



NORTH DELTA SECONDARY

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Grade 12 students,

We hope you and your family are well during these unprecedented times. We know this is an unsettling time for our Grade 12 students, and we want you to know that we are committed to supporting our Grade 12 students and their families in their journeys to meet graduation requirements and for a smooth transition to post- secondary.

This letter includes important information regarding:

- Student Expectations
- Career Life Connection & Capstone
- Graduation Requirements
- Graduation Activities
- Post-Secondary & Scholarships

Student Expectations during Remote Learning

As students and staff move forward with remote learning, it is important that students are aware of the following expectations:

- Students should be responding to each of their teachers at a minimum of one time each week. 'Responding' means sending something back to your teachers (eg. submitting assignments, sending email messages, phone conversations, etc.)
- Students are strongly encouraged to contact their teachers more than one time each week as necessary.
- Students are expected to engage in a meaningful way in the learning tasks that are shared out by teachers. Performance on these tasks will be reflected in the June Report Card.

Career Life Connections & Capstone

Career Life Connections and Capstone remain courses that all Grade 12's need to complete and pass. They are graduation requirements. Students should be adhering to the following timeline when completing their Capstone projects and presentations.

Capstone Projects

As previously communicated to students by Ms. Grewal, the deadline to complete Capstone projects was extended. All Capstone projects must be completed and submitted to Ms. Grewal no later than April 30. Any students who are experiencing difficulty completing their project due to Covid-19 restrictions should contact Ms. Grewal to discuss alternatives.

Capstone Presentation & Student Reflection

Students can begin completing Capstone presentations on April 24. Students must complete their presentation by May 8. Presentations may take the form of narrated slides, videos, video-conferences, etc. Students should expect to receive more details in an email from Ms. Grewal later this week. Students' 30 hour work/volunteer experience reflections must also be completed no later than May 8. Students will address reflection questions through their Capstone presentations. It is important that student safety is maintained when completing their 30 hours of work/volunteer experience.

Graduation Requirements

Graduation requirements have not changed for the 2020 Grads. The Ministry of Education has stated that the Numeracy 10 Assessment still needs to be completed as a graduation requirement. At this time, the Ministry of Education is working on possible ways for those grade 12 students who have not yet completed the Numeracy 10 Assessment but are otherwise on track to graduate this school year to do so. Capstone and Career Life Connections remain courses that all Grade 12's **need** to complete to graduate.

Any students who have questions about grad requirements or course credits are encouraged to email their counsellor as soon as possible.

- Ms. Sharma: Last Names A-F
- Ms. Kaila: Last names G-O
- Ms. Cipriano: Last Names P-Z

Grad activities

As a result of the direction of the Provincial Health Office regarding large gatherings, all Grad activities have been paused. This includes the Grad Banquet and Valedictory Ceremony. We suggest that students and families do not commit non-refundable deposits for anything related to Grad activities. The school is currently exploring possible ways in which Grade 12 students can be recognized for their achievements.

Post Secondary & Scholarships

The Ministry continues to work with post-secondary institutions to ensure graduating students will transition successfully. Please monitor the Career Centre website for information regarding scholarships.

We recognize that these are challenging times for students and families. We want you to know that we are thinking about you and as a school, we will continue to support you and your families in their health, well-being and learning. Please contact the school if you require assistance in any way.

Sincerely,

Mr. A. Akune
Principal

