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## March/April 2019 Newsletter

### Principal's Message ~ Erica Schmidt

It is hard to believe that spring is approaching and we are well on our way into Semester 2! In March, teachers sent home at risk reports (Incomplete "I" reports) to families of students who are struggling in their current courses. If you received an at-risk report please ensure you follow up with your child and encourage them to use their spring break to get caught up in their coursework if necessary. It would be a great idea for your child to connect with their teacher before the break if they received an "I" report this semester.

In the past two months we have hosted a number of exciting events and educational sessions for our students. Seaton was home to hundreds of athletes during the BC Special Olympics. This was a unique opportunity for our school to connect with the greater community and all the athletes! All students participated in a MADD impaired driving assembly, and our grade 10-12 students heard from Aboriginal play write and author Drew Hayden Taylor. We also had two Jack Talk assemblies this month for students in grades 9-12 which focussed on mental health awareness.

Grade 12 students have been busy completing scholarship applications. This year we had 92 students in grade 12 submit scholarship applications! All our grade 8-11 students participated in grade assemblies outlining the course planning process for next year. They learned about many new courses being offered next year.

All current grade 8 - 11 students will have selected their courses for next year online using student connect. All students were expected to register in a minimum of eight courses (four each semester). Students were also expected to select two alternate courses in the event their first choices are not available. All students must complete 80 credits (four credits per course) in grades 10-12 in order to graduate.

It is essential that students make thoughtful courses selections as the 2019-20 timetable will be developed based on these course selections. Please talk to your child about the courses they selected for next year. **If your child has not entered their course requests into student connect, they are asked to do so immediately by logging into their student connect account.** Information on course planning is available on our website [here](#). Students can also connect with their counsellor to discuss course scheduling questions. The counsellors are Mr. Colclough (last names A-L), Mrs. Erickson (gr. 10-12, last names M-Z) or Mrs. Lau (gr. 8-9, last names M-Z).

In February I joined the PEAK outdoor education class on an overnight winter camping trip. Read more about this exciting adventure from the perspective of two of our international students in this issue of our newsletter! Have a great spring break!

## Upcoming Events

- April 1 – Pro-D Day
- April 2 – Classes resume after Spring Break
- April 3 – Grad Fashion show rehearsal for models (3:00pm), PE Ski Trip to Silverstar, Vancouver Aquarium AquaVan at Seaton
- April 4 – Grad Fashion Show 7pm (gym), PE Ski Trip to Silverstar
- April 8 -12 – DELF exams for grade 12 French Immersion students
- April 8 – PAC Meeting 6pm
- April 8 – Super Grad Parent Planning Meeting 6pm
- April 16 – Grad parent meeting for all gr 12 parents 6pm (gym)
- April 18 – Term 3 ends, Gr. 8 rotation 2 ends
- April 19-22 – Good Friday/Easter Monday Holiday
- April 23 –Term 4 begins, Gr. 8 Rotation 3 begins
- April 24 – District Project Scholarship evening performances
- April 25 – District Project Scholarship event (Rec Centre) 6:30pm - 8:30pm
- April 26 – District Project Scholarship event (Rec Centre) 9:30 - 2:00pm
- April 28-30 – Goodwill Shakespeare Festival
- May 7 – Grad Transitions Exit Interviews
- May 9 – Sonic Sound Fest
- May 13 – PAC Meeting 6pm
- May 15 – Grad Transitions Exit Interviews
- May 17 – Pro-D Day
- May 23 – Gr. 8 rotation 3 ends
- May 24 – Gr. 8 Rotation 4 begins
- May 28-June 1 – Spring Theatre Production
- June 4 – ICBC Road Sense Assembly
- June 5 – Band Concert
- June 13-14 – Choir Concerts
- June 18 – Awards Night, 7pm
- June 19 – Grad rehearsal, Grad Take & Shake (grad gown pick up)
- June 20 – Grad ceremony (Kal Tire Place) 4pm
- June 21 – Souper des finissants (French Immersion Gr. 12 dinner)
- June 22 – Grad pictures in the park, Prom, Super Grad celebration (at Seaton)
- June 21-27– Numeracy Assessment
- June 24 – Last day of scheduled classes, Eng 12 Provincial Exam 9am, Eng First Peoples 12 Provincial Exam 1pm
- June 25 – Course Completion Day, FRAL 12 Provincial Exam 1pm
- June 26 – Course Completion Day, Communications 12 Provincial Exam 9am
- June 27 – Course Completion Day
- June 28 – Report Cards available online

