



# Guildford Park Secondary School

*"Everyone Matters"*

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Friday, February 5, 2021

Hello, I hope that you and your loved ones are doing well.

This week is the beginning of Quarter 3 and the halfway point for the school year. The students and staff continue to be a source of great pride.

We want to thank Mr. Strain, acting vice-principal, for all his leadership, patience, and work. Thank you! Also leaving the district on February 19, and their Teaching Librarian role at Guildford Park is Ms. Blessin. After many years as a committed member of the Guildford Park staff, Ms. Blessin will be leaving us for new challenges. We all wish her the very best and thank you. Finally, we are pleased to welcome Ms. Johnson to our community and administrative team as vice-principal. Ms. Johnson comes to Guildford Park from Salish Secondary with many years of diverse experience. A great addition to our school community.

We hope that you have had an opportunity to look at your child(s) progress reports. If you have not yet had a chance to look at the report(s) from quarter two, please go to our website for instructions.

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/guildfordpark/Pages/default.aspx>

The counsellors have begun the course planning and selection process for next year. Many new approaches have had to be developed and continue to be fine-tuned as we gather this information. We hope that you will have conversations with your child (ren) about their plans and interests.

We are beginning to prepare and think about commencement for the graduating class of 2021. Given our current guidelines and health regulations, we are planning for a similar event to last year. Though not like past commencement ceremonies, it was filled with many memorable moments, rich in loved ones and emotion. We will have much more information about this for you shortly. But families, please know that you will be a significant part of this ceremony for your graduate!

The Guildford Health Call Centre is an excellent resource for all your COVID-19 questions and concerns, **604-918-7532**. I want to thank all the families who have communicated and encourage everyone to share any health concerns.

Please stay committed to:

- Wearing our masks – you can never wear them too much!
- Cleaning our hands – washing/disinfecting with sanitizer
- Socially Distance – including breaks and lunch hour!
- Stay home when sick.

Again, thank you for working so hard to make our community safe. Together we will get through this time; this isn't forever. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a great weekend, stay well.

Proud Principal,

*Brian Tait*

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