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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/ 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,

Congratulations to all the students, coaches and sponsors completing their extra-curricular activities this term. Dover Bay had a very impressive showing at the provincial championships in both Basketball and Wrestling. Well Done!

Students and counselors have just completed course requests for next year, students are to see their counselor if this has not been completed. We will attach course selection forms to this terms report card for validation. If corrections need to be made please call your child's counselor immediately

On **April 14, 2011** Dover Bay Secondary Parent Advisory council will be presenting Mr. Darren Laur of Personal Protection Systems. Mr. Laur is a nationally recognized expert in safety awareness and self-protection strategies. This free presentation is open to parents and the community at **7:00 PM, in the Multi-Purpose Room, at Dover Bay**. Students will also attend this presentation during the day of April 14. It creates an opportunity for discussion with your son and daughters. I highly recommend this presentation to all parents and students; we have heard very positive feedback from other schools that have hosted Mr. Laur. Parents not able to attend the evening session may attend during the day as seating permits.

Most Grades 10 and 12 students have completed their Satisfaction Surveys; we will be finishing this off next week for those students that were unable to complete them before spring break. Parents that wish to complete the survey may pick up the information at the

office or call us and we will give you your password. I highly recommend that you complete this survey to give us better information for us to improve.

Staff and students are looking forward to a positive and productive spring. Grade 12's are heading into the most important spring of their school careers, preparing for their post-secondary school experiences. As you are aware there are many events during the spring to distract your sons and daughters, please help them to stay focused on school work.

Sincerely,
John Blain, Principal

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.

GRADUATION INVITATIONS - Mr. Lintott

Grad invitations will be handed out beginning **Tuesday, May 10th** – **Friday, May 13th** in the main office. Each graduate is eligible to five (5) invitations. Grads not requiring 5 invitations are asked to leave any extras with the school. There will be a sign up sheet in the office if you would like extra invitations. Extra's will be issued according to the order of the sign up and availability.

II. IMPORTANT DATES

Apr. 7	PAC Meeting – 7pm – Library
Apr. 8	Star Gazing Evening – Dover, 8-11pm
Apr. 14	Internet Safety Evening – 7pm M/P Rm.
Apr. 18	Pro-D Day – NO SCHOOL
Apr. 19	Term 2 Starts
Apr. 22	Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
Apr. 25	Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL
Apr. 30	Compost Sale – Dover Bay Parking Lot
May 3	Report Cards Home
May 5	Parent-Teacher Conferences PAC Meeting – 7pm – Library
May 7	Prom
May 9	Pro-D Day – NO SCHOOL
May 10	Career Exploration 12 Due
May 17	Grade 7 Dance – 6:30 – 8pm
May 19	Newsletter Home
May 23	Victoria Day – NO SCHOOL
May 31	Dover Bay Awards Night
June 1	Dover Bay Sports Banquet
June 7	Band Concert – Dover Bay M/P Rm.
June 14	District Awards Night – Port Theatre
June 17	Last day of Classes
June 20-29	Exams
June 29	Final Report Cards Issued
June 30	Grad/Dry Grad

DOVER BAY AWARDS NIGHT

May 31, 2011 7-9 pm – Dover Bay Gym

Students and families of award recipients should expect to receive an invitation to the event by the middle of May.

The evening's ceremony begins with bursaries and scholarships for our graduating students. We will then recognize our Principal's List students. Individual department awards will follow. Next, the school-based awards, service, citizenship, and special awards.

GRAD 2011 CLASS VALEDICTORIAN - Mr. Lintott

Each year, members of the graduating class select a student(s) to speak on their behalf at the Graduation ceremony. The student(s) valedictorian serves as a representative of the graduates to say a few words to parents, staff, and fellow students.

A valedictorian nomination form is available in the main office. Please submit completed form to Mr. Lintott by **Friday, May 14th by 3:00 p.m.** in order to be considered for class valedictorian.