### Stay in the Know!

Connect with Seaton online through:

- Parent Connect,
- the Seaton website,
- the Seaton app,
- Twitter @WLSeaton, or
- Instagram @HumansofSeaton



**If you have not handed in textbooks from Semester 1 or paid your school fees please see Mrs. Jackson in the office ASAP.**

## International Student Experiences ~ Rasmus (from German) and Linn (from Sweden)

Seaton was an easy choice for me, partly because of the drama program, but also the chance to take an outdoor PE program called PEAK. I have always liked being outside and discovering new experiences and challenges, so this was a perfect class to take. Secondly, when I saw that skiing was a big part of PEAK, I was convinced this class was a good choice. In total there are four main trips which include two overnight stays. We have already been on one, so three more are to come. This is such an excellent class to take as an international student, allowing students to see the country and experiencing new adventures that host families sometimes cannot provide. - Linn



**PAC - There are only two PAC meetings left this school year. The next PAC meeting is Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Seaton library. Thank you for supporting Seaton PAC and we hope to see you at the meeting!**

When I was deciding on where to go for my exchange year, it was important for me to have the opportunity to ski and snowboard, while being surrounded by mountains and beautiful nature. Another important part of my year was to improve my English, through taking part in Canadian culture. Canada was therefore a great choice for me, and PEAK made all of this easy to achieve. As an international student in Vernon, you are presented with a variety of different opportunities to discover other parts of Canada. In the fall there was a 3-day trip to Vancouver for international students, including a "Fly over Canada" experience, shopping at Granville Island and Pacific Centre, going to the PNE, speed-boating in Horseshoe Bay, and visiting Stanley Park. Later on in the year, there will be a trip to Banff in Rocky Mountains, where there will be opportunities for skiing, snowboarding, riding a gondola up in the mountains, and dog sledding. I am also looking forward to an upcoming trip to the capital of BC, Victoria. There are multiple smaller trips arranged in the local areas around Vernon as for example bowling, skiing, going to different farms and much more. After experiencing all these new adventures I would recommend taking an international year for anyone who wants to explore a new culture.

- Rasmus

## Student Learning Survey ~ Gus Busenius

Each year the Ministry of Education looks for feedback through the student learning survey which our gr. 10 and 12 students and parents complete. If you wish to complete the Ministry of Education student learning survey as a parent, the electronic surveying is available until April 15, 2019. The website to access the electronic survey is: [https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey/access.htm](https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm) Use the direct access box - no code needed.

You can also access the survey from the SD#22 website. All our grade 10s and 12s are completing the student version of this survey in April.

## **Staff Professional Development ~ Eli Pivnick**

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I attended the full-day workshop on Thinking Classrooms with Peter Liljedahl on the February Pro D day. One of the more interesting subjects covered was assessment. Teachers are well aware that timely and rich feedback is important to the progress of students. Peter's research has made clear that while rubrics are a useful method of giving feedback, they are much more effective if they only include three levels of achievement (e.g. not meeting, meeting, and exceeding expectations). They also are most effective with only one set of simple descriptors for each category rather than one for each level: another instance where less is more!

## **Textiles ~ Kelly Bibby**

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Calling All Spring "Cleaner Outers"! If you are cleaning out your sewing room and have a big stack of material you need to get rid of - we'll take it. Our Seaton sewing department gladly accepts donations of material, wool, crochet hooks, knitting needles, etc. for our students to use.

