



Seycove at sáyəmətən Secondary School

August 23, 2023

Dear Grade 8 Parents:

On behalf of the Seycove School Community, we extend a warm welcome to the Seycove family! Ms. Jung (grade 8-10 Administrator) and I are truly excited about our upcoming year and look forward to meeting you and your new high school student. We hope you had an enjoyable summer with friends and family. As the summer winds down and the school year approaches, you may be filled with both excitement and anticipation for a new school year and the transition to high school. We hope this letter and the attached information helps you and your child with a successful transition.

All students will receive their timetables on the first day of school, **Tuesday September 5th Grade 8s will attend a welcome assembly in the Seycove Gym at 10:30am**, followed by a homeroom information session. Students will have ample time to locate their lockers, practice opening their locks, and track down the locations of their Semester 1 courses. Our Grad Council members and Grade 12 Ambassadors will be in attendance to help our Grade 8s navigate their new experiences on this opening day.

Over the next week, I will be sending out school-wide information about school start up. All information will also be posted on our Seycove website before the Labour Day Weekend. Please be sure to bookmark the [Seycove Homepage](#) as all pertinent school information will be posted there. Throughout the year please visit the school website on a regular basis and read the newsletters emailed home to stay up to date.

Please also note we will be sending home a registration package for the Grade 8 Retreat to the Cheakamus Center in Brackendale, BC. The retreat will be on Monday, September 18th – Tuesday, September 19th. We will email home information and post it on our homepage next week.

Communication and contact between home and school is still very important at the secondary level. Parent involvement in high school tends to naturally decrease as student's progress through the years and are able to take on more responsibility for their own education. Many Grade 8 students, as they begin to feel more independent, will try to convince you that they are not in need of your participation or help throughout the year. However, experience tells us this is not true. In fact, we do encourage you to stay as involved as much you can.



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Subject-specific questions about your child's progress should be directed to the classroom teacher at any time via e-mail or phone. If you have any questions or concerns about your child, how they are doing, or what may be going on at the school, please feel free to contact their individual classroom teachers ([contact info on our Seycove Website](#)) as well as their Grade 8 counsellor, Ms. Ruby Willems (rwillems@sd44.ca). Part of the role of the Grade 8 counsellor is to help facilitate a successful transition and can be a useful starting place for all of the general questions you may have.

We look forward to working with your children in this exciting new stage of their educational journey. We encourage student to be in contact with us and/or their counsellor should they have any questions or concerns throughout the year; our doors are always open!

We are very excited to start this journey with you. Please contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sarah Best, Principal

Ms. Kimberley Jung, Vice Principal

NOTE: Please see important dates on next page!



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Mark These Dates!

Thursday, September 7th

Grade 8 Parent Evening & Grade 8 Retreat Information

Seycove Cafeteria, 7:00pm

We will outline our school goals, processes and student expectations at Seycove so that we can work in concert with parents to support student success. The agenda for this meeting will mirror the presentation made to Grade 8 students at their grade assembly, therefore students **do not** need to attend this evening meeting. We will also be speaking about the Grade 8 Retreat at the Cheakamus Center on September 18th and 19th. Please ensure all forms for this retreat are returned by Monday, September 11th. More information will be sent home next week and required forms will be distributed on the first day of school and will be available at this Parent Evening.

Monday, September 11th (AM)

Student Photo Day (all students)

Monday September 18th and Tuesday September 19th

Grade 8 Cheakamus Retreat, Brackendale, BC

Each Secondary School in the North Vancouver School District will have the opportunity to attend the Cheakamus Center in Squamish for a Grade 8 Retreat. Participation in this retreat is optional, and programming for students who are not attending the retreat will be provided here at the school. Students will be bussed from Seycove the morning of Monday, September 18th and return back to Seycove by 3pm on Tuesday, September 19th.

Thursday, September 21st

Terry Fox Run

Seycove students participate in a school wide run / walk / roll to raise awareness for the Terry Fox Foundation. We ask all students to please remember to bring a toonie for Terry.

Monday, November 20th

First official Interim Report

We are looking forward to a great year! Please stay informed as to how your child is doing at Seycove directly through conversation with your child and/or through phone calls, emails and our website – www.seycove.ca