



SEYCOVE SECONDARY
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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 6, 2024

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Welcome Back

Dear Seycove Families,

What a privilege it is to be joining the team at Seycove. In the first few days of school, I have already met so many wonderful students who truly make the school a very welcoming place to be.

The fall brings with it several athletics teams that get up and running quickly. Please encourage your student to listen for announcements regarding meeting and practice times and to check the school website for updates about athletic opportunities. We will post daily announcements under the "[Announcements](#)" heading.

Whether it's through sports, the arts, or clubs, we would love to see students getting involved with the Seycove community as a great way to meet new peers and build new connections. Please keep your eyes peeled about information around Clubs for the 2024-2025 school year.

Seycove family newsletters will be sent every second Friday this school year. These newsletters contain important information items and celebrations of our learning. These newsletters are also posted on our school website homepage under Quick Links "[School Communications](#)" heading.

With the New Personal Digital Device Policy, and as we continue to dig into our school themes of exploring our relationships with ourselves, with each other, and with technology, we also plan to include a section around Healthy Habits for tech and other resources or information to share about the implementation of the policy.

Please continue to access our [Seycove website](#) for the most up to date information, and sub-scribe to our [school calendar](#).

On behalf of the Seycove Staff, we would like to wish everyone a happy and successful school year! I am truly excited to be a part of this community, and I look forward to the opportunity to meet many of you through school performances, the PAC, our parent-teacher conferences, and other events throughout the year.

Warm regards,

Meghan Downie
Principal



SEYCOVE CALENDAR

Sep 9	Photo Day
Sep 10	PAC Meeting - 7pm Library
Sep 11	Athletics Mtg - 7pm Caf
Sep 20	Grade 8 Retreat
Sep 25	Staff Collab - Late Start
Sep 26	All School Terry Fox Run
Sep 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day Stat Holiday. School Closed.

Visit the Seycove
Calendar Here





Updates & Reminders

Personal Digital Device Policy

Seycove's Code of Conduct and the Ministry Personal Digital Device Policy

The Why?

- Facilitate Focused Learning Environments
- Support Student Mental Health
- Guidelines and Direction from the Ministry of Education

The How?

Personal Digital Devices are left in locker during instructional time except under teacher supervision for learning purposes.

As we move forward with this implementation, we want to approach students in a supportive way and focus on the principles of safety, trustworthiness, choice, collaboration and empowerment.

As a school, as we continue to explore our relationships with technology, each other, and ourselves, our support from home will be instrumental. We ask that you please call the office if there is an urgent need to reach your student during class time. Please talk about and encourage healthy tech habits at home. And please remind your student to leave their devices at home – or in their locker – during the school day.

[NVSD Code of Conduct/Community Agreement](#)

School Fees

Student Activity Fee - \$36.60 (Grades 9-12) \$47.05 (Grade 8 - Agenda included)

Each student at Seycove is charged a Student Activity Fee which supports student activities, student awards and recognition events, other special events and assemblies. Fees can be paid through your [SchoolCash Online](#) account.

All grade 8 students received a school planner/agenda book. There are **additional agenda books available for purchase** in the office for \$8 cash, debit or credit.

Graduation Activity Fee - (Grade 12s only) \$47.05

This fee is used to defray the cost of the graduation ceremony and other grad activities throughout the school year.

CELL PHONES AND PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES AT SEYCOVE



DEVICES CAN BE USED:

- Before and after school
- During breaks and lunch
- In class WITH teacher permission

DEVICES CANNOT BE USED:

- 8:00AM-3:00PM in Learning Zones (including Gym and Library)
- In classrooms without teacher permission



YOUR DEVICES MUST BE KEPT IN YOUR LOCKER.



Not your pocket or backpack!



- 1 FIRST REMINDER: Teacher will ask you to put device in locker.
- 2 SECOND REMINDER: Device kept in Main Office till end of day.
- 3 THIRD REMINDER: Conversation with parents and VP.





Updates & Reminders

Linear Timetable

Seycove now runs on a linear timetable. Students take up to eight courses with four courses on Day 1 (blocks 1-4) and four courses on Day 2 (blocks 5-8). The order of the blocks rotates each day as per the schedule (right).

Day 1 & Day 2 will alternate all year.

**Students may also have classes (academy, music, WEX) outside the timetable; teachers will confirm meeting times for these classes.*

Students can attend **daily tutorial time** from 8:30am to 9:10am. Students are encouraged to access support from their teachers during this time and teachers may request that students attend tutorial time if needed. Unless teachers request students to attend, attendance is not required at tutorials, but students are strongly encouraged to access this support on a regular basis for extra help, enrichment, or for "catch-up" if they are falling behind.

