



# Dasmesh Punjabi School

Parent Newsletter (K-12)  
January 2022

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## Principal's Message

Greetings Everyone! Welcome back to school! I hope all of you enjoyed the timely snowy weather just before Christmas during the holidays and feel relaxed before starting 2022. The year 2021 was very challenging for all of us. Let us all hope that 2022 will be a better year. While vaccines are being distributed at various sectors of our society, I urge each and every one of you to keep following health official's pandemic safety protocols.

Grade 10 will be writing to write provincial assessments in Literacy and Numeracy during this month. Our grades 9 to 12 students will also be completing their school exams before wrapping up this semester. The new semester will begin on January 31, 2022.

During the break, school maintenance and cleanup crews worked hard to ensure both buildings are ready for the new year. We are waiting to mark two outdoor basketball courts. Extreme weather conditions are delaying this project. We are thankful for our school trustee S. Davinder S. Brar for his generous donation of \$100,000 before the winter break towards the school sports program development.

We were able to sell/relocate most of the portable classrooms from our campus. We still have two portables available for sale at a reasonable price. Please feel free to contact the school if anyone is interested. We are in the planning stage to add some new playground features as soon as we remove remaining portables. Thank you for your patience as we complete the final phase of the construction project.

January is the month of student registration. If your child was born in 2017 he/she is eligible to register for kindergarten. Grades 1-12 registration forms have been sent home with the students. Please register your child ASAP before the specified deadlines.

January is a month to practice our school value - Integrity. Stay safe and keep following daily health safety checks and revised January 2022 guidelines before getting ready to come to school.

Jaspal S. Dhaliwal, Principal



The next **PSG Meeting** will be on **Monday, January 17 at 1:30 p.m.** via Zoom.

Please email [psg@dasmeshschool.com](mailto:psg@dasmeshschool.com) to get a ZOOM link.

## School Calendar Jan–March

Jan 4-14	Kindergarten Registration
Jan 17-28	Gr 1 to Gr 12 Registration
Jan 21	Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Parkash Divas
Jan 25	Grade 10-2 Numeracy Assessment 10
Jan 26	Gr 12 Grad Literacy Assessment 12
Jan 31	Semester 2 begins (Gr 9-12)
Feb 7	Grad Photos Day
Feb 14	KG Smile Stone Photos
Feb 18	Province Wide Pro D Day No school for students
Feb 21	Family Day Holiday
March 11	Term 2 Ends (Report Cards K-8)
March 12-27	Spring Break
March 28	School Reopens after Spring break
March 28	Term 3 Begins

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

## Registration 2022-23

Re-Registration for Grade 1 to 12  
(January 17 to 28, 2022)

Grades 1 to 12 registration packages with next year's fee details have been sent home with students.

Please make sure to register your child on time.

Registration is on a FIRST COME-FIRST SERVED BASIS.

- ◆ School fees and donations are non-refundable and non-transferable.

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

## Important Information—Student Travel Outside of the Country

As the borders open up, here is some important information for parents that are planning on travelling 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 attend school.



# Dasmesh Punjabi School

Consistently rated  
as one of the top 3  
schools in  
Abbotsford by the  
Fraser Institute

## Benefits of the Dasmesh Kindergarten Program:

- Build a strong foundation in English, Punjabi and French
- Providing a premiere educational program that exceeds the Ministry's curriculum for over 30 years
- Take part in various clubs and programs including sports, arts, traditional music and bhangra.
- Small class sizes to provide focused attention on each child's needs
- 100% of our Grade 12 students have graduated and transitioned to post-secondary education



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

**CONTACT US :**

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## COVID-19 guidelines shared by the health authorities in consultation with the Ministry of Education

It is parents' responsibility to encourage their children to :

- (1) ensure to complete a daily health check, regularly monitor for symptoms of illness, and stay home when sick.
- (2) continue to follow public health guidance and recommendations which include (a) wearing a mask at all times unless exempted (b) washing their hands frequently (3) keep social distancing.
- (3) Complete any reporting tool provided by public health if they test positive for COVID-19 (regardless of test type), including providing all school-related information requested. Specifying that the absence is illness-related when notifying their school of an absence. As supported by public health, students and staff do not need to disclose if their absence is specific to COVID-19. However those who test positive for COVID-19 should be diligent in ensuring their school is aware their absence is illness-related.

As of Jan 10, like all other K-12 schools, Dasmesh will closely monitor school attendance data to determine if it has met a "public-health determined potential activity signal" as specified by BCCDC. When met, Dasmesh will notify public health and our school community.

Under the new protocol,

1. the recent public health guidance recommends those who test positive for COVID-19 notify those whom they live with, or who they've had intimate contact with. While those who test positive do not need to notify the school or others at school, individuals may still contact a school for this purpose. To protect personal privacy, schools cannot release individual contact information for the purpose of an individual (staff, student or parent/caregiver) seeking to notifying others of their test result. Schools should also not notify others on an individual's behalf.
2. If an individual contacts Dasmesh I request they facilitate notifying others at school, school administrators (or staff, if directly contacted) can share the following:
  - (1) Anyone who has tested positive using a rapid test<sup>3</sup> should complete the online reporting tool provided by public health, and provide all school-related information requested. Public health does not require students or staff to notify our school if they have tested positive for COVID-19, or to notify other individuals at school.
  - (2) To protect personal privacy, Dasmesh is unable to provide personal contact information for the purpose of notifying others of a test result.

To make Dasmesh a safe place to learn, play, and interact Dasmesh will continue to follow public health guidances, including monitoring school absenteeism to help determine if there may be increased school-associated COVID-19 activity.

# Glimpses of Student Activities from last month

## Entrepreneur Fair Grade 7-2

Mrs. Grewal held the Gr 7 Entrepreneur fair. Students donated around \$700 towards the BC Children hospital and Flood relief fund. Thank you to Mrs. Manpreet Grewal for engaging her grade 7-2 students during their ADST block. This was a perfect fit into the student core competencies of communication, creative & critical thinking as well as social and personal interaction. (their service to the school to recognize the efforts to help out flood relief families and BC Children hospital). Thank you to all the participants.



*Dasmesh Punjabi School is committed to creating a safe and healthy environment for quality education and heritage preservation.*



Grade 4-2 Students' Creative Art Work



# Fire Prevention Week 2021 Poster/Video Contest Winners

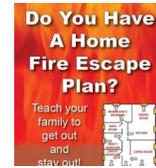
Fire Prevention Week aims to educate people about the simple but important things they can do to keep themselves and those around them safe from fire.

The Fire Prevention Week 2021 poster and video contest winners are:

Agam Samra (Grade 7-1) won the iPad in the video contest

Geet Bansal (Grade 7-1) won the iPad in the poster contest

Eishmeet Randhawa (7-1) won a \$75 gift card in the poster contest



Grade 11 and 12 media groups participated in the fire prevention video contest and received an iPad for themselves and a Panago sponsored pizza lunch party for their class.



Grade 7-1 Winners  
Eishmeet Randhawa, Agam Samra, Geet Bansal



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Congratulations to all winners and thanks to Mrs Harpreet Kaur and Mrs Mann for encouraging students to participate.

