

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Dear Seycove Families,

Tl'iknumut, Bienvenue, and Welcome! Sorry to interrupt the final few days of summer, but I am so pleased to welcome you to the 2025–2026 school year at Seycove. It has been a joy to serve as principal of this incredible school, and I look forward to another year of connection, learning, and growth together. We will continue to send out a **bi-monthly newsletter** with key dates, information, photos, and highlights from the school and parent community. Additional updates will be shared as needed to ensure families have the information they need about events and deadlines. If you are not receiving newsletters or school updates, please contact the Main Office so we can make sure your email information is current.

As well, we ask that you please check the [Seycove Website](#) regularly as it is updated daily with important information. On the first day of school, students will receive their schedules, locker information, and other key details. They will also bring home verification forms and information about [School Cash Online](#), which is used for permission forms and payments. We ask that families complete all electronic forms (including Photo Release and Walking Field Trip) as soon as they have access to School Cash Online and return any paper forms to the Main Office as soon as possible.

If students are missing any courses or there are errors in their timetables, please ensure that they contact their grade counsellor ASAP. If there are any course changes required, please have students pick up a course change request form from the Office and return the signed and completed form to the grade appropriate tray. Once the form is received, counsellors will be in touch with students to attempt to make requested changes – and students must attend their scheduled class until changes can be made.

Please note the 'Shape of the Week', pasted below and posted to our website with key times and dates for our first week back at school. **Please ensure students come to school prepared to learn with a binder, paper, and pens for their first day of classes.** They will receive information about class-specific school supplies from teachers.

 <p>Seycove at sāyāmātən Secondary School <b>OPENING WEEK SCHEDULE</b> STUDENT EDITION - 2025</p>	
<b>OPENING DAY – Tuesday, September 2, 2025</b>	
10:30 am:	Grade 8 Assembly (Gym)
11:15 am:	Grade 8 Homeroom
11:45 am:	Lockers and Timetable Familiarization (Grade 11 Ambassadors to Assist)
12:00 pm:	Return to Grade 8 Homeroom and community building games
12:45 pm:	Grade 11 & 12 Mandatory Homeroom (Forms, schedules, lockers)
1:30 pm:	Grade 9 & 10 Mandatory Homeroom (Forms, schedules, lockers)
<b>Wednesday, September 3, 2025</b>	
Tutorial Time	ICT on site to Support Student Password Reset - Computer Lab
9:10 am:	Regular classes begin (Periods 2, 3, 1, 4)
*Students Return Any Forms to Main Office	
<b>Thursday, September 4, 2025</b>	
Tutorial Time:	ICT on site to Support Student Password Reset - Computer Lab
9:10 am:	Regular classes begin (Periods 6, 7, 5, 8)
9:20 am:	Fire and Evacuation Drill
8:00 pm:	Grade 8 Parent Night and Cheakamus Retreat Information Meeting
<b>Friday, September 5, 2025</b>	
9:10 am:	Regular Classes (Periods 8, 1, 2, 4)
9:30 am:	Grade 9 Assembly (Cafeteria)
10:25 am:	Grade 10 Assembly (Cafeteria)
11:40 am:	Grade 11 Assembly (Cafeteria)
1:30 pm:	Grade 12 Assembly (Cafeteria)
<b>Monday, September 8, 2025</b>	
9:10 am:	Regular Classes (Periods 7, 5, 6, 8)
9:10 am:	Photo Day
<b>Wednesday, September 10, 2025</b>	
7:00 pm:	P&J Athletics Meeting
<b>Wednesday, September 17, 2025</b>	
6:00 pm:	Grade 11 Parent Information Night



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Our timetable continues in a **linear model** this year, and the daily block rotation schedule can be found online. Staff Collaboration (Late Start) dates are also included. Please add these dates to your calendar so students are prepared for 9:50am start times on those days.

Week 1						Week 2						Seycove Secondary	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Staff Collaboration	Late Start Dates
8:30-9:10 AM	1	5	2	6	3	7	1	5	2	6	3	2 of 5	8:30-9:10 AM
9:10-9:50 AM	2	6	3	7	1	5	2	6	3	7	1	3 of 6	9:10-9:50 AM
9:50-10:30 AM	3	7	1	5	2	6	3	7	1	5	2	1 of 7	9:50-10:30 AM
10:30-11:00 AM	LUNCH					LUNCH					LUNCH		10:30-11:00 AM
11:00-11:40 AM	4	8	4	8	4	8	4	8	4	8	4	4 of 8	11:00-11:40 AM

**2025-2026**

Late Start (Wednesday) Dates:  
(14 per year)  
October 29, 2025  
February 25, 2026  
April 29, 2026  
May 27, 2026

As in past years, students can attend **Tutorial Time** from 8:30am–9:10am on scheduled mornings. Teachers will post availability outside their classrooms and online. This time is a wonderful opportunity for students to connect directly with their teachers for extra support, and we encourage all students to make use of it.

This year, I am especially excited about the work we will do to **bring our reimagined school values to life**. Last spring, our staff, students, and families came together to reflect on what it truly means to be a Seycove Seyhawk. From that process, we identified the values that will guide us forward: being a **Creative, Respectful, and Inclusive Community**.

