



Seycove News

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to school.

In many ways it is odd for me to be welcoming any one to Seycove Secondary School as I will be one of the newest members of the Seycove community. After years of working in a number of other schools I am very much looking forward to spending time as the Principal of Seycove. Unfortunately, I don't know much about Seycove, but what I do know makes me very curious, and excited.

For those of you new to Seycove, primarily grade 8 students, we will be learning about the traditions and excellence of the school together. For those of you who have been at the school for a while, I look forward to learning more about you and what makes Seycove such a great place. I trust that you will share with me the positive history and values of the school.

With all schools a large part of what makes a school excellent is when students get involved, take advantage of the opportunities provided, and are determined to overcome the challenges along the way. At the end of the day, what makes, and will continue to make, Seycove a great place to be is how the students, choose to be involved and engaged.

As is always the case, it will take a little while to get familiar with the routines, but feel free to ask questions if you are unsure of anything.

I am proud and honoured to be the Principal of Seycove and I look forward to working with all of you in September. On behalf of the entire staff at Seycove, we look forward to a successful and rewarding year!

Mark James
Principal

September 2015

CALENDAR

Sep 8	School Opens (grade assemblies; timetable pickup; photo day)
Sep 9	8:30am Homeroom for Attendance 9:00am Classes Begin
Sep 10	7:00pm Gr. 8 Parent Night
Sep 15	7:30pm PAC Meeting (Library)
Sep 15	7:00pm PLP Parent Meeting
Sep 17	1:00pm Gr. 8 CLASS Afternoon 1:00pm Gr. 9-12 Early Dismissal 3:00 pm Gr.8/12 BBQ
Sep 17	Seycove Music Parents AGM 7:30pm
Sep 18	International Welcome Dinner 3:30-6:00pm
Sep 22-23	Geography 12 Black Tusk Trip
Sep 23	3:30pm International Student Welcome Dinner
Sep 23	Band Clinic Day
Sep 28	Curriculum Implementation Day
Sep 30	9:50am Late Start Wednesday (staff development)
Oct 12	Thanksgiving
Oct 13	7:30pm PAC Meeting (Library)
Oct 14-17	Grad Photos
Oct 20	Photo Retakes
Oct 22	Interims, Parent-Teacher Interview Forms Mailed Home
Oct 23	Province-Wide Professional Day
Oct 28	Late Start QSA—Dare to stand out Conference
Nov 12	Parent-Teacher Interviews (early dismissal)
Nov 13	1:00pm Early Dismissal
Nov 30	Band Fall Concert (Cap U)



Late Start Wednesdays (staff development)

classes begin at 9:50am

Sept 30	Apr 27
Oct 28	May 25
Nov 25	
Jan 27	
Feb 24	

Opening Day is Photo Day!

After forms pickup, students proceed through cafeteria to the theatre (Vortex) for photos.



SIGN IN/OUT:



Students are expected to be at school and in class on time. Students are responsible for their own punctuality. If arriving late due to an appointment, the student should report to the office (sign-in) and submit a note from a parent. If there is no note, the parent must explain the "tardy" by calling the Callback Line at **604.903.3673**.

Once the students are dismissed from their class by their teacher, they have five (5) minutes to get to their next class. After that time, students will be deemed to be late for class.

In some cases, leaving school before the end of the day may be necessary. Students needing to leave school early must provide the office with a parent/guardian's written permission or have parents call the Callback Line at **604.903.3673** to explain the absence. Students must sign out at the main office. Students who leave the school without parent permission are considered unexcused. For emergency purposes, parents must inform the main office if a student is leaving the campus.

SCHOOL OPENING DETAILS

OPENING DAY—Sep 8, 2015

Grade assemblies will be held at the times below. Students will be escorted to the cafeteria to pickup their timetable and agenda books. Students will then proceed to the Vortex to have their photo taken. All forms that were e-mailed home are due back to the Main Office by the end of opening week. Fees will be mailed home at a later date.

