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Newsletter

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The school newsletter will be available to students and parents on-line only in the future. 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,

Welcome to Dover Bay Secondary School's 2010-11 school year! Hopefully everyone had a safe, restful and enjoyable summer.

A particular welcome to those students and parents new to the Dover Bay community. We hope that you will find your experience at Dover Bay to be a special and rewarding one.

During the next eight weeks Principal John Blain will be on medical leave. Best wishes for Mr. Blain can be forwarded to the Dover Bay office and we will be sure to pass them along.

My name is Dan Ryan and I will be serving in Mr. Blain's stead as Acting Principal. I retired from the principalship of Wellington Secondary this past January after serving there for four years. I also served as principal of Nanaimo District Secondary and previously as vice-principal of Dover Bay, Wellington and Ladysmith. I was a vice-principal at Dover Bay for four years from 1998-2002.

I am pleased to return to Dover Bay and am very much looking forward to working with the students, staff and community over the next eight weeks.

Today all students will bring home a copy of the Student Handbook (gr. 8 & 9 students have been issued planners and the handbook is at the front of the planner). A great deal of information about the school is included in the handbook including the school's Code of Conduct. Please review with your son or daughter the information in the handbook and encourage them to make effective use of this information resource.

Students and parents need to be aware that enrollments in courses are very high and the school's timetable is limited in accommodating changes to students' schedules. Counsellors will be working on critical course changes this week and hope to complete the process by Friday. We will do the best we can to address students' programming needs, but we require everyone's patience and understanding in doing so.

Again, welcome to the 2010-11 school year and we look forward to meeting you at the Thursday, September 23rd "Meet the Teacher Night" scheduled for 7:00 pm.

Sincerely
 Dan Ryan, Acting Principal.

II. WELCOME:

We welcome the following new staff to Dover Bay.

- Ms. Lisa Sunde – Counselling
- Mr. Jim Pascoe – Learn @ Home
- Mr. Gary Chantrell – English

III. IMPORTANT DATES:

- Sept. 16 School Photos
- Sept. 16 PAC Meeting - 7pm
- Sept. 23 Meet the Teacher Night - 7pm
- Sept. 27 Pro-D Day – NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 7 Interim Reports – Early Dismissal
- Oct. 7 PAC Meeting – 7pm
- Oct. 11 Thanksgiving Holiday – NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 22 Pro-D Day – NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 22/23 Grad Photos – Friday and Saturday

PHOTO DAY:

Thursday, September 16th is Photo Day at Dover Bay. All students will have their photo taken, proofs will come back to the school approx. 7 days later for you to choose from and place your order.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT:

Thursday, September 23rd is 'Meet the Teacher Night' starting at 7:00 p.m. Please watch for more information to come home at the beginning of that week (20th).

YEARBOOKS: (Ms. Domino)

The yearbooks for 2009/2010 will be distributed beginning on Monday, September 13th after school in the atrium between 3:00 – 3:30 and will continue through Wednesday the 15th.

INTERIM REPORTS: Mr. Ryan

Students will be dismissed at 1:50 p.m. on October 7th. Some students may receive Interim Report Cards. Teachers will be available, in their classrooms, between 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. to meet with parents if parents should wish to.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE: Mr. Ryan

Students will be bringing home a notice regarding Accident Insurance. Student Accident Insurance is an economical way for parents to protect against the

financial costs of student injuries, particularly dental injuries. Parents are reminded that the school board does not provide/carry insurance coverage for students, and that parents must purchase directly from the company.

IV. STUDENT ACTIVITIES:

LOCKERS: Mr. Lintott

Each student will be issued a locker and will be responsible for the condition and contents of that locker for the *entire* school year. Students who *misuse* or *abuse* lockers or locks may be denied locker privileges and be held *liable* for the cost of any necessary repairs. Locker agreements will be handed out during homeroom which must be signed and returned. Further information regarding lockers can be found in the Dover Bay student handbook.

ATHLETICS: Mr. Nelson <http://athletics.doverbay.ca>



Welcome back to returning students, and welcome to all the new students at Dover Bay! There are many extracurricular activities for students at Dover Bay, including sports teams, clubs, special interest groups, intramurals and Students' Council. Please listen to announcements or watch for posters with more information!

