



# Dasmesh Punjabi School

Parent Newsletter (K-12)  
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Greetings from Dasmesh !

The school year continues to roll along. We are just wrapping up our fall sports schedules and preparing our teams for the winter sports schedules. Our mid-semester reports for students in Grades 9 -12 will be issued shortly.

Grade 4 & 7 students just completed their Foundations Skills Assessments in Numeracy and Literacy. Mrs. Linda Burton and Mrs. Navneet Teja are marking their booklet component of the assessment. Mr. Chan will submit both computer and booklet component scores to the Ministry of Education by the end of next week .

Grades 4 and 8 students will be taking part in an annual survey conducted by UBC on Middle Year Development Instrument research project. Mrs. Tiwana, our school councilor is coordinating with the UBC research team.

Our grades 4 and 6 students are taking part in a Math League contest. Grades 3 and 6 students will be registered for an online IXL program. This will enhance their numeracy and literacy skills. This is self-paced student driven and teacher monitored to supplement the curricular content being covered in classes. Parents are requested to encourage students to spend some time on a regular basis to enhance their numeracy and literacy skills.

Grade 4 and 5 are taking part in Clearbrook Library reading challenge. Grade 4 and 5 staff have registered multiple teams. Kindergarten students are taking part in Buddy Reading program.

Student Council (Grades 10 to 12) students under the leadership of Mr. Gillies and Mrs. Tiwana were very creative to engage students of all levels to build school spirit. Recent school spirit week was full of student activities along with the yearbook team who successfully fund raised approximately \$3,000. The proceeds will go towards the improvement of the school yearbook. This will also subsidize the cost of the yearbook to some extent. Grades 6 to 8 students will be taking part in Diwali activities under the guidance of their teachers.

Our 2022 grads started their grad events by going on their first field trip to Victoria. The Grad committee meets once a month under the leadership of Mrs. Teja, their homeroom teacher. Student reps and an administrator take part in the meetings. Grad parents are kept informed via WhatsApp group by our school counselor, Mrs. Tiwana.

We are moving forward to adopt the new student reporting policies under review by the Ministry of Education. Our grades K to 8 will follow a proficiency scale of assessment reporting format starting on the first term report on December 3,2021. Parents are requested to attend in person student-led parent teacher conferences. Your child's teacher will set up an appointment time a week before the term 1 report card day on Friday, December 3,2021.

Grades 9 to 12 mid-semester reports will be distributed on November 18,2021 from 3:00 P.M to 5:00 P.M in the cafeteria on third floor in building B. Parents are requested to meet with their child's teacher to review student performance during the first quarter of their semester.

For more information, please visit of school website [www.dasmeshschool.com](http://www.dasmeshschool.com).

Jaspal S Dhaliwal

Principal



## School Calendar Nov.-Dec 2021

Nov 5	In School Diwali Celebration (pm)
Nov 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov 11	Remembrance Day Holiday
Nov 15	PSG Meeting
Nov 18	Mid Semester Report Cards (Gr 9-12) (3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
Nov 19	Professional Development Day (No school for students)
Nov 26	Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Parkash Gurpurb
Dec 3	Report Card Day (K-8)
Dec 6	Term 2 begins
Dec 15	Final Fee Payment with 1.5%
Dec 15	Grad Santa Pictures
Dec 16	Shaheedi Gurpurb (a.m.)
Dec 20-31	Winter Break
Jan 4, 2022	School reopens after winter break

Updated information and newsletters are also available on our school website [www.dasmeshschool.com](http://www.dasmeshschool.com)

## TUITION FEES/DONATIONS ACCOUNTS

- ◆ There will be a late fee of 1.5% /month/student on the remaining balance of student fees starting October 1, 2021.
- ◆ All late fee accounts must be cleared by December 15, 2021.
- ◆ All donations and school fees must be paid by either cheque/draft, or visa/debit/master card.
- ◆ School fees and donations are non-refundable and non-transferable.