III. STUDENT ACTIVITIES

ART DEPT. – Mrs. Haaf

Art Exhibit – School District 68 and the Port Theatre will host the opening of the 24th Annual Secondary Student Art Exhibit on Monday, April 11 at 7 p.m. at the Port Theatre. This Gala Opening of the show titled “Doors and Gates” is part of the 2011 BC Arts and Culture Week. Seventy pieces of secondary school art from across the district can be viewed and enjoyed with musical entertainment along the entire third floor. The event is open to students, family and the public. There is no admission charge on this night. “Doors and Gates” will run until November 2011 but after opening night can only be viewed during Port Theatre shows.

Art in the Office

The grade 11 and 12's in the art classes have been busy designing and making clay tiles for the last year and a half on the theme of flora and fauna of BC. This month it all came together when the students decided how to lay them out for two murals for display in the school. The first one which is 3 by 4 feet is mounted on an office wall and the second one 2 1/2 feet by 8 feet will be mounted on a wall in B wing this spring. Congratulations to all the senior art students for some wonderful art that they made for us all to enjoy.

ATHLETICS – Mr. Nelson

Congratulations to all the teams, athletes, and coaches for a very successful winter sport season at Dover Bay.

Basketball

All our Dover teams had outstanding results this year. Our grade 8 girls, coached by Kristin Robinson, had a good season, finishing 3rd overall at the district tournament. The grade 9 girls played an exhibition schedule as part of the SD 68 Junior League, winning several games. The girls hosted the North Islands, finishing second, and then went to Islands where they finished 4th overall. Thanks to Nancy Stigings for all her time coaching the grade 9 girls. The junior girls basketball team had high expectations, and did not disappoint. Coaches Dale Nicks and Jen Perkins did a great job leading the girls to a 2nd place finish at Islands and a very good 3-1 record at BC's where they won the consolation side of the draw. The senior girls had a great season as well, thanks to coaches Walter Fields and Ashten Sihota. The girls came first in their league and then won North Islands. The team finished 4th overall just short of qualifying for BC's.

Our Dover boys teams were also very successful, with all 3 teams qualifying for BC Championships tournaments. The grade 8s, coached by Scott Brown, Curtis Keen, and Kyle Salloum, won the district tournament, then finished 2nd at North Islands, losing the final by 2 points! At BC's the boys worked hard, winning 1 game and finishing 14th overall. The junior boys, coached by Mr. Franklin, qualified for BC's by finishing a strong 3rd at Islands. The boys also finished 14th at BCs. The senior boys, coached by Mark Simpson, won North Islands and Islands but had a tough draw at BC's and finished 2-2 and 13th overall.

Wrestling

The wrestling team has had a very successful season capped off with a good showing at BC's, which included a silver medal won by Ryan Yewchin. Several wrestlers have qualified for the National tournament, held in Ontario in early April. Thanks to Andrew Tuck and all the wrestling coaches for their time and hard work.

Spring Sports

Lots of spring sports are just getting underway at Dover. Girls soccer has started, with the junior girls already picking up a 4-0 win over Ballenas. The senior girls will begin their league schedule with a game against NDSS. Heidi McWhinnie is coaching the junior girls with Mike Baird coaching the seniors. As well, track season is well underway with practices led by coach Bob Saunders. Golf season started with a tourney April 1. This year's golf team is coached by Scott Christianson. Finally, tennis coach Marty Patterson expects good results from the tennis team this year.

Hoops for Heart

Dover will host the Billy Cootes Hoops for Heart 3-on-3 Basketball tournament starting April 11 at lunch. In remembrance of Dover student and athlete Billy Cootes, this event raises money for the BC Heart and Stroke Foundation. All students are encouraged to get involved. Information is available from Mr. Nelson at Dover Bay.

Athletic Banquet

The year-end athletic banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, starting at 6pm. There will be a couple of changes to the event this year, including an opportunity for some parents to attend the dinner portion of the evening. More information will follow as it becomes available.