Grade 8 – 9:45am

Students meet at the front doors. You will assemble here before going into the gym. At your first assembly, year start-up procedures will be explained and you will meet the Seycove staff. After the assembly, you will have a Homeroom and then be escorted to the cafeteria.

Grades 9 and 10 – 10:45am - assemble in the gym

Grade 11 and 12 - 11:45am - assemble in the gym

SECOND DAY

8:30-9:00am Homeroom for Attendance

9:00-3:00pm Classes Begin

Students with timetable errors must fill out the Request for Course Change form available in Student Services. A parent signature is required for course change requests.

Note for New Students: if you require help - teachers, counsellors, custodians, office staff, 7/11 Program Students, and other students are available...just ask!

CALLBACK LINE

Please make sure the school is aware of excused absences for your child by calling the Callback Line at **604.903.3673** leaving brief details of your child's absence as follows:

- √ student's first and last name
- √ grade
- √ date of absence
- √ Exact times of the absence if it is not all day
- √ short reason for the absence (e.g.. illness, dentist, excused, etc).
- √ Please be precise , it is important.

Expect a call/email if your child has an unexcused absence or more than two lates from classes during the day. Remember, students cannot call to excuse



MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

IMPORTANT! Please notify the school if your child has a **MEDICALLY DIAGNOSED** health condition, which may require emergency care at school.

This includes:

- √ anaphylaxis
- √ diabetes
- √ severe asthma
- √ seizure disorder
- √ blood clotting disorders
- √ serious heart conditions



The Medical Alert Information Sheet and Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan can be found at www.seycove.ca under PARENTS/MEDICALLY DIAGNOSED HEALTH CONDITION.



STUDENT FEES INFORMATION AND POLICIES 2015-16

Fee schedules are established by principals, in consultation with staff, student and parent groups, and provided to the Superintendent for review. As per [Board Policy 706](#), the Superintendent of Schools reviews annually the schedule of student fees for all schools, and provides this schedule to Trustees for their information. Seycove’s fee schedule was reviewed by the Board in December 2014.

Students receive invoices in October for fees owing for the current year. A refund will be issued when a student withdraws from Seycove, provided all withdrawal procedures are completed and all books/materials are returned. Refund of fees paid will be prorated up until the end of January. After that time, there will be no refund of supplemental fees. If a refund is due to a student whose sibling has outstanding fees, the refund will first be applied to the sibling’s outstanding fees. Fees will be prorated upon late admission. Note: \$25.00 will be charged for NSF cheques.

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE - \$40

As per the recommendation of the School District Fees Task Force, schools may charge a Student Activity Fee to support student activities, student agenda books, student awards and recognition, special events and assemblies.

GRADUATION ACTIVITY FEE (Grade 12s only) - \$45

This fee is used to defray the cost of the graduation ceremony. Other optional activities may incur costs throughout the year.

YEARBOOK - \$55 (OPTIONAL)

The purchase of yearbooks is optional. The receipt of fees determines the number of books ordered in January. Extra books are not usually available in June.

PAC DONATIONS (OPTIONAL - TAX RECEIPTS ISSUED >\$35)

1. **Significant Project** - The Seycove PAC will be continuing with the tradition of conducting a fundraising campaign once during the year for a significant project at the school that serves all grades and departments within the school and also benefits the community as a whole. The current project is to **renovate the gym and weight-room**.
2. **Transportation Levy** (\$20) donation funds are segregated by the PAC and used to maintain and operate current school vans/buses and purchase replacement vehicles.
3. **Technology Upgrade** (\$10) donation funds are segregated by the PAC and used to upgrade the school computer lab equipment.
4. **Emergency Prep** (\$5) donation funds are segregated by the PAC and used to purchase and replenish the emergency supplies and equipment for emergency preparation.

SUPPLEMENTAL FEES (BY COURSE)

In accordance with the School Act, all students at Seycove receive free of charge an educational program sufficient to meet the general requirements for graduation. Supplemental fees may be charged, however, for goods and services associated with optional enrichment activities and take home items that extend learning outcomes for students beyond the basic educational program. Supplemental fees are published in the Course Programming Guide available on the website at www.seycove.ca.

