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Welcome to the December edition of our newsletter. With the days getting shorter and the temperatures getting lower, it is apparent that the arrival of Old Man Winter is imminent. We hope that everyone's school year got off to a positive start, and that all your students are exceeding your expectations.

## – Resources –

We have more new resources to introduce as well as some exciting news on our exceptional services.



The production of **Math 7** continues on schedule with the release of the teacher's guides for modules 3 and 4 this month. The final module, and complete release of the resource, is set for end of the year. Explore the Math 7 [Features Page](#) to learn more about this marvellous resource.

## – Moodle or WebCT? –

This latest question for Online Educators in BC does not need to be answered any more. Open School BC offers both of these learning management systems (LMS) to its members. In the upcoming school year, all the resources and services that our members have come to know and appreciate will be available in both systems.



Our technical team is hard at work making our popular **online admin tools** available for use in Moodle. For the schools or school districts that decide they would prefer to use Moodle as their LMS, this means that they will also be able to easily manage their teachers, students and online classrooms in what ever platform they choose. Also, for those schools or school districts that want the best of both worlds, your annual licenses will allow you to access to both WebCT and Moodle throughout the school year.

In our on-going effort to make your distributed learning program easier to manage, Open School has committed to offer WebCT for as long as our partners want it.



## – More Resources –

### BEING VICTORIAN

We invite you to check out [Being Victorian](#), our new Social Studies 10 interactive, multimedia website that we created on behalf of the Provincial Capital Commission. The Teacher's Guide provides engaging activities and illustrates how this resource supports the new grade 10 IRP. This free resource is now available to all BC teachers.

As I mentioned in previous editions of our newsletter, the new **Science 10** and **English 10** are also now available. These new courses include entertaining tutorials and multimedia assets to help illustrate concepts. We invite you to explore their [Features Pages](#) to preview the excellent examples of the interactive multimedia that we have created for them.

The print version of our **Biology 11** has also been revised and updated to meet the current IRP. Vocabulary and terminology are now consistent with the learning outcomes and new diagrams have been added.

The first print module, *Connecting the Dots*, of our **English 12** resource, will also be available this month. The redesign was conducted in response to the new *ELA 8-12 Integrated Resource Package 2007* (IRP), issued by the BC Ministry of Education.

This module can be used in conjunction with Modules 2-6 of our existing English 12 course, version 06. The remaining modules for version 07 will be made available in a print-based format for September 2009, with the online versions being released later that year.

This English 12 module was developed with the direct participation of Distance Education Schools and classroom teachers. We are grateful for their support and guidance throughout the development process.

It is our goal to be British Columbia's complete, end-to-end, distributed learning solution.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy winter break; we'll be back in the New Year with more news for BC educators.