Our grade 8 students will be making small bean bag animals, pencil cases and pajama shorts or pants this year. Our senior textiles students have completed some Salish weaving (currently on display), a sampler quilt project, backpacks, and are currently work on sweatshirts and hoodies.

We try to reduce costs as much as we can for materials and like helping you clean out your sewing room! Thank you for any donations you may have. Please bring them to the school office labelled sewing room. We appreciate your support.

## **Grad ~ Erica Schmidt**

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Please join us **Thursday, April 4th** for our annual **Grad Fashion Show** at 7pm at the Seaton Gym. Admission is by donation (minimum \$5) and all proceeds support the W.L .Seaton Super Grad event in June. Please also considering helping out by contributing to our basket raffle. We are looking for raffle basket items (new items, gift cards, and more)! Drop - off these items at the school office by **April 1st, 2019**.

We will also need assistance backstage and with set-up April 4th at 3pm and take down after the event. If you are able to assist, please email [eschmidt@sd22.bc.ca](mailto:eschmidt@sd22.bc.ca)

**Stay tuned for a cash raffle fundraiser for Grad coming in April.** The next super grad parent planning meeting is **April 8th at 6pm**.

The next Grad parent meeting is **April 16th at 6pm**. All grad parents are encouraged to attend as we will be reviewing the upcoming grad events.

## **Athletics ~ Nathan Lee**

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It was a long and exciting winter for Seaton Athletics with 6 basketball teams in full swing from December through February.

Our grade 8 girls battled with small roster of dedicated players and got better and better all season. They won their first playoff game and lost a close one in their second to end their season with their heads held high. Our grade 8 boys also had a great season, finishing third in the league comprised of 7 teams. They ended on a high note with a strong performance, just coming up short against the eventual league champions in the playoffs.

Our junior boys played a tough schedule with four tournaments and games against the best teams in the Okanagan. They were a very young team with 7 of the 11 players in grade 9. They finished fifth in a league of 9 teams and the future looks bright for this crew! Our junior girls had an amazing season, finishing first in the North Okanagan, fourth in the Okanagan Valley Championships, and 17th out of 24 at the Provincial Championships with a 3 wins and 1 loss record in the tournament. This was the first team in many years, if not ever, that has come out of Seaton to reach the provincial championships!

Both of our senior teams reached the Okanagan Valley Championships--our boys for the 3rd consecutive year, and our girls for the first year in many years. Our girls finished second in the North Okanagan with a win over

Fulton in the playoffs and though they were winless at the Valley Championships, it was a big step forward for the program to get there. The boys came oh-so-close to winning the first North Okanagan Championship for Seaton in over 20 years, losing a thrilling double OT game to Fulton in the final. They then came within one win of reaching the provincial championships--a very strong season!

Our spring season is fast approaching and we will be offering many sports for kids to try out. Mountain Biking, Junior Girls Soccer, Senior Girls Soccer, Golf, and Track and Field are returning as perennial spring sports. New for 2019 will be Ultimate--we will be running a senior team and are very excited! Also new will be badminton which will be run as a club for this spring with regular practice/game times in the Seaton gym as well as some possible play days with other North Okanagan schools.

Grade 10 students Lucas Sadesky and Torin Andrews are heading to Gatineau, Quebec, to compete in the Canadian Junior X/C ski championships, March 13-20. Good luck, Lucas and Torin!

Grade 10 student Brianna Li goes to Inzell, Germany, next month to compete in the World Junior Tae Kwon Do championships, April 24-28. Best of luck, Brianna!

