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## May/June 2018 School Newsletter

### Principal's Message ~ Erica Schmidt

It has been an outstanding year so far at Seaton. In my first year as Principal, I have enjoyed getting to know so many staff and students. I continue to be amazed by the talents of the Seaton community. Most notably, Seaton is a school of caring individuals who continuously challenge themselves to be the best they can be, while maintaining a strong focus on relationships and experiential learning. I feel very privileged to work alongside so many talented staff and students.

It is hard to believe we are now into the final term of the school year. March and April have been busy months as all students completed their course requests for next year and we have begun to build the 2018-19 timetable based on student course requests. Next year our projections show an increased enrolment for Seaton with a large French Immersion population especially at our incoming grade 8 level.

We have had some recent staff changes. This month we welcomed Nathan Lee as Acting Vice-Principal filling in for Mrs. Seed who is currently on leave. Mr. Lee will be in this position until the end of the school year and Chad Romain will be assuming the role of Seaton Athletic Director during this time. We are currently filling a number of PE postings as a result of these staffing changes.

Annie Bouchard, Michelle Robinson, and Geoff Dolman are also off on leaves. As a result, we temporarily welcomed Suzanna Lonsdale to our French Immersion department, Doris Wells to our resource team, and Brian McMahon to our music department. We also saw the addition of a new Special Education Assistant to the Seaton team. We are delighted to have Alex Scobie supporting our students in this role.

Our graduates are getting excited about their commencement ceremony on June 28<sup>th</sup>. There are a number of upcoming Super Grad fundraisers outlined in this newsletter. Parents of students in all grades are strongly encouraged to help volunteer at this important event. More information about how you can help is below. Volunteers are needed June 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>. Please help us ensure that our graduates have a safe and fun celebration!

**SONIC SOUND FEST**  
MAY 4TH 2018

**BRAINiac**  
**SHAUGHNESSY ROSE**  
**SUNFISH**  
**ARMONIA**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO NONA

STUDENTS \$5  
ADULTS \$10  
@ WL Seaton Secondary  
2401 -41 Ave, Vernon, BC

DOORS OPEN - 7:00 PM  
SHOW STARTS - 7:30 PM  
Tickets at Seaton  
& BeanToCup

Join us Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> for Sonic Sound Fest showcasing some amazing local talent!

## School Fees

Please ensure you have paid your school fees. The \$120 grad fee is now overdue and must be paid in order to participate in the graduation ceremonies! Please see Mrs. Jackson in the office to pay school fees. If you require financial assistance please see Mrs. Jackson or your child's counsellor.

## Textbooks

Any textbooks that are no longer being used should be returned to the office. Unreturned textbooks may result in additional fees being charged to students at the end of the year.

## Music ~ Brian McMahon

Seaton students performed at the Lionel Hampton jazz festival and the BC Interior Jazz Festival. Both jazz bands enjoyed the educational experience and achieved very high adjudication scores... enough to receive invites for both bands to Music Fest Canada, the National competition! The following students won awards for Outstanding Performers at the BC Interior Jazz Festival and each took home a \$100 prize:



- Sergio Martin-Martin Nsue
- RJ Leibel
- Shaughnessy O'Brien
- Reid Collinson
- Tyrnan Forslund
- Jacob Laser

The Senior Jazz Ensemble was awarded a Gold Rating at the BC Interior Jazz Festival. Soloists were Reid Collinson, RJ Leibel and Shaughnessy O'Brien.

The Junior Jazz Ensemble, competing in the Junior III division and was awarded a Gold Rating at the BC Interior Jazz Festival. Soloists were Derek Pereboom, Jacob Laser, Tyrnan Forslund and Joseph Killisoff.

In Mr. Dolman's absence, Mr. McMahon will be leading the band. Music updates can be found here: <http://mcmusicmcmusic.weebly.com>

Jazz Bands are running as per usual. The Seaton Band Council will meet Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at noon. Seaton Music Parents Association will meet Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

We are looking for a good turn out to help with the following music events:

- **Band Blast** is on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm for the Senior Jazz Band. Students will perform at the Vernon Jazz Club along with the jazz bands from VSS and Kal. We require help transporting some equipment. Everyone is welcome to attend this all ages event. Tickets are \$5 at door.
- **Seaton Spring Concert** will be held on May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Performing Arts Centre. All bands will be performing at this event. In the event that Mr. Dolman is unable to return by this date, Mr. McMahon will conduct the bands.

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## W.L. SEATON PAC

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What do your teenagers *really* want to talk about???

What do your teenagers *really* want to be informed about???

With the summer holidays approaching, Seaton PAC is excited to welcome School District #22 Substance Abuse Prevention Counsellor **Doug Rogers** at our May 14<sup>th</sup> PAC meeting at 6pm in the Seaton Library. He will be presenting current information, research, and is available to answer questions parents may have to support their children.