WORKBOOKS (BY COURSE)

Where students are required to use workbooks in order to meet the course/subject learning outcomes and/or for assessment, workbooks will be provided free of charge. Students may have the opportunity to purchase workbooks that are suggested for optional, supplemental “practice” and are not marked as part of the students’ assessments. Purchase of these workbooks is completely optional as they are not required for successful completion of the courses’ learning outcomes. These workbooks are available for purchase at cost from the school.

FEE WAIVER

Should you wish to complete an Application for Waiver of School Fee form, they are available in the main office.

Specific information regarding school fees can be found at www.seycove.ca under ABOUT OUR SCHOOL/FEES and is printed on the back of every student invoice.

TEXTBOOK POLICY

Students are assigned textbooks by the subject teacher. There is no rental fee charged; however, a student who loses or damages a textbook will be assessed a replacement or damage fee. Students must return the textbook assigned to them. Textbooks are numbered. At distribution time, teachers record the number and students acknowledge by signing upon receipt. Refunds will be issued only if lost textbooks are found and returned by the end of the first week of July.



Student Supplies



Students always want to buy their school supplies before classes begin; however, they should be aware that each subject teacher might require special supplies.

General supplies include:

- ✓ binders (3-ring, one per course)
- ✓ 3-hole lined paper
- ✓ 3-hole dividers
- ✓ pens/pencils/highlighters/ruler
- ✓ calculator (see [Math Dept webpage](#))
- ✓ gym strip

All [English students](#) grades 8 - 12 should have access to a user-friendly dictionary and thesaurus at home and/or in their locker.

All [French and Spanish language students](#) are expected to purchase a French/English or Spanish/English dictionary.



VACATIONS DURING SCHOOL TIME

While the school recognizes the value of travel and family holidays and supports the benefits and educational opportunity that travel affords, parents and students should expect that missing school time to go on holidays will have an impact on progress and achievement at school.

Parents and students should make all reasonable efforts to avoid planning holidays that interfere with scheduled classes. Class time cannot be replicated and some activities and assignments may be impossible to do if students miss classes. Students and parents should be aware that teachers are not required to provide extra work or extra time to complete assignments missed for absences.

With that in mind, the school recognizes that there will be times when families will go on holidays during school time. Families and students must make every effort to minimize the impact of missing classes by informing the school and individual teachers as early as possible (complete the Excused Absence Form available in the main office or at www.seycove.ca under PARENTS/FORMS); by maintaining contact with the school as much as possible, either electronically or through peers in order to keep up with work; by working ahead in courses; and by spending extra time and effort catching up upon returning.

Vacations during the month of June are not recommended. Final course assessment can take place at any point in this month and if missed, could impact a student’s overall standing. Provincial Exams are set by the Ministry of Education and cannot be changed. Students are expected to be in attendance for all final assessments and final exams.

Hello, from Seycove!

Note that Seycove regularly emails parents/guardians important messages, news, upcoming events and dates to remember.

For all dates please see our [Seycove Calendar](#).

Visit the website often for [Daily Announcements](#) and for updates on school activities.

Please ensure the school has your current email address so you do not miss out on these messages.

PARKING/DRIVING AT SEYCOVE

Students are encouraged to walk/bus to school.

Student drop-off and pick-up is **permitted only in front of the cafeteria**.

All drivers must operate their vehicles in a safe and appropriate manner on school grounds.

The speed limit on school grounds is 20 km/h.

Visitors must park in stalls marked “Visitor”.

All vehicles parked on school grounds need to be registered at the Main Office.

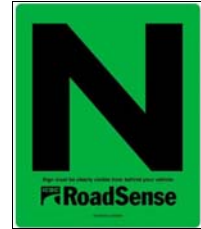
Remember: (N) License has a 1-passenger restriction.

Parking is available for students in designated stalls only:

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#67-#72

#73-#75



DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (DPA)



www.actnowbc.ca

The Ministry of Education continues with **Daily Physical Activity** to help students develop healthy daily physical activity habits. The program augments existing Physical Education, Health and extra-curricular activities by mandating that B.C.’s K-12 students participate daily in healthy levels of activity.