If you have questions regarding school fees, please call the school office at 604-826-1666.

## School Yearbook 2021-22

Yearbook newsletter with more information regarding upcoming yearbook will be sent home next week .

## PSG Meeting

When: November 15 at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Building B

All parents are requested to attend this important meeting.

## Future Goals - Hockey Scholar

Teach Math and Science of Hockey through STEM Sports Activities

The National Hockey League (NHL) and the National Hockey League Players' Association (NHLPA) have partnered to launch the Future Goals program, a North-American initiative focusing on STEM in sports to provide K-12 students with STEM education.

Melissa Ketch conducted a one-hour virtual Hockey Scholar workshop sponsored by NHL Vancouver Canucks, where she "visited" grade 7-1; introduced the courses to the students, engaged in some fun activities, and got them set up with an account so they could continue to learn on their own!



# Yearbook Team Fundraising

The yearbook team has successfully raised approximately \$3000. The proceeds will go towards the improvement of the school yearbook. A big thanks goes towards the organizers, students, staff and parents.



Grade 7-1 decorated the wall for Halloween.



## This Year's Spirit Week

The winners of this year's spirit week are The Grade 12s!!

We thank all the students and teacher's for participating in the events and making this a memorable week! We applaud the grade 9s efforts in today's tug of war rematch! Congratulations!

Grade 12 was first place with 129 points! Grade 11 came in second and the teachers in third! These are the final scores:

Grade 9: 105 points

Grade 10: 115 points

Grade 11: 127 points (second)

Grade 12: 129 points (first)

Teachers: 116 points (third)

We hope no one has any hard feelings!

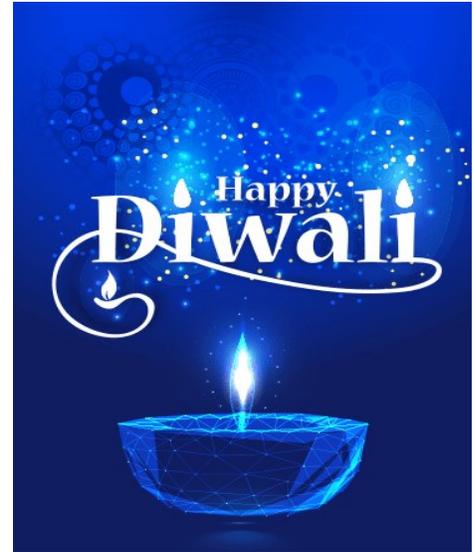
Classes who didn't win this time will have a chance to redeem themselves during the next spirit week!

Thank you,



## Happy Diwali and Bandi Chhor Divas

We would like to wish the entire Dasmesh Punjabi School community Happy Diwali and Bandi Chhor Divas. Our students are eager for our in-school Diwali celebration on November 5th. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions we are unable to invite parents to enjoy the show this year, but we are inching closer to our normal celebrations. Our Media Club will be putting together a video to share with all parents next week.



Our PSG will be generously providing students with 2 samosas and 1 gulab jaman. Students who prefer not to eat, can bring their own lunch.

### Important Information—Student Travel Outside of the Country

As the borders open up, here is some important information for parents that are planning on traveling outside of the country with their children.

The guidelines vary based on the student's vaccination status.

If the student is 12 or under, and they enter their country with parents who are fully vaccinated, the child does not have to be quarantined....however....they are not allowed to attend school for 14 days.

See here **What your child cannot do for the next 14 days**

- Attend a setting where they may have contact with vulnerable people (e.g., long-term care facility), including with people who are immune compromised, regardless of that person's vaccination status or public health measures in place.
- Attend school, camp or day care.
- Travel on crowded public transportation that does not ensure physical distancing and masking (e.g., crowded subway).
- Attend large crowded settings, indoors or outdoors, such as an amusement park or sporting event.

Any student unvaccinated and over 12, must follow the above rules.

If the student is over 12 and is fully vaccinated, student must test negative to again attend school.