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Dear Students and Families of Welland Centennial:

I want to thank each of you for being so resilient, supportive and understanding as we have gone through this unique school year together. Your collaborative effort to keep the learning going and support students is very much appreciated. Without our normal routines and structures, this time of year seems unusual for all - please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

At this point in time, students should have submitted any remaining assignments - congratulations to each of you in completing your courses for the year!

Grad Pick-up/Drop-off appointments

All graduating students should have received an email with an appointment time on Wednesday, June 24th to pick up their Grad packages. If your graduate has not received an email, please reach out to me. Students will be picking up their caps and gowns; transcripts, report cards and scholarship cheques, as well as a small graduation gift. Graduates need to drop off any school materials that they may still have - books, chromebooks, team uniforms etc. at this time as well. Please make sure you take the time to read through the procedure, and to do the COVID-19 self assessment on the morning of the 24th. I recognize the complexity of the plan, but keeping everyone healthy and safe is most important.

Graduate Art Show

The link below leads to the DSBN Graduate Art Show, where some of Centennial student's artwork can be viewed. The format used is Microsoft Teams. The show debuts on Tuesday, June 23rd at 6pm. Congratulations to all of our artists - we are very proud of your work.

[Graduate Art Show](#)

Loaned Items for students returning in September

- If you were loaned items by the school this year such as textbooks, items from the library, and Chromebooks, please keep them until September
- These items are very important to the school, so please store them safely
- If you are moving to another school that is not part of the DSBN in the fall, please contact the school to find out how you can return these items. We will need items returned before July 2
- If the DSBN provided you with Internet access, we will be providing that service until the end of the summer

Report Cards:

- Your report card will be mailed to your home in July

Community Involvement Hours:

- An important requirement for high school graduation is completing 40 hours of community involvement hours
- Summer is a great time to earn hours toward this requirement
- Click the link below for some ideas for community involvement hours during the summer

[DSBN Community Involvement Hours](#)

Summer Learning Opportunities:

- Please see the link below for summer learning opportunities in July and August

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COVID-19 School Closure:

- We want to hear about your experiences and your opinions to inform our planning for the opening of our school in September 2020. We see your input as an important way to ensure that our secondary students' transition back to school in the fall is as safe and smooth as possible. The survey has three questions and should take approximately 5 minutes or less to complete. The survey will be closed on June 29th so we can consider your input as we continue to build our plan.

[COVID-19 School Survey](#)

School in the Fall:

- We are currently planning for September, and how we will keep students safe and healthy
- Our plans will be based on requirements from the Ministry of Education and Public Health
- On Friday, the Ministry of Education announced that there are 3 possible models for the fall: full-time online learning, full return to school with extra health and safety precautions or a blended model that will involve some online learning and some time at school. As a result, we will not be distributing timetables until the end of the summer.
- There will be a "DSBN Return to School Updates" link added to our school website. Please be sure to check for updates regularly through the summer

Thanks to each of you for patiently navigating this situation with us. I have been truly impressed with our Centennial community - how our school family has continued to learn, how so many of you have selflessly worked on the front lines in essential services and how you have handled it all with understanding and resiliency. Please continue to follow Public Health recommendations to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

As always, please reach out to me if I can help.

Tammy Zonneveld

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