The fall season starts during the first week of school, so students interested in participating need to get involved right away! Fall sports may include:

- Grade 8 Boys Rugby
- Girls Volleyball - all grades
- Boys Volleyball - grades 9-12
- Boys Soccer - all grades
- Aquatics - all grades
- Girls Field Hockey - all grades
- Cross Country - all grades

While we try to offer all of these opportunities to our students, this is not always possible. Currently, Dover Bay is looking for coaches for the following Fall season teams:

- Grade 8 Boys Rugby
- Grade 9 Girls Volleyball
- Aquatics

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Mr. Nelson at Dover Bay dnelson@sd68.bc.ca, or 756-4595

ATHLETICS LOCKERS

Students who participate on school teams that are interested in having a locker by the gym should see Mr. Nelson asap. There are 40 lockers that will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a rental fee of \$20 for the school year. Please see Mr. Nelson if you have any questions and to pick up locker rental forms.

COUNSELLOR'S/AO'S CASELOAD

Due to changes in student demographics and staffing, the caseload for counsellors has changed. Counsellors will now be dividing their case loads up alphabetically across all grades. The case loads are:

Counsellors:

- A – E Ms. M. Smith
- F – L Ms. L. Sunde
- M – Q Mr. S. Christianson
- R – Z TBA

Administration:

- A – G - Mr. John Blain
- H – N - Mr. Chad Lintott
- O - Z - Mrs. Deb Marshall

2010/11 GRAD PLANNER AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Grad Planner is a Ministry-produced document prepared for students entering the Graduation Program. The document outlines graduation requirements, means of getting graduation credit, and provides information about Graduation Program exams as well as funding post-secondary education. The Grad Planner is now available on the Ministry website at:

http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation/grad-transitions/grad_planner.pdf

DOVER BAY SPORTSPAC - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Dover Bay SportsPAC was recently formed in response to an appeal by school coaching staff for parental support in maintaining the school sports programs. As a result of changing budget priorities the sports program faces major challenges in the areas of program funding, as well as coach recruitment and retention. Through partnering with the coaching staff the SportsPAC hopes to develop a proactive approach to support existing school sports and potentially provide resources for new programs. Our first meeting took place June 14th with six parents and Mr. Nelson in attendance. We identified three areas of focus being; fund raising, coach and sponsor recruitment, and communication and education. We intend on developing projects in each of these three areas and will keep you informed of our progress. We will meet through-out the school year every third Wednesday of each month, and all interested parents, teachers or students are welcome to attend. For more information please feel free to contact Bill Johnston (williamj@island.net) or Mr. Nelson (dnelson@sd68.bc.ca).

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

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| Anna Ayres, Brazil | Hyun Bang, South Korea |
| Marius Bleck, Germany | Debora Brasil, Brazil |
| Felipe Campos Carriedo, Spain | Justin Chae, South Korea |
| Natnicha Chaisirilarp, Thailand | Dayeon Choi, South Korea |
| Joshua Choi, South Korea | Jun Chung, South Korea |
| Amanda Cohen Holzer, Brazil | Jasper Eck, Germany |
| Enrique Escuer Jimenez, Spain | Falk Fischer, Germany |
| Hendrik Froese, Germany | Naoki Funada – Japan |
| David Gathof, Germany | Camila Guimaraes, Brazil |
| Niko Horst, Germany | Tharit Ketprapakorn, Thailand |
| Diana Kim, South Korea | Scott Kim, South Korea |
| Min Ji Kim, South Korea | Marcel Kondo, Brazil |
| Carolin Krause, Germany | Shuhan, Liu, China |
| Leticia Martinelli, Brazil | Alejandro Monzu Valdivieso, Spain |
| Gabriela Moreira Machado, Brazil | Seme Nasbine Rabeh, Brazil |
| Carolina Piai Vieira, Brazil | Yannick Polysius, Germany |
| Cibele Pontes De Oliveira, Brazil | Daniel Salvador, Brazil |
| Johannes Schwietering, Germany | Julian Sendlmeier, Germany |
| Chai Seo, South Korea | Louisa Siedersberger, Germany |
| Helen Carvalho, Brazil | Book Somprakit, Thailand |
| Nadine Sontheimer, Germany | Carolina Santos, Brazil |
| Loc Tran, Vietnam | Marco Treffler, Germany |
| Silvia Trueba Parra, Mexico | Jeanne Wienkoop, Germany |
| Sodam Yi, South Korea | Ozge Yigit, Turkey |
| Chris Yilan, Turkey | Jason Yoon, South Korea |
| Kim Zeiss, Germany | Yuanfei Zhu, China |
| Hannah Ziegler, Germany | Ana Garcia Bendito, Spain |

