on collecting so many cans! Door Decorating seemed to be another hit this year at Dover Bay, with many classes participating. Our final winner was ..... Mrs. Uvanile! Second place went to Mr Andrews and tied for third place were Mrs McWhinnie and Mr Saunders. Woo! WINTER BALL is coming up in February for all of you who are wondering so stay tuned and get ready for a night full of grooving! The Student Council hopes everyone had a wonderful Christmas! :)

In late November, the Students Council hosted an INTERNATIONAL LUNCHEON to welcome all international students to Dover Bay: A major thank you to Chef for making a big, yummy and colorful cake for the international students and SC members at Dover Bay. Everyone enjoyed the cake and games, we had a blast!

## **VI. MISCELLANEOUS:**



### TRIPLE P GROUP FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN 11 TO 14 YEARS

Raising teenagers can be challenging but this task can be less stressful if parents don't have to do it all on

their own. Getting support in a Triple P Group Course can be very reassuring as well as provide positive strategies to help you promote your teenager's development.

In a Group Triple P course you'll learn about:

- Providing a home that guides and supports teenagers as they strive to become independent, well-adjusted young adults
- Helping teens to become skilled at making good personal decisions
- Negotiating rules, responsibilities and privileges
- Staying calm when inevitable conflicts arise
- Being realistic – every teen and every parent will make mistakes. Most mistakes are minor and parents learn as they go along.
- Taking care of yourself as a parent.

A Triple P group is free of charge and is for parents of children 11 to 14 years.

Next group begins January 23, 2012 on Monday evenings: 6:30-8:30 p.m. To register or for more information contact Denise Jantzen at 713-6102 or email: [djantzen@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:djantzen@sd68.bc.ca)

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

#### **MY STORY YOUR STORY**

Will be held on January 28 & 29, 2012 in celebration of Family Literacy Day.

*A list of free event for the whole family:*

Saturday, January 28 – 1 to 3:30 p.m.  
Gabriola Library: 5 - 575 North Road,

Gabriola Island 250.247.7878

Ladysmith Library: 1st Avenue,  
Ladysmith 250.245.3322  
Wellington Branch Library: 3032 Barons Road,  
Nanaimo 250.758.5544

Sunday, January 29 - 1 to 3:30 p.m.  
Nanaimo Harbourfront Library,  
90 Commercial Street, Nanaimo 250.753.1154  
Serious Coffee, Commercial Street, Nanaimo

### **NAVIGATING GIRL WORLD**

The Impact of Media on Girls' Self-Esteem and Body Image will be held on February 16, 2012. This is an event for parents of girls ages 2-13 with Kerri Isham. Registration is required. Tickets are \$15 if bought in advance and \$20 at the door.

### **SD68 STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES SURVEY**

SD68 Student Support Services seeks input from *all* parents / caregivers of students currently enrolled in Nanaimo-Ladysmith schools, regardless of whether the child has identified special needs or not. The SSS Parent Survey deadline has been extended to **February 10, 2012**. Just click [here](#) to get started and then click on the link to "Student Support Services Survey" (on the right side column about 7 items down the list).