Athletics Information

Information on all of our athletics programs and teams can be found online, at <http://athletics.doverbay.ca>. As well, you can follow all the teams on Facebook, by clicking "Like" after a search for "Dover Bay Athletics" once you log in. Results, schedules, and more information will be there.

GR. 9 GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM - Ms Stigings

Congratulations to the grade 9 girls basketball team who placed 2nd at the Island Championships. The girls are to be commended for their commitment to practice and their competitive spirit. Team members are: *Margaret McKillop, Genevieve Amaral, Lindsay Hiemstra, Sydney Goodwin, Emma MacDuff, Steph Pastro, Amy Scott, Kelsey Dougan, Francesca Maestrello, Steph Tjorham, Cydnee Washburn, Alena Holyk and Hannah Rudson.*

COUNSELING DEPT. – Mr. Christianson

Graduation Transitions (GT)

All grade 12 students are required to complete GT in grade 12 as a ministry grad requirement. Students must complete their GT package and schedule an interview with their GT advisor in order to get credit for GT.

If students have not completed this by **Friday April 15th**, they will receive an Incomplete on their April report card and will be jeopardizing their graduation. As well, this Incomplete standing will mean the student will be ineligible for Principal's List, Honor Roll or Honorable Mention status for their April report card. This could also have negative implications for university entrance and Passport to Education eligibility.

If you have not done so already, please see your GT advisor to book your interview as soon as possible. We are hoping to have as many of these done as we can before Spring Break. If you leave it to the last minute, there will be no guarantee we will be able to accommodate your GT interview before the April 15th deadline.

If you have questions, please contact your son or daughter's GT advisor:

Michelle Smith	A-E
Lisa Sunde	F-L
Scott Christianson	M-Q
Evelyn Matthews	R-Z

VIU Advising Appointments (VIU Strike Pending)

Reminder for students who have signed up for VIU appointments. Advisors will be at Dover Bay on Monday, April 11th and Tuesday, April 12th to meet with grade 12 students who have applied, or are thinking of attending, VIU. These meetings are very beneficial to students attending VIU next year.

DRAMA NEWS – Mr. Anderson

The school year winds down; the pace in the Drama Room heats up. The Grade 10 regular class just finished the annual Gr.7 show, a tradition started when the school first opened to give Gr.7's a light hearted peek at life in Dover. It was the culmination of over a month's work, improvising and scripting (and remembering what had been created so that it could be performed just days after Spring Break). From the sound of the laughter out in the audience it was a great success.

After a first term spent on scene work that focused on relationships, power and the effective use of silence, the two senior Performing Arts classes have begun work on their final performances. The 10/11 class, with their unique talents for comedy, have picked their scripts for an evening of Coarse Theatre that will open May 26 and run to the 28th. Coarse Theatre is a challenge because the students have to play characters who, in turn, are playing characters in a play that goes horribly wrong. The style only truly works if the actors can portray realistic characters trying their best to succeed but this class has the ability to pull it off.

The PA 11/12 class has spent a very similar first term, but their work has led them to take on a very challenging play: *The Laramie Project*. Because this play, which is based on a real event, deals with the aftermath of a brutal murder and the effect it has on a small Wyoming town, we are putting a PG rating on the show. Again, the show demands that the actors play real people, and they must walk a tightrope of emotion, horror and hope. This powerful play will have audiences talking for a while. The dates for this production are June 9-11.

And finally, in preparation for a journey to the Drama Provincials in early May, the cast of *Status Update* is taking two nights, April 8 and 9 to share their hilarious satirical show with Dover Audiences. The play, written by the cast, is loosely based on Alexander Pope's 18th Century mock epic, *The Rape of the Lock*, but takes on the modern paradox that we are more technologically connected at the same time as we are less socially connected. The students play on their own obsession with technology to bring the point home. Does it

connect with their peers? The standing ovation they received at the zone festival shows it was a hit. Tickets are only \$5 (no royalties to pay), and curtain time is 7:00 pm both Friday and Saturday night, Apr.8 and 9

DRAMA NEWS – Ms Schwarze

As usual, things are moving quickly in the drama department.