A big THANK YOU to all the families who supported the staff appreciation day last month. It was a great success! Please remember to sign up for the June 13<sup>th</sup> Staff Appreciation luncheon [here](#). **PLEASE NOTE** - donations can be made towards the cost of catering some dishes if you are unable to provide an item - and would like to contribute to the luncheon!

### Social Studies ~ Paul Boyd

The Social Studies Department has been very busy this year implementing the new curriculum, especially at the senior level. We had four new courses this year including: **Human Geography**, which looks at the interactions between man and the environment; **Social Justice**, which looks at issues of discrimination around the globe; **Political Studies**, which looks at political movements and government structures in Canada and around the world; and a specialized French Immersion **French History** course that focuses on history from a French point of view. It has been a lot of work developing new courses this year, but exciting to see many students engaged with the new options. We are looking forward to building on what we started this year as we begin planning for the next school year.



### Graduation 2018

On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, forms will go home for the grad ceremony seating requests. These forms must be returned by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Due to the seating in the Performing Arts Centre, grads will be limited to five tickets maximum. Seating will be finalized and tickets will be distributed to students on **June 13, 2018**. If additional tickets become available they will be distributed later.

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## Grad Schedule of Events: June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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Many families visit Polson Park before the grad ceremony for pictures

**2:15 pm** All students arrive at Performing Arts Centre (PAC)

**3:00 – 5:30 pm** Graduation Ceremony (PAC)

**8:00 – 9:45 pm** Promenade, Speeches, Toasts (Rec Centre)

**10:00 – 10:30 pm** Dance. Parents leave at 10:30pm.

**10:30 – 11:30 pm** Student dance continues

**11:00pm – 1:00am.** Pool Open

**11:40 pm – 5:00am** Super Grad begins at the Rec Centre.

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### Grad Write Ups

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Grad write ups are due by June 1<sup>st</sup>. This is the statement that is read as students cross the stage during the grad ceremony. Write ups must be written in third person and are limited to 50 words maximum. Grads have been asked to email their write up to [seatongradreply@gmail.com](mailto:seatongradreply@gmail.com)

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### Grad Expectations

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Students must be passing all required courses by June 1st in order to participate in the grad ceremonies. Grads will receive their souvenir gowns and caps on June 27<sup>th</sup> at the TAKE AND SHAKE BBQ at Seaton at 11:00am. After this they will have their photo taken at the Performing Arts Centre and participate in a grad ceremony rehearsal. Attendance is mandatory at this event.

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## Super Grad

Super Grad planning is well underway for the June 28<sup>th</sup> celebration after graduation. Please note that this party is an alcohol and smoke/vape free event. Tickets and guest forms will be available to grads May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. Super Grad is free for grade 12s and \$10 for guests.

Our next fundraisers include another cash **raffle** for a \$1000 prize, and **grocery bagging at Superstore on May 12th** (11-3pm). Seaton grads will be bagging groceries by donation this day. We hope you can come out to support them on May 12th! As well, Grads will also be hosting the student grad auction on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Parent volunteers (from all grade levels) are required for the Super Grad event. If you are available to volunteer for this year's Super Grad celebration please sign up online for a shift [here](#). We will need parents to assist on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> with set-up, take-down, decorating, food preparation, supervision, game tables, security, and more!

Are you able to contribute to Super Grad? We are looking for **contributions in the form of cash, gift certificates, merchandise, and services** to use for Super Grad activities or prizes for students. If you are able to send a monetary donation please make your cheque out to WL SEATON SUPERGRAD before the end of May.



## Support Seaton

Seaton has partnered with COBS Bread on Anderson Way. Simply mention W.L. Seaton during your transaction at COBS bakery when you make any purchase. COBS will donate 5% of every purchase to our school. Thanks to COBS for supporting our breakfast and lunch program. Each week we are provided with free bagels and bread that our students access through our free breakfast program!

## Seaton Theatre ~ Lana O'Brien

Tickets for our last theatre production of this school year, **William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream**, are on sale now. The incredibly talented group of students, along with Mrs. O'Brien and Ms. Mace are very excited to share this work with the community. The show runs May 31<sup>st</sup> - June 9<sup>th</sup>.

In the classroom, drama classes are also deeply involved in a variety of exciting projects. The grade 8's are starting work on the famous Air Band unit, the grade 9's are excited about their musical theatre unit, the senior acting class is working on a challenging emotional piece called *Liars* by Canadian playwright, Dennis Foon, and the stagecraft class is busily putting finishing touches on the set, lights, sound and costumes for *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

We would also like to thank our community for continuing to support our fundraising efforts by purchasing fuel at the Co-Op, using the Seaton Drama membership number. # 82209.

27TH STREET THEATRE PRESENTS:  
 William Shakespeare's  
**A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**  
 DIRECTED BY LANA O'BRIEN

MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> - JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>  
 2:00 MATINEE: JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>

TICKETS \$15  
 DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 PM  
 SHOW STARTS AT 7:30 PM

27TH STREET THEATRE  
 (250) 542-3361 EXT. 2227

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## Seaton Choir ~ Lana O'Brien

The Seaton multi-mic and honour choir competed in both the Lionel Hampton and BC Interior Jazz festivals and represented the school extremely well. The BC Jazz festival was the choir's best performance all year, and everybody had a really good time on stage.



