



August 20th, 2025

Dear Grade 8 Parents:

On behalf of the Ecole Windsor Secondary community, I welcome you to the Windsor family! The staff are excited about our upcoming year and look forward to meeting you and your new high school student. We hope you have enjoyed your summer and were able to find some time to spend with friends and family. As the summer winds down and the school year approaches, you are likely filled with both excitement and anticipation for a new school year and the transition to a new school. For those of you who are new to high school, this letter, and the attached information, will help you and your child with a successful transition.

Opening Day: Tuesday September 2nd, 2025

9:45 am – 12:00pm

Windsor Large Gym

On Opening Day, incoming Grade 8 students are invited to attend an informational assembly, a tour of Windsor, community building activities, and a short rotation of classes. All students will receive their timetable on this day. Students will have an opportunity to meet Windsor teachers and staff, orient themselves to the building, and visit classrooms before their first full day of classes on Wednesday. Students will learn about the timetable, school expectations, where to find their locker and open their locks. Our Student Ambassadors and leadership students will be in attendance to help everyone navigate their new experience on this opening day of high school.

Grade 8 Parent Night & Cheakamus Retreat Meeting

Wednesday, September 3rd 7:00pm

Windsor Multi-Purpose Room

Windsor is hosting a Grade 8 Parent Night on Wednesday, September 3rd in the Multi-Purpose Room. The school team will outline school goals, processes, and student expectations, so that we can work in concert with parents to support student success. Student conduct and expectations in 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. Parents will also receive information on the upcoming day trip to the Cheakamus Center in Brackendale, BC. This is a great opportunity to pose questions and to connect with other Windsor parents.

Grade 8 Cheakamus Retreat: Wednesday, September 24th, 2025

Cheakamus Centre – Brackendale, BC

Grade 8 students and staff will be attending a full day retreat on Wednesday, September 24th at NVSD's Cheakamus Centre in Brackendale. Bus transportation will be provided to and from the Centre from Windsor Secondary School. Further information on the retreat and registration packages will be available on the first day of school and at the parent meeting on September 4th.

Communication and contact between home and school is very important at the secondary level. Parent involvement in high school tends to naturally decrease as student's progress through the years as students take on more responsibility for their own education. We encourage all parents and guardians to stay connected with Windsor school and your students' progress.

Please consider bookmarking the Windsor Homepage. All pertinent start up and school information will be posted there. To stay up to date throughout the school year, visit the school website and read the newsletters posted there, which are also emailed home. You The [Windsor calendar here](#) , which you can subscribe to, provides information about the daily rotation of classes, school events and holidays.

Subject-specific questions about your child's progress should be directed to the classroom teachers. If you have any questions or concerns about how your child is doing, or what may be going on in the classrooms, please feel free to email your child's teachers. Contact information is listed on our school website. Ms. Megan Brady (mbrady@sd44.ca), Grade 8 Counsellor, is also a good point of contact for you. Part of the role of the grade 8



counsellor is to help facilitate a successful transition to high school and can be a useful starting place for any general questions you may have.

We look forward to working with your child in this exciting new stage of their educational journey. We encourage students 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!

If you have any questions, please also feel free to contact me, Jennifer Tieche, at jtieche@sd44.ca.

Sincerely,

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