



# Seycove News

June/July 2010

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*Welcome to our June/July 2010 electronic bulletin. Please note only brief information is listed here.  
For more detailed news, please go to our website: [www.seycove.ca](http://www.seycove.ca).*

## **Principal's Message**

The 2009/10 school year is now behind us and I know we are all looking forward to some rest and relaxation over the summer. Our 2010 graduating class had their dinner/dance last week and also returned from their exciting rafting trip – both were a huge success! We also have our Global Initiatives group departing shortly for the Dominican Republic and we wish them a safe and memorable journey.

I want to thank the entire Seycove parent community for your support throughout the year and encourage you to review some important updates and changes for next year.

Sincerely,

Karim Hachlaf

## 2010-11 Timetable

Please see the attached timetable for next school year that will include the following changes:

- 8:30 am start time & 3:00pm end time for classes
- No late starts on Wednesdays – 8:30am start Monday to Friday
- Classes will now be 80 minutes in duration (they were previously 75 minutes)

The North Vancouver School District has altered the 2010/11 timetable for all secondary schools reflecting the need to make up the loss of instructional time given the six additional closure days along with increasing face to face instructional time for our students.

## Summer Mailout

As we prepare for next school year and the August mailout to our parent community, we are looking to shift towards a paperless model. The rationale behind such a shift is to become more environmentally friendly and fiscally responsible. Hence, this summer we will be e-mailing home an electronic package to each Grade 9-12 household and will be also placing a call out to all parents informing them of this new change. Of course parents who wish to receive a hard copy will simply need to contact the main office.

## Noise & Vandalism

This past month I have received several concerns from our neighbours with noise and vandalism in our community. We ask your assistance in reminding our youth the importance of respecting our neighbourhood when it comes to noise and vandalism and urge the entire community to notify the RCMP using the non-emergency line at 604.985.1311 if they observe any suspicious or disruptive activity.



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## Student Safety

We have also had at least one reported incident involving a youth who was assaulted at night by an unknown group of adolescents. Thankfully, they were not seriously injured but in conversation with the RCMP following these simple guidelines wherever possible can serve as useful prevention measures:

- Walk with a friend or group of friends
- Carry a cell phone
- Use well lit, public walkways

## Out-of-Province/Country Field Trips

At Seycove Secondary, our students are able to take part in a variety of out-of-country field trips. These supplementary trips are optional and are designed to enrich a particular course or activity. Our respective staff members that organize these field trips do so well in advance given the planning that is required. At the same time, we want to communicate our upcoming out-of-country field trips to our parents and students in order to plan accordingly. The approved schedule for the next two school years is below along with the staff contacts to request any additional information:

2010/11

New York: Women's Choir and Chamber Choir (February 16-21, 2011) Mr. Frank Lee – [flee@nvsd44.bc.ca](mailto:flee@nvsd44.bc.ca)

Cuba: Photography 11 & 12 (Spring Break 2011) Mr. Sean Clancy – [sclancy@nvsd44.bc.ca](mailto:sclancy@nvsd44.bc.ca)

2011/12

Banff: Grade 10-12 Band & Choir Program (Spring 2012) Mr. Frank Lee – [flee@nvsd44.bc.ca](mailto:flee@nvsd44.bc.ca)

Europe: Grade 11 & 12 students (Spring Break 2012) Ms. Kerry Henderson – [khenderson@nvsd44.bc.ca](mailto:khenderson@nvsd44.bc.ca)

Dominican Republic: Global Initiatives & Social Justice 12 (Summer 2012) Ms. Andrea Yeo – [ayeo@nvsd44.bc.ca](mailto:ayeo@nvsd44.bc.ca)

Europe (TBA): Senior Boys Rugby (Spring Break 2012) Mr. Paul Shtenko – [pshtenko@nvsd44.bc.ca](mailto:pshtenko@nvsd44.bc.ca)

## **Transcript Information**

Please ensure you know your PEN **prior** to summer in order to access student transcript information on-line. Should you lose or forget your PEN, you will need to leave a message at the School Board Office (604-903-3444) and wait for a call back from school staff. A staff member will be available for transcript-related questions August 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> only.



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## Student Services

### Distributed Learning

There are 55 students going into grade ten who are taking Planning 10 or Physical Education 10 courses over the summer or next fall.

If you take a course over the summer make sure that your counsellor knows that you successfully completed it.

If you are taking the course starting in the fall both a paper registration and an online activation assignment needs to be completed.

The website for registration information for DL in North Vancouver is:

<http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/DistributedLearning44/Registration%20Information.aspx>

Provincial Exams - Student PEN (Personal Education Number) and instructions on how to access your Provincial exams results were given out in English classes.

For more information about grade 10 provincial exams, go to: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/>

Student Secure Web - To access exam results in the summer, please follow the link below:

<https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/>

## How to get Better Grades

You can make this your child's best year ever in school! Smart students have secrets. What does it take to be a superior student? The most important secret is a great study strategy! Terry Small's student success system shows your kids how to take charge of their time and succeed! Parents and students attend this seminar together to learn proven strategies and study secrets that have helped 182,000 students to excel.

**When:** July 29, Thursday, 2010, 700 – 830 pm

**Where:** John Oliver Secondary School

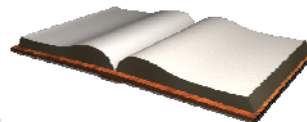
**Instructor:** Terry Small B.Ed., M.A.

**Price:** 65.00 for the whole family

## Library Books – Lesley Edwards

The 2010 year-end inventory of Seycove library holdings has revealed a loss of 65 books and one flash drive this year (please see list attached). These are items that were never checked out and are therefore untraceable.

Some of these may have been honest mistakes, students are busy, the bell rings and they have classes to get to. I am hoping that parents and students alike will take some time to look around your homes to see if any of these missing items are there.



Books can simply be dropped off at the school over the summer.

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## Tributaries



A big Congratulations to the 14 Seycove students who were published in this year's edition of the District literary magazine "Tributaries": Sarah Adam, Christine Beyleveldt, Dylan Collier-Van Born, Tomash Danco, Drake Henry, Owen Hughes, Hannah Jensen, Colin Madill, Glenn McIntyre, Bruce Proudfoot, Brenden Reid, Emma Thorne, John Raffin and Evan Zhou all were invited to attend a reception and receive copies of their published work. *Way to go!*

## Apprenticeship Training

An apprenticeship is a training program for trades and technical careers that involves a combination of on the job training and classroom instruction. There are over 150 apprenticible trades in British Columbia. Students are able to begin their apprenticeship training while in high school.

In order to qualify, a student must be:

- 15 years of age or older
- in a paid, part-time position in an apprenticible trade
- under the supervision of an experienced worker
- registered with the ITA as a Secondary School Apprentice (SSA)

For more information, or to register as a Secondary School Apprentice, contact **Shirley Lempriere** (slempriere@nvsd44.bc.ca) or **Nancy Roberts** (nroberts@nvsd44.bc.ca)

## Dates to Remember:

- Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Staff Member available for Transcript-related questions (call the Board Office: 604-903-3444)
- Aug 16-19 August eMailout
- Sept 7<sup>th</sup> First day of school (homeroom only)
- Sept 8<sup>th</sup> First day of classes
- Sept 10<sup>th</sup> Photo Day

For a complete calendar, please follow this [link](#).