Musical Theatre Auditions

Students have practiced scenes and songs, and auditions are in full swing for one of the most popular musicals of all time, next year's *West Side Story*. *West Side* is the story of Romeo and Juliet, but the characters are the Jets and the Sharks, two gangs in a tough part of New York City. You'll find yourself moved by next winter's eventful plot, captivating characters, exciting dance numbers, and memorable music.

Upcoming Junior Academy Show

We look forward to our second musical this year, the highly talented Grade 8 Performing Arts Academy's *How to Eat Like a Child*. This light piece consists of a group of lessons on how to **be** a child. With twenty-nine creative actors, this show is bursting with wonderful, child-like characters to match its variety of playful scenes and catchy tunes. Look forward to an evening of entertainment suitable for young and old. Get ready to laugh! The show is tentatively set for May 12-14th at 7:00p.m. Tickets, \$6.00 for students and seniors, and \$8.00 for adults, will be available through the actors, the office, or at the door. Check the school notice board on McGirr Road in May for dates.

ECO CLUB – Kelsi Wright and Emma Hsueh

Earth Week

This year's Earth Week celebration event will be held on April 19th~21st. There will be lots of fun activities in the atrium and prizes for the winners! All students and staff are welcome to join us during lunch hours to celebrate!

Photo/Art Contest

Do you like to take pictures or draw? The theme of this year's Eco Photo/Art Contest is "Symbiosis." Take pictures of different life-forms coexisting together and share this snapshot with the rest of the school by submitting it to the contest. There will be awesome prizes for the winners! Interested? Pick up a submission form from the Eco Bulletin Board or D104.

Environmental Mind Grind

Dover has a few Grade 8 teams representing the school in the local round of the Environmental Mind Grind Contest. This is a jeopardy-style competition where students have to answer questions about the environment. Come watch the intense competition and support Dover's team at Nanaimo North Town Centre on April 30th!

TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS - Ms. Smith

All Grade 12 students who need a copy of their transcript need to make a request in writing at the MAIN OFFICE. Requests are to be made by 10 am and the transcript will be available at the end of the day for pick up in the Main Office.

WRESTLING TEAM

Annual Compost Sale – Saturday – April 30, 2011

Please call to pre-order (Heather @ 250-758-2157). Compost can be picked up at the school on April 30th between 10 am and 2 pm. If anyone is interested in purchasing, the cost is \$5.00/20lb bag. **This is excellent for planters, garden boxes etc.**

PROM 2011

Attention 2011 Graduates and Parents: Prom Is Coming! Plans are in full swing for the Dover Bay Prom.

"Voyage 2011" will set sail Saturday, May 7th from 6pm -11:30pm (no entry after 8pm). Tickets are now on sale in the atrium @ Dover during lunch for \$60. Tickets include dinner, DJ, and dessert. If there are proceeds after the event students will decide how they would like to spend the excess (early chat shows interest in a charitable donation). This is a very exciting time and Prom is a celebration of student successes, but this is a non-alcoholic event.

Students and parents are encouraged to get involved with Prom as volunteers, and there is still plenty to do! The Big Event Burger and Beverage fundraiser in March was a HUGE success and proceeds reached more than double the expected projections; that means we do not have to fundraise further! However, the Decorating Committee, Traffic & Security Committees, and Clean-Up Committee could use a hand. Parents, this is a perfect chance to lend a hand and have some fun. Forward your email or phone number to Prom Parent Chair Colleen Tourout at: ltourout@shaw.ca in order to volunteer and she will direct you to the appropriate Committee Chair.

