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Important Dates

February

- 2** Grad Photo Retakes and Order Drop Off
- 7** Middle School Science Fair — 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- 8** Report Cards Distributed
- 12** Family Day—No School
- 23** Pro-D Day—No School

March

- 16** Last day of school before Spring Break
- 19-29** Spring Break
- 30** Good Friday—No School

April

- 2** Easter Monday—No School
- 3** School Reopens
- 6** Parent/Teacher Interviews—Early Dismissal
- 16** Term 3 Ends
- 25** Report Cards Distributed
- 27** Non-Instructional Day—No School



Principal's Message

Assessment Week and Success Day wrapped up during the final week of January. Staff were working hard supporting students with exams and final projects. Hopefully most students will be pleased with the outcomes of their courses. Mid-year is a perfect time for students to reflect on their first semester and set goals for their second semester. A thorough reflection should yield both strengths and areas for growth. Parents are encouraged to join their child in their mid-year reflection and ensure there is a strong emphasis on strengths. A strength-based focus is proven to be advantageous to building student skill sets. A more skilled student with strong organizational skills, time management skills, and work habits are able to improve in all courses.

With the start of Semester 2 for our grade 9 – 12 students it is important that students ensure they are in courses that will support them with their graduation plan. Students are expected to work with the timetable they are provided with, as their timetable reflects the course planning they've done with their school counsellor earlier this year or last year. However, plans sometimes change. Students do have the option of emailing their counsellor to set up an appointment for course change requests. Course change requests need to be sent in right away, as courses progress at a rapid rate. Any changes need to happen early in the semester.

Grades 9 – 11 students should have their 2018/2019 course selection sheets handed into counsellors. Grades 7 and 8 students will be making their course selections in the first two weeks of February. Therefore, we will be starting to build our 2018/2019 school timetable fairly soon. This is about a month earlier than most years, so counsellors will have a lot of time to meet with students later in the year to make sure their course planning aligns with their post-secondary plans. Course planning and timetable building are very involved processes. We try our best to provide very diverse opportunities for students, to ensure that all students embrace an education that works for them.

Grade 12 students are encouraged to apply for scholarships and bursaries. Grade 12 students are encouraged to see Ms. Jones, our Career Advisor, for support with applying for scholarships and bursaries. Ms. Jones has already done several presentations and reminders, so most of our graduating students are actively on top of the opportunities she has shared.

All the best to staff and students for a very enjoyable second half of the school year!

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Automated Calls and Email Messages

Please be aware, if you are receiving an automated message or email from the school in regards to a student absence, important student information, or an event at the school, you **MUST** listen to the entire message or the system will continue to call you.

If you do not listen to the message, or fully read the email message, you may miss important information in regards to your student's attendance, times of events, and important teacher information.



FoodSafe Course Offered at G.W. Graham

Do you want to work at a restaurant? Do you help with hotdog or other food sales?

FoodSafe can be an asset on your resume.

The FoodSafe course will be offered at GWG on Saturday, March 10, 2018 from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm.

A special price of \$40 is available for GWG students (discounted rate). Others in the G. W. G. community (parents, teachers, etc.) or students from other schools may take the course for \$60.

Ms. Aquino and Mrs. Bergeron will be instructing the course.

For more information, please contact them by telephone at 604-847-0772 , or by email at paula_aquino@sd33.bc.ca or sandra_bergeron@sd33.bc.ca



MyEducation Student Portal

Semester 2 has arrived!!

Didn't receive your timetable? Lost it and can't find it anywhere?

Log in to [MyEd Student Portal](#) to view your timetable. If you need your password reset, please email gwg@sd33.bc.ca with the following information:

1. First and last name
2. What you need (Ex. Password reset, etc.)

Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found in the gym, and by the office, for any missing items.



Extended Absences

If your family is planning on being away longer than the District assigned break, please notify the office.

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Grade 12 Students and College/University

Deadlines for applications to post-secondary institutions are fast approaching. Check the school's website for the deadline dates as they vary. Students can apply through www.applybc.ca. It is definitely not too late to apply for the University of the Fraser Valley! Many, many programs are still accepting applications. Need help making program decisions? Make an appointment today to see Mrs. Jones! Parents are welcome to attend too!

LPI?

If you are a Grade 12 student who has applied to UBC, SFU, UVic, TRU, UNBC, Kwantlen or Emily Carr, you may be required to write the LPI or Language Proficiency Index test to take first year university English. The next available sitting can be found at www.lpittest.ca.

Scholarships for Grade 12 Students

It is scholarship season! The deadline for the **Internal Scholarships** is on **Feb. 13th**. Remember that there is a scholarship/bursary to fit every student and that scholarships are not just for straight "A" students. Be sure to review the Financial Awards section under *Student Info* on GWG's website <http://gwg.sd33.bc.ca> to see which scholarships/bursaries are right! Mrs. Jones is available to help students prepare their work, provide feedback on content and answer any questions. Also, remember, **Externals Scholarships** are due on **Feb 27th**.

Course Planning for 2017/18

Students are encouraged to double check their course selections with Mrs. Jones to see if they fit the prerequisites for programs of interest after high school. Students can also check this information on myBlueprint under the Post-Secondary Planner tab or at www.educationplanner.ca. Both are great resources for post secondary information.

Speakers

A representative from Coastal Pacific will be at GWG on Feb 7th during Advisory and lunch to share educational and vocational options available in the field of Aviation. Interested student should see Mrs. Jones to attend.

On Feb 27th a recruiter from the Canadian Forces will be at GWG during Advisory to discuss employment and educational options available through the military.

See Mrs. Jones for more info.