The BC Secondary School Gymnastics Championships were held in South Delta Secondary School, March 7-10th, 2019. 88 secondary schools from all over BC qualified to this competition in 5 levels, of women and men's artistic high school gymnastics. Aiyanna Collins (gr. 10) competed in Level 3 in a very large group of 53 registered gymnasts, in grades 8-12. She placed 22nd on bars, 25th on beam 35th on vault & floor exercises, all around 42nd. Veronika Yacovelli (gr. 8) competed in Level 4 and placed 4th on beam, 8th on vault, 16th on floor exercises, 20th on bars and 13th all around in a group of 39 registered gymnasts, gr. 8-12.



If students are interested in participating in any spring sports, they should listen for announcements and/or see our Athletic Directors Mr. Lee or Mr. Romain if they have any questions.



On April 12th the parent athletic Booster Club will be hosting an athletic fundraiser. Join them at the Kal Sports Bar. Tickets are \$20 and include a burger and beverage. There will be a silent auction basket raffle with tons of great items to bid on! Contact Gwen Barker at #250-550-9453 for tickets. Last year tickets sold out quickly!!!

## Mountain Biking ~ Elizabeth Ariano

"Seaton Mountain Bike Team Rides Again!!



Following a very fun and successful inaugural year the Seaton Mountain Bike team is poised to ride again! This year promises to be bigger and better than ever. It is important to remember that this is a club for everyone from grade 8 to grade 12. You don't need to be a hard core racer to join. This club is all about getting out and riding with your friends, meeting new friends, learning some new skills on your bike and enjoying the fantastic trail system we have in Vernon. There is a race series that is available should you choose to compete but again racing is entirely optional. Tentatively we are

scheduling our first practice on April 8, 4pm, place to be announced. Group rides with all Vernon schools will be after school on Mondays. We will always have the



option of adding another ride during the week if the interest is there. Our Vernon race will be May 9th in Ellison. Even if you don't want to race hopefully you will come out to volunteer and cheer on your mates! Keep your ears open to the announcements for an interest meeting that should be called very soon. Hope to see you there!! "We also have a Vernon High School Mountain Biking Instagram page! To keep on top of everything to do with teams, events, rides etc. please connect to [vernon.highschool.mtbteam](https://www.instagram.com/vernon.highschool.mtbteam) on Instagram.

### **Music~ Elizabeth Ariano (SMPA)**

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After Christmas Break the Seaton Bands hit the ground running getting ready for competitions in the US and in Whistler. From February 21-24 the Junior and Senior Jazz Bands as well as the Honour Choir braved a border crossing to compete at the prestigious Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in Moscow, Idaho. Seaton's music program has sent jazz bands to this festival for over 30 years now and it is something that all of our young musicians look forward to. The Junior Jazz Band had a harrowing experience when their instruments did not arrive at the school until 2 minutes before they were scheduled to warm up! All the panic and adrenaline were harnessed thanks to Mrs. O'Brien and transferred into an incredible performance for the judges. The Senior Jazz Band also played very well with Seaton's very own Thomas Hurley receiving an award for outstanding solo piano player! Aside from performances, the students and chaperones enjoyed many great music, dance and singing workshops. The highlight concert on Saturday night featured the Lionel Hampton Big Band (which is always incredible) and New York's Vanguard Jazz Orchestra...a big treat for our young musicians.

This month our Junior and Senior Jazz bands played at the Vernon Jazz Club along with bands from Kalamalka Secondary and Vernon Secondary School in a concert called Band Blast. There was standing room only! It was a great night of music by Vernon's youth and definitely showed us all jazz is alive and well in Vernon. The senior jazz band ended the night with a stirring rendition of Birdland that had the whole place clapping and enjoying the rhythm.

Next up on our Music program schedule is BC Interior Jazz Festival in mid-April. At this festival in Kelowna, the bands will compete aiming to win a spot at Musicfest Canada, also called The Nationals. The national competition attracts the top jazz bands from all over the country! The last 2 years our bands have earned a spot at Nationals and have a strong history of attending this festival over many years. At the beginning of May our Grade 9-12 concert bands will be heading to Whistler to compete in the Con Brio festival. This is an honoured festival with concert and jazz bands as well as many choirs attending. And it's in Whistler!! How fun will that be?