The Seaton Show Choir has three more concerts this school year, the first on May 11<sup>th</sup> at Trinity United Church which is a fundraising concert for both the choir and the new roof needed for the camp's dining hall.

Our final showcase of this year will be June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in the Seaton Theatre, and will feature all of our choirs, as well as a solo set from Seaton alumni who have gone on to study voice at post-secondary institutions. These are concerts not to be missed!

## Seaton Athletics ~ Nathan Lee

Great things are happening in Seaton Athletics! Our junior girls soccer team is undefeated in league play and will aim to keep that record intact going into North Okanagan Playoffs. Meanwhile our senior girls squad finished in second place in league play and hosted the North Okanagan Championships on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Our track team is off and running with 15 Seaton kids training and competing. They went to the Battle of the Borders Meet on April 28<sup>th</sup> and will be competing in the Okanagan Zone Championships later this month. We anticipate that several of our athletes will qualify for the Provincial Championships in late May.

Our mountain bike team has kicked off their inaugural season and will be hosting a race on May 10<sup>th</sup> at Ellison! A huge thank you to Liz Ariano for stating this great team at our school.

Finally, our Seaton Athletics Awards Celebration will be on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Seaton gym. We look forward to a great night celebrating our successes and recognizing some of our special accomplishments. Thank you to our Booster Club for organizing this amazing night again this year!

Stay connected with Seaton sports:

- **Facebook @W.L. Seaton Athletics**
- **Instagram @wlseatonathletics**
- **Twitter @SeatonSonics**

## French Immersion

This year we have had more students complete DELF exams than ever before. First semester 48 students completed DELF, while this semester, 57 French students from four high schools participated in three levels of DELF exams. Eight teachers were trained to administer the exams which took almost one week to complete! On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 34 French language students travelled to Quebec City and Montreal for a week of unique French immersion experiences including visits to the Plains of

Abraham, Ecole de Cirque de Quebec, Montmorency Falls, a traditional Huron-Wendat village, the Montreal Holocaust Museum, and the Bell Centre. Students completed blogs along their trip that were shared with their parents via a Facebook page.

As part of our grade 7 transition process, in the upcoming months we will host French Improvisation workshops with Seaton students and Gr. 7 students.

**Summer Ideas: Boredom is the mother of creativity ~ Julia Mawhinney**

We know how hard it is to get our teens away from their phones even if it is sunny outside; however, let your kids get bored by restricting access for extended periods and they may surprise you. Many of our students have developed skills at school that they may not yet have shared with you. A great example is the gr. 9 student who can make an entire meal in cooking class but has not made a meal at home or the student who is in stagecraft who can paint a set but not a fence. Another option to pass the time is reading. If your child says that they don't like reading, it is likely that they just haven't met the right reading material. Summer is a perfect opportunity to read without pressure and simply for fun. Don't give up - having different types of reading material around the house will help engage your kids. Graphic novels and comics (the Walking Dead is originally a graphic novel) are as popular today as they were 30 years ago. Marvel and DC movies have made many kids curious about the origins of their favourite superhero. Guinness Book of Records books are fun for the non-fiction lovers and Rupi Kaur poetry touches on so many emotions that are challenging our teens. If you want to bring the book to the beach, but don't want to destroy a library book, here are two great options (books average \$1):

- The Friends of the Library Book sale at the curling rink: May 3<sup>rd</sup> (3:00pm-9:00pm), May 4<sup>th</sup> (9:00am-9:00pm), and May 5<sup>th</sup> (9:00am- 4:00pm)
- The Alpine Centre Book Warehouse: open Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday (9AM- 1PM) Proceeds go to the Special Olympics.

Enjoy your summer, learn something new and have fun!



**Okanagan Language Classes ~ Bri Vaskic**

Check out these Okanagan Language students in Mrs. Vaskic's class making their own stick games and learning about Indigenous culture!



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## Mark Your Calendars!

French Immersion Quebec Trip – May 2 - 8

Sonic Sound Fest – May 4, 7pm

Choir Concert – May 11

Grad Grocery Bagging (Superstore) – May 12, 11-3pm

Band Blast – May 12, 7:30pm

PAC Meeting – May 14, 6pm

Pro-D Day (no school) – May 18

Victoria Day (no school) – May 21

Grad seating requests sent home – May 22

Athletic Awards night – May 24

Seaton Spring Music Concert – May 30

A Midsummer Night's Dream Theatre Production – May 31  
– June 9

PAC Appreciation Luncheon – June 13

Grad Ticket Distribution – June 13

Choir Concerts – June 18 & 19, 7pm

Grad Take and Shake – June 27

Grad Ceremony and Super Grad – June 28