Some examples include P.E. classes, school or community teams, intramurals, open gyms, community recreation, drop-in sports, individual activities, walking or cycling to and from school, skateboarding, dance, weight or circuit training, swimming, active play, physical labour, etc.

Students submit DPA logs for all three terms:

Gr 8/9: 150 minutes per week - fulfilled through PE classes

Gr 10: 150 minutes per week - to Planning teacher

Gr 11: 150 minutes per week - to Office (online)

Gr 12: 150 minutes per week - to Grad Trans teacher

Term and Final reports will state Meeting/Not Meeting Requirement.

To download Seycove DPA logs, please visit: www.seycove.ca and click on:

“DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (DPA)”

Links:

Ministry of Education DPA Website:

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/dpa/>

Program Guide:

http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/dpa/pdfs/program_guide.pdf



COUNSELLING INFORMATION

The Counselling Department welcomes you back to another year at Seycove. We look forward to working in partnership with families and staff as we support students in various capacities throughout the year. The beginning of the school year is an exciting and busy time and will require patience and understanding as we work together to ensure student placement in courses.

Students will be receiving their timetables on the first day of school. Please review that timetable with your student. You are looking first to make sure that they have received the "Required Courses" necessary for graduation. Secondly, look to see if your student has received a full compliment of courses: Grades 8 to 10 should have a minimum of 8 courses; Grades 11 and 12 should have a minimum of 7 courses.

Note to Students in PLP 8, 9, 10, and in Humanities 8: On student schedules, these courses are listed only in the first period that they occur. Therefore, when doing the calculation for the number of courses a student is taking – PLP counts as three and Humanities counts as two.

While we would ideally like to give students all of their top elective choices, this is not always possible. In some cases, school scheduling and balancing of classes require substitution of alternative elective choices. Alterations to timetables will be addressed in the following priority order in the first two weeks of school:

- Required courses for graduation
- Incomplete timetables

All students who require, or would like to request a change, must complete the Course Request form available in the Counselling Office and accommodation for changes will be addressed in the above priority order. There are no guarantees of change and it is important for attendance purposes that students follow their original timetable until they are informed of any changes. Questions or concerns regarding student timetables should be directed to the **grade level counsellor**.

A special reminder to grade 8 parents of the Grade 8 Parent Evening on Thursday, September 10. The evening starts at 7:00pm and it is important that parents and students attend together.

APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING & WORK EXPERIENCE OFFERED AT SEYCOVE

Beginning in Grade 10, students have the opportunity to experience a wide range of career pathways in the following areas:

- Business & Applied Business (e.g., local businesses, Northern Securities, Royal Bank)
- Fine Arts, Design and Media (e.g., Vancouver Film School, Vancouver Opera, YOUTHINK)
- Fitness & Recreation (e.g., Grouse, Cypress and Seymour Mountains, The Edge Climbing Centre, NV Recreation Centre)
- Health & Human Services (e.g., Canuck Place, G.F. Strong Rehabilitation Centre, Children's Hospital, B.E.S.T., RCMP Youth Academy)
- Liberal Arts and Humanities (e.g., Global TV, Art Institute Classes, Women in Leadership)
- Science & Applied Science (e.g., BCIT CSI Student Academy, TRIUMF Lectures, Vancouver Aquarium, Bamfield Marine Centre)
- Tourism, Hospitality and Foods (e.g., Dubruille Culinary Arts, Milestones, Browns, Quattro's)
- Trades & Technology (e.g., Seaspun, Great Canadian Landscaping, Women in Trades, Keith Plumbing & Heating, Syncro Metal Works)*

Secondary School Apprenticeship programs are offered in all secondary schools. They provide a combination of on-the-job training and classroom instruction in partnership with the Industry Training Authority (www.itabc.ca).

