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LDSS News

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Wednesday June 15th, 2022

Our Principal's Message



Graduation is one of life's milestones. This week will culminate with the Commencement Ceremony for the class of 2022. These learners have had an extraordinary journey with the pandemic striking as they were finishing their first year of the graduation program, defined as grade 10 – 12. Grade 10 is the point at which students begin counting credits towards graduation for each course they successfully complete. This grad class has been impacted by learning loss, family and community loss, and time away from the classroom. Despite these obstacles, here they are ready to cross the stage this week. No one who will be in front of me on Friday has had a straight path. Every year I look out on the graduating class and for each student there is a story, but for the most part the stories

would be about a bumpy patch, some tremendous growth or a small error in judgement. This year I watch the grade 12s in their home stretch and I am in awe of what they have overcome. I would like to thank the families who worked to keep their children engaged in learning amongst the most difficult of circumstances. I would like to thank the heroic efforts of every single staff member, from the casual encouragement and friendly greeting to the side by side assistance to keep moving forward. Finally the grads themselves have kept each other going day after day. If you are joining us in person on Friday, doors open at 12:15 and the ceremony begins at 1:00. We hope to have the event "livestreamed" and that link will go out to this list as soon as we are able to get it working. It will also be posted to our website. There are no regular classes on Friday afternoon. Students in attendance join the audience. Regular bussing will run after 3:00.

Students Make Donation to the Link Food Centre

Students (L-R) Annika Westergard, Lina Nguyen and Bella Colangelo recently organized a Cultural Day where they also held a fundraiser selling bubble tea. Last week, they presented a cheque to The Link Food Centre for \$246.70. Way to show your Community Spirit girls. LDSS is proud of you! A special thank you to the Dragon Palace for supplying the bubble tea ingredients.



Commencement Ceremony Information

Our Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday, June 17th at 1:00 pm. The ceremony will be open to the public and we plan to have it livestreamed.

For graduates and their families, the important information is as follows:

- Grad rehearsal will take place at 1:00 pm on June 16th (no gowns).
- Students need to arrive in their gowns on June 17th by 12:00 pm.
- Doors open at 12:15 pm.
- The ceremony begins at 1:00 pm and generally wraps up by 3:00 pm.
- Reserved seating is only available for a mobility compromised family member and one attendant.

For the student body, on Commencement Day:

- Regular classes are held in the morning.
- Regular bus runs for the day.
- Any students and staff in the building in the afternoon are expected to be at the ceremony.

Assessment Week Schedule

	Monday, June 20 th	Tuesday, June 21 st	Wednesday, June 22 nd	Thursday, June 23 rd	Friday, June 24 th
8:50 – 9:50 am	A Block Tutorial	D Block Tutorial OR B Block Class (student’s choice)	C Block Tutorial	D Block Tutorial	B Block “I” Completion
10:05 am – 12:05 pm	B Block Assessment	National Indigenous Day Events at Spirit Square AND/OR Tutorials at School	D Block Assessment	C Block Assessment	A Block Assessment
Lunch 12:05 – 1:00 pm					
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Awards Assembly	National Indigenous Day Events at Spirit Square AND/OR Tutorials at School	A Block Class	B Block Class	D Block “I” Completion
2:05 – 3:05 pm			B Block Class	A Block Class	C Block “I” Completion

- Key:**
- **Assessment** – An exam or assessment activity will take place in this block. Students must stay one hour and may be dismissed if there is an appropriate plan set up.
 - **Tutorial** – Time set aside to prepare for final assessment.
 - **Class** – Each class will continue to be held all week until Friday.
 - **“I” Completion** – Students only need to attend these blocks if they are not finished.

Mr. Little's Class Helped out at The Link

For the past six weeks Mr. Little's Life Skills class has been volunteering at The Link Food Centre. They have helped out by planting, weeding and harvesting vegetables as well as small maintenance jobs. Good job giving back to your community boys!



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Superintendent's Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of June 13, 2022

Superintendent Manu Madhok presented his 'Superintendent's Report to the Board' at the June 13, 2022, Board Meeting.

Please click on the link below to view the report:

<https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/news/article/829410>

LDSS UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

June 13 th – 17 th	Ministry Assessment Week
June 16 th	Grad Rehearsal 1:00 pm
June 17 th	Commencement Ceremony 1:00 pm
June 20 th – 24 th	Assessment Week
June 20 th	Awards Assembly 1:00 pm
June 21 st	National Indigenous Day Tutorials only
June 24 th	Last Day of Classes
September 6 th	First Day of Classes after Summer Break



*It is not how you start... But how you finish. **FINISH STRONG!***