These words are more than posters on the wall – they are commitments that shape how we learn, how we treat one another, and how we contribute to our school and the world beyond it. Our goal this year is to ensure these values are visible in all that we do: in classrooms, hallways, extracurriculars, and daily interactions. Students will be encouraged to reflect on what these values look like in action, and we will celebrate the many ways they come alive in our community. Families, too, are important partners in this work, and I invite you to talk with your child about how they can live into these values both inside and outside of school.

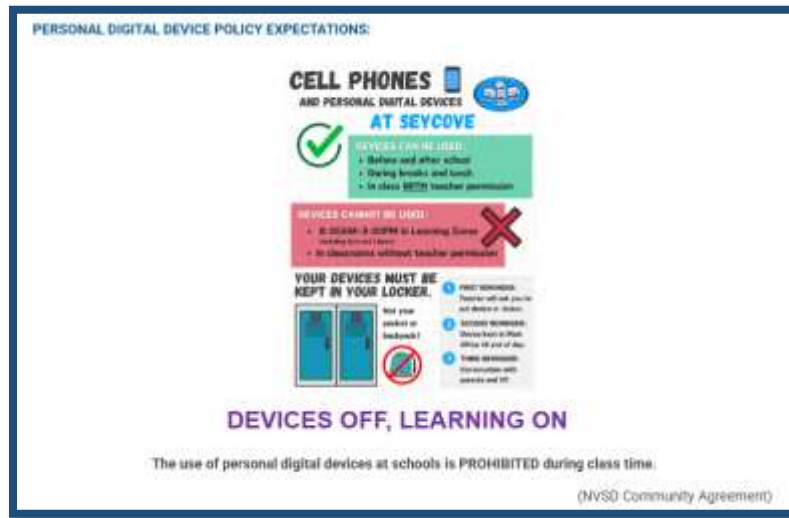
To our **Graduating Class of 2026** – congratulations on reaching this important milestone. I am honoured to support you in this final chapter of your Seycove journey. Grade 12 is a year filled with memorable occasions, growth, and future planning. Please keep an eye on your inboxes and Teams pages as counsellors, grad sponsors, and I will be sending important graduation updates soon. Parents, please note that our **Grade 12 Parent Presentation will take place on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** in the cafeteria. I will send out separate Grad Information letters throughout the year.

To our **Grade 8 families**, please anticipate a separate notice from Paul Ruben, our grade 8 administrator, with specific information around school start up and the grade 8 retreat. Please also make note of **Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**, when we will host a Grade 8 Parent Presentation in the school's cafeteria.

From a technology perspective, I'd like to remind all of our families of the Ministry of Education's policy around Personal Digital Devices that was implemented last school year. Our shared goal is to support student well-being, mental health, and learning by fostering a healthier relationship with technology. **We ask all students to leave their devices at home or in their locker during the day.**

Students with identified educational or medical needs will continue to use devices as outlined in their IEP or LSP. Thank you for supporting this important work at home by reinforcing responsible digital citizenship.





We continue to look to parents, families, and community members to also model, support and educate students on what it means to be responsible digital citizens. We hope that students will continue to engage in the Ministry and School's rules around devices and, now that we are in the second year, be more focused on the WHY so that we can all see the benefits of becoming more digitally aware. If students face hiccups along the way as we shift our thinking and practice, we see these as learning opportunities where school staff can connect with students and families and engage in conversations around the WHY.

Secondary student passwords expire at the start of the school year and need to be changed annually to provide an extra layer of security and help protect students from potential unauthorized access to their accounts. Students will need to reset their password when they first log in to email, Microsoft Teams, OneDrive, NVSD Portal or a school device.

Students are advised to reset their password via <https://tscd.sd44.ca/updatepassword> before the start of the school year. For additional information, please visit [Student District Login FAQ](#). IT staff will be at the school during the first week of September to provide support if requested and school staff can reset students' password if a student can no longer remember their old password.

I'd like to extend a huge thank you and warm welcome back to our Seycove PAC this year I am so grateful for the dedication to making our school a wonderful place to be for our students and staff and look forward to another productive year ahead with new and returning parents. On behalf of our Seycove PAC, I wanted to include a short blurb from this year's co-chairs, Lisa and Carla:

- The Seycove PAC will meet every third Tuesday of each month in the library. The first meeting is September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025. We hope to see many of you there.
- The PAC needs a parent volunteer to fill the role of Treasurer by October. Anyone interested in learning more about this opportunity to join the Seycove PAC executive team can send an email to [seycovepac@gmail.com](mailto:seycovepac@gmail.com).

Again, I want to express my deep appreciation for the time and commitment our PAC gives to our school community and I look forward to continuing that work alongside this amazing group.



It is truly a privilege to serve as your principal and to help nurture a school environment where students feel safe, valued, and challenged to grow. I am excited to continue deepening our collective work — building on the strengths of our Seycove community, bringing our values of Community, Creativity, Respect, and Inclusion to life, and ensuring that every student feels a strong sense of belonging, pride, and connection to the land around us as a Seyhawk. Thank you for entrusting us with your children's education and well-being. I look forward to supporting all our families and invite you to contact me at any time with your concerns, hopes or highlights. Seycove maintains a reputation as a welcoming and inclusive school, and I am excited to build upon that strong tradition in the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,



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