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Important Dates

January

22-26—Assessment and Reporting Week

22—PAC Meeting @ 7pm

26—Student Success Day

29—First Day of Semester 2 Term 3 - New Block Rotation

February

2—Grad Photo Retakes

7—Middle School Science Fair

8—Report Cards Distributed

12—Family Day (No School)

23—Profession Development Day



Principal's Message

We are now into the final two weeks of semester one! Students are encouraged to access supports for assisting them with a successful end to their courses. Classroom and Learning Assistance teachers are available for extra support outside of regular instructional time. Students should take a good look at the Assessment Week Schedule and make sure they record final exams dates and times, and other expectations for the final week. Assessment Week Schedules are posted throughout the school and on our website.

We are also well into the process of students selecting their courses for next year. Course Selection forms have been provided to our senior students and should be returned to Advisory Teachers this week. We completed our elective fair for senior students and provided them with a Course Selection Handbook. An electronic copy of the Course Selection Handbook is available on our website and extra hard copies are available in the Student Services Room. Senior Students should be selecting courses based on a graduation plan that will support them with their post-secondary school goals. Students are also encouraged to talk to teachers and counsellors to find out information about the courses offered.

MyBluePrint is the electronic portfolio that students use for career education and graduation planning. Students are supported in their tutorial by our Compass Teaching Team who guide students through the various sections in MyBluePrint. Students are required to showcase their work in MyBluePrint during an interview with our school counsellors. Students are assessed by their Advisory teacher for their work in MyBluePrint and by the school counsellor for their interview. The interview combined with their work in MyBluePrint is worth two credits towards student graduation requirements.

Our Student Services Team are a great support for students throughout the school year. This month is an especially important time for students to connect with the Student Services Team for course selections, support with finishing semester one, and ensuring their semester two courses still supports their graduation plan. Ms. Jones is our Career Advisory teacher who can help with career planning and scholarship and bursary opportunities. Our school counsellors are available for social/emotional support along with support for course selection and career planning. Our Student Services Team have done several classroom and large assemblies, providing students details about course selection. Parents are welcome to join us on Wednesday, January 31st at 7:00 PM for an information session on graduation requirements and an opportunity to connect with our Student Services Team.

Reminder of our Parent Advisory meeting at 7:00 PM on Monday, January 22nd in our school library. We hope you are able to join us for our monthly PAC meeting.

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News from the Library

Library Challenges

The December library challenge was to create six words stories, and the winners are

First place- Eliza T.

Second place – Joanna G.

Third Place- Mayah B.

Honourable mention – Brooklyn J.

Library Challenge

The library challenge for January is to create piece of Fan Fiction.



Monthly Reading Program

The library is starting a monthly reading program. Interested students choose a book and read it and then write a review in print, digital (using our online review section of our catalogue), audio, video or art form. Any student who hands in their review by the end of each month will be eligible for a small prize and will also be invited to a pizza party.

Overdue books

Students are reminded to return all overdue books as late fees add up quickly.

Yearbooks

Yearbook pre-orders are due by the end of February. Books may be purchased online through the GWG website or in the office and cost \$47. If you purchased a yearbook in the past and have paid all your fees but did not receive your book, please see Ms. MacConnell.

Student Leadership Project

On Friday, December 15th, Karlie M. her sister Katie, and Sky D. delivered 206 new items (approx. \$1300 value) to Ronald McDonald House. Karlie surpassed her goal of 100 items and \$500 dollars by leaps and bounds. Additionally, we have about 200 gently used or new items to donate to the women's shelter in Chilliwack. We are so proud of this student-initiated project and all the joy sick kids will receive when they get all these great presents. Thank you for your help and your generous contributions to the project. A special thank you to Makenzi M. and the Be the Change students who also helped out.