Teacher tutorial schedules will be shared with students and posted on our school website in the upcoming weeks.

For more schedule information, visit [our website](#).

	Week 1					Week 2					Late Start Wednesday
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Tutorial Time 8:30-9:10 AM											Staff Collaboration 8:30-9:50 AM
9:10-10:21 AM	1	5	2	6	3	7	1	5	2	6	2 or 5 9:50-10:51 AM
Transition											Transition
10:25-11:35 AM	2	6	3	7	1	5	2	6	3	7	3 or 6 10:55-11:55 PM
Transition											Transition
11:40-12:50 PM	3	7	1	5	2	6	3	7	1	5	1 or 7 12:00-1:00 PM
12:50-1:50 PM	LUNCH					LUNCH					LUNCH 1:00-2:00 PM
1:50-3:00 PM	4	8	4	8	4	8	4	8	4	8	4 or 8 2:00-3:00 PM

Late Start Wednesday Dates:
(4 per year)

September 25, 2024
October 30, 2024
February 26, 2025
April 30, 2025

5,6,7,8
2,3,1,4
5,6,7,8
2,3,1,4

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Student Pick-up & Drop-off

At the start and end of the school day, the Seycove driveway and roads bordering our school are busy. Students are encouraged to walk, bike or roll to school. If you are dropping off or picking up your student, please only do so in the **designated drop off area in front of the cafeteria**. Please do not stop elsewhere in the driveway.



Student Parking

Students driving to school must register their vehicle at the main office. Unregistered vehicles parking in school lots may be subject to towing.



Health & Safety Reminders

Students need to stay home if they are not feeling well. Students should wash their hands upon arriving at school and throughout the day.



Dropping Off Items for Students During School

If you are dropping an item for a student, please try to make arrangements with your child to meet outside the school at lunch. Visitors entering the school, regardless of duration, are required to check in at the main office.



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Attendance



Often the number of days or classes that students are absent for excused reasons, accumulate without students and parents realizing how many classes have actually been missed. Moreover, unexcused absences, including unexplained unexcused absences and the number of times a student is late for class can significantly impact a student's ability to succeed with their learning.

Attendance is a critical factor impacting success at school for students. Studies have shown that consistent school attendance, academic success, and school completion all have high positive correlation. Our staff is here to support and work with you and your children on increasing student attendance. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's grade counsellor. If you have concerns about specific classes, please contact your classroom teacher directly.

Reporting an Absence

Please let the school know if your child is going to be away from school - whether for a period, day or longer. Absences can be reported by **e-mailing seycove@sd44.ca** or **calling 604.903.3673**

Please provide the following information:

Student **Last Name**, Student **First Name**, Student **Grade**, **Date/time of Absence**, one word **Reason for Absence** (ie. Excused, ill, appointment, vacation). If your student is ill, please specify symptoms to assist Public Health in monitoring/following up on communicable illness in our school community.

Please visit our website for more information on [attendance procedures](#).



Communication

Parents can keep informed of school events by regularly checking our website. Some of the features include: daily announcements, teachers' homework pages, sports highlights, weekly practice schedules, the weekly and yearly calendar and newsletters. Be sure to bookmark: www.seycove.ca

School Calendar

Please note that although we do our best to plan the entire year out in advance, there may be occasions when date changes or additions are necessary. The calendar on the school's website will be updated regularly. We recommend bookmarking the school website on your devices and subscribing to Seycove's Calendar by clicking on the "subscribe" icon on the [Seycove Online Calendar](#).



Water Bottles

The office has been experiencing high volumes of students requesting disposable cups to use at the water fill stations. Please remind students to bring water bottles to school each day to fill at our filling stations, we now have several throughout the building.





Post Secondary & Careers



The North Vancouver School District maintains a dedicated website—Career Pathways 44—for students to get information about upcoming career and educational opportunities. Visit the site regularly for updated events. Visit the Career Pathways site [HERE](#).

Talk to Mrs. Knapp in the Work Experience office for more details on any of the opportunities listed.

Upcoming Career Fairs and Opportunities

Vancouver Career Fair and Training Expo Canada Thursday, September 12, 10am-2pm - Canada Place, Vancouver

Get in front of hiring managers! Network and apply with Employer Exhibitors. Build meaningful rapport you need to advance your career in the direction that you want. Learn about exciting new career options and obtain valuable information about how to earn the credentials and diplomas you need to get the job you want with our Training Exhibitors.