Finally the music program is doing one last fundraiser of the year. We are selling Shuswap Coffee to raise funds for Con Brio as well as other band initiatives. Watch out for band members coming around with order forms. It's a great cause and the coffee is pretty great too!

### **French Immersion ~ Yvonne Fiala**

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This year's Café Français "Moulin Rouge" was a great success! Students and their families from all three French Immersion schools (Seaton, Bearisto & Harwood) came together for an evening of fun, desserts and entertainment. Our very talented French Immersion students sang, danced, juggled, and impressed us all. The Vernon community was most generous in their support by offering lovely donations for the silent auction.



Thanks to all who participated! All in all we are thrilled with the sense of community that this evening created. Merci beaucoup!



## TRADES FOCUS SPRING 2019 - SHEET METAL

Sheet metal is a highly in demand trade in BC. Sheet Metal Workers find jobs with Air Conditioning and Heating Contracting Firms; Residential, Commercial and Industrial Construction Firms and Independent Heating and Air Conditioning Shops.

Sheet metal includes: developing patterns for metal using design drafting software, joining metal parts with riveting, soldering, and welding equipment, operating computerized lasers and plasma-cutting equipment, create ducting systems, reading blueprints, and more!

Sheet Metal is a **Dual Credit Program** that is offered at OC Kelowna. If you qualify, we can potentially provide sponsorship to this program.

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THE CAREER  
OFFICE AT  
SEATON

# CAREER PROGRAMS



WORK EXPERIENCE DUAL CREDIT TRADES CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS FORESTRY TRADES SAMPLER RCMP ACADEMY JR FIRE CREW

## DID YOU KNOW?

If you qualify, you could get your tuition paid by the School District to an Okanagan College Trades Foundation course.

### This could be up to \$8200

These programs are at the College with College instructors. Some are in Vernon, most in Kelowna.

You would get College and High school credit, AKA **DUAL CREDIT**.

The school district could also pay for any one of five Certificate Programs offered at OC Vernon.

You could take the courses during your grade 12 year, post grade 12 (under 19 as on your grad plan) or possibly the second part of grade 11.

There are over **20 programs** that you could choose.

*See us today to find out more.*

# FORESTRY

Think of the Forestry/Trades program as career life development. Who are you? What are your values, skills, strengths and areas of development? What type of work interests you? What are the possible career paths that you could take? This program helps students to be flexible and capable when adapting successfully in today's rapidly changing field of careers.

This unique program is held at Charles Bloom for SD 22 grade 11 and 12 students

Students can attend **1st semester**, **2nd semester** or **both semesters**.

Students gain **trades experience** and **skills exploration** in

**First Semester**  
Automotive  
Heavy Duty Mechanics  
Welding

**Second Semester**  
Electrical  
Plumbing and Piping  
Carpentry

Students also receive academic credits in:

Science 11  
Science 12 (two semester option)  
Workplace Math 11

### TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:

Youth Explore – Trades Sampler  
Environmental stewardship  
Forest management  
Heavy duty equipment operation and maintenance  
Chainsaw operation and maintenance  
ENFORM Basic Chainsaw Safety  
Sawmill operation  
Safe logging practices  
Building log furniture and other wood projects  
Recreational trail development  
Work ready skill development and certification  
Occupational First Aid Level 1  
Bear Awareness Certificate

## GATEWAY TRADES SAMPLER 2020

Designed to provide students with practical skills and industry requirements for a variety of trades.

Carpentry  
Plumbing  
Electrical  
Sheet Metal  
Welding

Students will gain the first-hand knowledge necessary to make an informed **TRADES** career decision for the future.