Students! We need you too! There is a Student Committee that is involved at all levels of organization. Also, you can pick-up song-request forms from the ticket sales desk, or from the office, in order to develop a playlist for the DJ (a *fantastic* DJ has been booked). If you leave the song choices up to the parents there is no telling what might be selected, a lot of us came of age in the 80's! Also, Elise Boulanger will be collecting Theme Song suggestions, the top choices will be voted upon by all Graduates...listen for announcements to vote on the Prom Theme Song ~ it is up to you to have your voice heard. If you would like to put your name on the emailing list for Prom volunteering please forward contact info to Colleen Tourout: ltourout@shaw.ca.

The next Prom 2011 Meeting is Tuesday, April 12th in the Multipurpose Room @ 7pm. Grade 11 Parents are welcome to attend to learn about the Prom planning process and perhaps volunteer for the 2011 event. This year's Prom Committee needs volunteers for setting up for the May 7th weekend. In exchange for Grade 11 parent assistance, funds will be set aside to get you started for next year.

Thanks so much to everyone! We are really looking forward to an exciting night with friends...celebrating YOUR success!

NANAIMO – LADYSMITH DRY GRAD ~ 2011

Dry Grad 2011 will be held on June 30th at Beban Park starting at 8pm - 5:00 am – The Nanaimo Dry Grad Society has organized a celebration for you, full of good food, fun activities, music and the opportunity to win some great prizes. "A Night to Remember 2011" is about Nanaimo graduates enjoying themselves without the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Volunteers are needed on the planning committee to fill vacant positions, and many of the duties can be completed from home on your own time schedule. We also need a large number of volunteers (approx. 300 to 400) for the evening of the event. We have a place for you! See <http://www.nanaimodrygrad.ca>

Parents: Here is a great opportunity to help support a safe community event for your child, their friends and all of our community Grads of 2011.

Check out our website for more information. If you can volunteer to help keep this event vibrant and "A Night To Remember" for our Grads, then please call Wayne at 250-758-5981 or email info@nanaimodrygrad.ca

PAC (HAIR)RAISING FUNDRAISER

Get a haircut or buy product and help out our school at the same time. Bring in a certificate (available at the school office) to Sports Barbers located at #3 Wellington Road in Nanaimo and they will donate \$2.00 back to OUR school for every service or product our students and staff purchase. Kids haircuts are only \$12.99 and Adults \$17.99. Price includes high-def TV at each station, shampoo, condition, head massage and hot towel. They even have old fashioned hot lather shaves and PlayStation!

V. MISCELLANEOUS

STAR PARTY

Greetings Dover Bay Community,
Please join us, Dr. William Weller and the Nanaimo Astronomy Society for an evening of astronomy and stargazing on **Friday, April 8th from 8-11pm** here at the school. The evening will begin with a multi-media presentation by Dr. Weller. He will provide a general introduction to astronomy and stargazing and the Hubble telescope. This will likely be in the Multi-Purpose room (look for signs). After the presentation, we will proceed to the back field where the Nanaimo Astronomy Society will have telescopes set up for viewing. If you have a telescope or binoculars, by all means bring them.



Since we have had many hours of observing, believe us when we tell you that you cannot overdress! Warm winter wear will make it a much more enjoyable affair. Don't forget to bring along a lawn chair, lap blanket and, of course, a nice thermos of hot chocolate.

This event was made possible by the Parent Advisory Council; so many thanks go out to them. Bring yourselves, your friends and your families.

See you there!

FYI...these events are always weather dependent...if Mother Nature is uncooperative, we will reschedule. If the event is cancelled, a notice will go out Friday afternoon via Synervoice.

Ted McPherson & John Eby

VIU INFORMATION SESSION

Vancouver Island University Enrichment Courses.

Did you know that you can earn University Credits while still in high school?

If You:

- are an academic high achiever
- have an interest in enhanced educational opportunities
- will be in Grade 12 in 2011-2012

Interested in finding out more?

An Information Session for Students and Families will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at VIU – Building 180, Rm. 134 from 7 – 8 pm.

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**For those who wish to print
off the newsletter at home.**