Apprenticeship programs are also available under the ACE IT (Accelerated Credit Enrolment in Industry Training) model. ACE IT offers Level One Technical Training in partnership with a post secondary institute. The program gives students an opportunity to earn dual credit while still attending secondary school. Currently, North Vancouver has an agreement with VCC to have students registered in ACE IT as apprentices in the VCC Culinary Arts Level 1 program.

* Placement opportunities may vary with participating businesses and organizations from year to year.

COUNSELLING CONTACTS

Being aware of your child's timetable is one way to stay connected with the school and with the education your child is receiving. Many studies indicate that secondary school students want parents to be involved in the education process. However, experience tells us that getting information out of teenagers can be problematic. A parent staying in touch with teachers is a direct route to accurate information and certainly, grade counsellors are available to assist at any time.

Counselling contacts for the 2015-2016 year are as follows:

Ms. Margie Arnold: grade 8, 11 and 12
email: marnold@sd44.ca

Ms. Ruby Willems: grades 9, 10 and 12
email: rwillems@sd44.ca

Ms. Jen Elkan: International Students
email: jelkan@sd44.ca

Vancouver Coastal Health Immunization Clinic at Seycove:



Who? Grade 9 Students

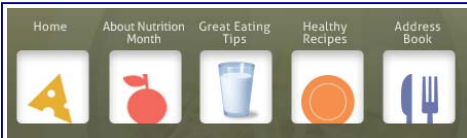
When? Date to be determined

What? Tdap (Adacel)

- Tetanus, Diphtheria, acellular Pertussis vaccine) – 1 dose- booster due every 10 years

Further information and consent forms will be brought home by all Grade 9 students. Seycove's Public Health Nurse, **Donna Coates**, may be contacted by phone at 604.418.7153 or by email: donna.coates@vch.ca

Did you know? **Vancouver Coastal Health** updates can be found on our website at www.seycove.ca under PARENTS/ VANCOUVER COASTAL HEALTH.



Great Eating Tips

Cook together for the fun of it!

Visit www.nutritionmonth.ca to download family friendly ideas.



NUTRITION
DAIRY FARMERS OF CANADA



SEYCOVE ATHLETICS

The Athletic Department plans to offer the following sports during the 2015-2016 school year. Students, parents and/or community members are invited to become involved in the athletic program. If you are interested in coaching or managing a school team contact the Athletic Directors, Geoff Russell at grussell@sd44.ca, or Darcy Grant at dgrant@sd44.ca. You may also call 604.903.3666. Volunteers are always needed!

Team Sports (Fall)

Cross-Country	Boys & Girls
Field Hockey	Girls only
Rugby	Boys only, Gr. 8 & 9
Soccer	Boys only, Sr. & Jr.
Swimming	Boys & Girls
Volleyball	Girls only

Team Sports (Winter)

Basketball	Boys & Girls
Gymnastics	Boys & Girls
Ski/Snowboard	Boys & Girls
Wrestling	Boys & Girls



Team Sports (Spring)

Badminton	Boys & Girls
Golf	Boys & Girls
Mountain Biking	Boys & Girls
Rugby	Boys only, Sr. & Jr.
Soccer	Girls only, Sr. & Jr.
Tennis	Boys & Girls
Track & Field	Boys & Girls
Ultimate	Boys & Girls

MUSIC NEWS

Music Updates:

Don't forget to check www.seycovemusic.ca for regular Music Program updates including News, Tours/Trips, Fundraising, and Events.

Music Uniforms:

Junior: The junior uniform for Grade 8 Concert Band, Grade 9 Concert Band, and Junior Jazz Band is as follows:

- Men & Women:** Black dress pants (no black jeans)
 Black socks and black dress shoes (no runners)
 Uniform t-shirt will be sized in September and given out at the fall concert (cost \$15)



Senior: The senior uniform for Senior Concert Band, Senior Choir, and Senior Jazz Band is as follows:

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| Men: Black dress shirt | Women: Black long dress (sizing will be done in September) |
| Black dress pants (no black jeans) | Black low-heeled dress shoes (no platform shoes) |
| Black socks and black dress shoes (no runners) | |
| Blue cummerbund vest (to be rented) | |