**Feb - April 2020** (12 weeks) for Grades 10-12  
OC Trades Instructor At **VERNON** OC Trades Centre

Earn 12 credits with an opportunity  
For additional 4 (WEX12A or 12B)



### Potential Students

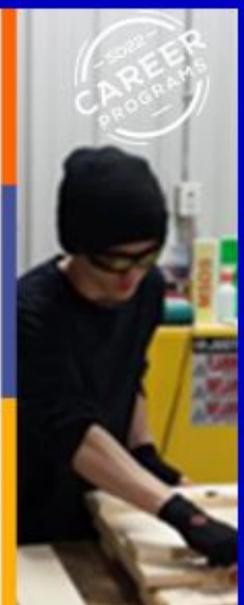
Tactile/kinesthetic learners  
Have a strong desire to explore a possible career in Trades  
Strong work ethic  
Daily and punctual attendance is mandatory  
Good hand-eye coordination  
Willingness to ask questions and engage in new activities  
Commitment to the completion of the program

### Special Considerations

Transportation to the Vernon Okanagan College Trades Centre is the responsibility of the student  
April/May 2019 interviews will be conducted with prospective students and their parents/guardians prior to acceptance into the Gateway Program

*MAX 16 students from SD#22 will be accepted*

**Applications Due APRIL 19th**



## Youth Gateway to the Trades

~ February – April 2020

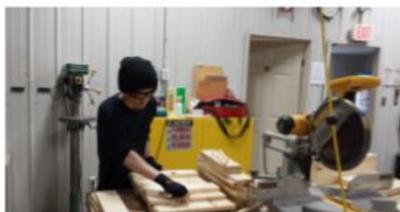
~ 12 weeks @ the Vernon Okanagan College Trades Centre working with an Okanagan College instructor

~ earn 12 credits for TSTQ 12 A, TSTQ 12 B, & TSTQ 12 C

~ the opportunity for an additional 4 credits for WEX 12A or WEX 12B

Students will learn practical skills and industry requirements for a variety of trades. The program will focus on the following trades:

Carpentry, Plumbing, Welding, Electrical and Sheet Metal. They will also learn how to access further training, Dual Credit programs and apprenticeship opportunities.



### Program Schedule

- February – April 2020
- 12 weeks at the Vernon Okanagan College Trades Centre

**NOTE: Specific schedule TBD in August 2019**

### Special Considerations

- Transportation to the Vernon Okanagan College Trades Centre is the responsibility of the student for the Gateway Program
- April 2019 interviews will be conducted with prospective students and their parents/guardians prior to acceptance into the Gateway Program



# Youth Gateway to Trades

This program is designed to provide students with practical knowledge and theoretical experience in a variety of trades sectors. Students will gain the first-hand knowledge necessary to make an informed Trades career decision for the future.



"I appreciated having the opportunity to explore multiple trades at Okanagan College in 12 weeks. Now I know I can be a tradesperson."

- 2019 Student

"I now know which trade I want to pursue next year in a dual credit program."

- 2019 Student

### What do students like about Gateway?

- The instructor treats you like an employee.
- The environment is adult-like where there is problem-solving in the projects and you are treated like an adult.
- It is more practical and you get to work with machines



### Potential Students

- All Grade 10-12 students can apply
- (MAX: 16 students from SD22 accepted for the Program)
- tactile/kinesthetic learners
- have a strong desire to explore a possible career in the Trades

### Recommendations for Success

- strong work ethic
- daily and punctual attendance is mandatory
- good hand-eye coordination
- willingness to ask questions and engage in new activities
- commitment to the completion of the program

**Applications Due: April 19, 2019 (for February 2020 Program)**

**\*Application form is on the SD22 website under 'Careers'**

**\*Apply via email to:**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22 (Vernon)  
District Principal:  
Career Education and Curriculum  
Kathy Wickum  
250-549-6142 (cell)  
[kwickum@sd22.bc.ca](mailto:kwickum@sd22.bc.ca)

**Please meet with a school counselor to review individual graduation requirements prior to submitting an application to Kathy Wickum via email.**