[More Information HERE](#)

Port Day - Maritime Career Zone! Saturday, Sept 21, 12pm-5pm, Canada Place Ballroom A, Vancouver

Calling all Grade 11 & 12 students interested in an exciting career in the maritime industry. Find out more about the exciting careers on land or at sea.

[More information HERE](#)



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Upcoming Post Secondary School Sessions

UBC Sauder Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor + Master of Management Information Session - September 12, 5:30pm - 7pm - UBC

Join us for an in-person information session to learn more about both programs and determine which path aligns with your career aspirations. This is your opportunity to explore student life at UBC Sauder, hear from our advisors, connect with current students, and get a comprehensive understanding of how these programs can help you achieve your professional goals. Whether you're just beginning to explore your options or are ready to take the next step, this session is designed to provide the insights you need. [REGISTER HERE](#)



Canadian Universities Fair Thursday, September 19, 6pm-8pm at Sutherland Secondary

The North Vancouver School District invites students and guardians to this evening event where you can learn more about post secondary options in Canada. 48-50 Canadian Post Secondary Schools will be on site to discuss programs and university entrance requirements. No registration required.





GRAD 2025



Save the Date!



SAVE THE DATES

Graduation Ceremony

7pm | May 29, 2025
Centennial Theatre
north vancouver

Graduation Banquet

5:30pm | June 24, 2025
Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier
north vancouver

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Grad information will be shared via e-mails to families and posted on seycove.ca.

Check the website for up to date information, meeting times and event schedules.

Graduation Photos - Book NOW

Grad Photos: December 15 and 16, 2024

Book your Artona grad [photo session HERE](#)



Grad Council

The grad class selected fellow grads to represent their class on Grad Council. The council, sponsored by Mrs. Yeo, Ms. Eyton and Ms. Downie, works together to organize school sanctioned events such as Winter Boat Cruise, Grad Banquet, Dress up Days and more. They also work together to raise funds for student scholarships.





Seycove Seyhawks



BC Summer Games - Seycove Athletes



Kai volleying at the BC Summer Games.
Photo courtesy of Quinn Smilgis



Congratulations to all of our Seycove Seyhawks who participated in the BC Summer Games.

Congratulations to the following athletes for placing at the games:

Breenie Jefferson - Towed Water Sports: Gold - Girls Trick; Gold - Girls Jump; Bronze - Girls Slalom

Cole Webb - Towed Water Sports: Gold - Boys Trick; Silver - Boys Jump

Jonah Louie - Silver - Javelin

Naia Calaminus, Gabrielle Fraser-Klein, Mikayla Schurer - Silver - Softball

Will McCarron - Bronze - Baseball

Kai Smilgis - Silver - Volleyball



Fall Sports

Seycove's fall athletic teams are starting up! Listen to the morning announcements and look for posters around the school to learn more about joining a fall sport. Talk to Mr. Cardle, Seycove Athletics Director, for more information.

Fall teams include:

Field Hockey - Girls 8-12

Soccer - Jr Boys 8-10, Sr Boys 11-12

Swimming - 8-12

Volleyball - 8-12

Cross Country - 8-12





SEYCOVE PAC

PAC Meeting - September 10, 2024 - Seycove Library

Hello and Welcome Seycove Families!

We are looking forward to a new year of connectivity and community.

We are all invested in collaborating and continuing to create an amazing Seycove Community for every student and family with our Teachers, Support Staff, and Administration. Our hope is to create a space for us to come together. As your PAC Executive, we need and value your voice, your ideas, your engagement, your enthusiasm.

The PAC also organizes fundraising, which allows for equipment for the school, uniforms for sports, and scholarships for the Grade 12 students, and field trips. Without PAC support, many of these initiatives would not be possible and we are always looking for input and assistance to increase funds for allowing students to have more options and opportunities.

A PAC meeting is a venue for you to come and hear what is happening in and around your Seycove Community. We mostly meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Seycove Library.

Our first meeting of the school year is **Tuesday, Sept. 10th** and we hope to see many of you there!

Sign up for PAC News [HERE](#) - You must sign up each year.



Dates for the PAC meetings are:

September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10

Seycove Secondary PAC: [CLICK HERE](#)

North Vancouver PAC: [CLICK HERE](#)

EMAIL: SeycovePAC@gmail.com

Scholarship Seminar - September 24, 7pm - Online



Seycove and Windsor grade 10 to 12 students and parents are invited to join Brittany Palmer for this seminar as she teaches a step-by-step program for navigating the scholarship process. Using this program, Brittany and her younger brother collectively won 35 scholarships totaling over \$125,000. [Learn more about Brittany and Unlock Your Future HERE.](#)

\$5 Participation Fee - Sign Up and Pay at [SchoolCashOnline](#).