



SEYCOVE at sáyəmətən NEWSLETTER

September 1, 2022

Welcome

We would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation, whose unceded traditional territory the North Vancouver School District resides on. We value the opportunity to learn, share and grow on this traditional territory.



Upcoming Important Dates

September 6

First Day of School

Students attend their homerooms and receive their timetables for the year. Classes do not start until Wednesday, September 7th. Please see the Seycove website homepage for the “Opening Week Schedule” and student “Homeroom” information.

<https://www.sd44.ca/school/seycove/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

September 7

First Full Day of Classes

The block order rotation is period 3, period 1, period 2, lunch, period 4. Please see the graphic in this Newsletter below or the Seycove website for the timetable and weekly block rotation:

<https://www.sd44.ca/school/seycove/Documents/Seycove%202022-2023%20Block%20Rotation.pdf>

September 8

Grade 8 Parent Night and Grade 8 Retreat Information

All parents/guardians of Grade 8 students were invited to attend an information session on Thursday, September 8th at 7:00pm in the Seycove Cafeteria. The presentation will include Information about the: Seycove community, PAC, daily schedule, student supports, code of conduct, gr. 8 counsellor’s role, parent-teen relationship, Seycove clubs & athletics, and school communications. The overnight Grade 8 retreat on September 15-16 will also be discussed.

September 12

School Photo Day

School photos will be taken on Monday morning. If your child misses school photos, retakes are on October 19th. The link to view and order photos is listed below and posted on our school website:

https://www.artona.com/schools/SEYC/programs/school_photo

If you have any questions or need assistance, Artona’s online support team is available to live chat seven days a week [here](#).

September 13

PAC Meeting in the Library and via MS Teams

Please join us for our first Seycove PAC meeting on Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00pm in the Seycove Library. Or, if you are unable to join us in person, please join us online via MS Teams at:

<https://bit.ly/3Axxgat>

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| | <p>*If you do not have MS Teams, you will need to download prior to the meeting at: https://www.microsoft.com/en-ca/microsoft-teams/download-app</p> |
| September 15 – 16 | Grade 8 Retreat to Cheakamus Centre – please refer to the letter and forms sent home to Grade 8 Families via email on August 31, 2022. Forms are due back to home room teachers on the first day of school, September 6. |
| September 22 | International BBQ International students are invited to attend a BBQ with school staff to welcome them to Seycove and help further orient them and connect them to our school community. |
| September 26 - 30 | Orange Shirt Day Truth and Reconciliation Activities will be taking place school-wide and in individual classrooms. Students and staff will participate in learning activities and lessons throughout the week. On September 29 th , staff and students are reminded to wear their orange shirts to recognize and support Reconciliation and acknowledge our National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. |
| September 30 | National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Schools Closed) |
| October 5 | Curriculum Implementation Day (Professional Development Day, therefore classes not in session) |

Updates and Reminders

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| Student Timetables and Changes | <p>All students will receive their timetables on Tuesday, September 6th in their homerooms. The ability to change course assignments is limited and students with INCOMPLETE or INCORRECT timetables will be prioritized. Counsellors will not be making course changes via phone or e-mail. Forms need to be picked up at Student Services AND signed by parents before Counsellors can start to reschedule. Students must continue to attend the classes they have been assigned and Counsellors will contact students once changes are made or if more information is needed. The deadline for course changes and course drops is Friday, September 16th.</p> <p><u>Counsellors:</u> Marge Arnold: Grade 8, 10, and Grade 12 (Last Name A-L) Ruby Willems: Grade 9, 11, and Grade 12 (Last Name M-Z) Ryan Earl: International Students</p> <p><u>Administration:</u> Caren Hall: Grade 8-10 Sarah Best: Grade 11-12</p> |
| Student Pick Up and 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 child please only do so in the designated drop off area in front of the cafeteria on the side of the school. 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.

More information on our NVSD website at:

<https://www.sd44.ca/COVID-19/personalpractices/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Seycove Timetable and Tutorial Time

All Secondary Schools across the NVSD have a new Semester timetable (see image below).

The school year is divided into 2 halves:

- Semester 1 (September 7-January 27)
- Semester 2 (February 2-June 23)

Generally speaking, students will have 4 classes each semester and they will have four classes per day on a rotating schedule. In the Semester System each day is divided into four 70 minute classes, with a dedicated 42 minutes of tutorial at the beginning of each day, and a 60 minute lunch.

| | | Semester 1 | | | | | Semester 2 | | | | | SEYCOVE SECONDARY Ph: 604.903.3666 Fax: 604.903.3667 seycove@sd44.ca | |
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| | | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Late Start Wednesday | |
| Flex Time 8:30-9:12 AM | | | | | | | | | | | | Staff Collaboration 8:30-9:50 AM | |
| 9:12-10:22 AM | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 3 or 7 9:50-10:52 AM | |
| Transition | | | | | | | | | | | | Transition | |
| 10:26-11:36 AM | | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 or 5 10:56-11:56 PM | |
| Transition | | | | | | | | | | | | Transition | |
| 11:40-12:50 PM | | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 2 or 6 12:00-1:00 PM | |
| 12:50-1:50 PM | | LUNCH | | | | | LUNCH | | | | | LUNCH 1:00-2:00 PM | |
| 1:50-3:00 PM | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 4 or 8 2:00-3:00 PM | |
| Late Start Wednesday Dates: (4 per year) | | September 28, 2022 October 26, 2022 January 25, 2023 April 26, 2023 | | 3,1,2,4 3,1,2,4 3,1,2,4 7,5,6,8 | | 2022-2023 | | | | | | | |

Tutorial Time

Tutorial Time is considered part of the required instructional minutes required for students and takes place each day from 8:30am to 9:11am. Therefore, students are expected to attend tutorial time and are encouraged to access support from their teachers during this time. Tutorial time is the primary means for students to seek additional support and enrichment from their teachers. Teachers may also require students to attend Tutorial at their discretion to ensure that a student is able to be successful in class. We appreciate your support in setting the tone that Tutorial Time is in fact time when school is in session and is not just "optional or flex" in nature. On occasion, the Counselling Department and Administration may require that students attend tutorial time for various activities.

Report Cards

Report cards will be published for parents/guardians to access online electronically via your My Education BC Account. Final Report Cards each Semester will be published on the following dates:

Semester 1: February 7, 2023

Semester 2: June 28, 2023

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| | <p>Anyone wishing a printed copy of the report card can print them off through their MyEducation BC Account.</p> <p>Please note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to the end of each reporting period, an email will be sent informing parents/guardians of when the report cards will be published online. • Parents/guardians are required to reset their password every three months as per the regulations set out by the Ministry of Education and FIPPA (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act). • Instructions on how to reset passwords and other information pertaining to report cards can be found here. • All parents/guardians new to the North Vancouver School District will receive an email with their MyEducation BC parent portal account information (login and temporary password). |
| <p>School Start Up Forms</p> | <p>Please ensure you have completed the school start-up forms on School Cash Online.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Personal Information Consent Form ○ Daily Health Check Acknowledgement ○ Student Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement ○ Impromptu Walking Field Trip Informed Consent |
| <p>Demographic Changes</p> | <p>It is very important you provide any updated information by emailing the school at seycove@sd44.ca with address, email, or phone number changes that occurred over the summer. Please do not call the office, as we cannot accept revisions over the phone.</p> <p>If you have changed your home address, we require a copy of a utility bill showing your name and confirming your new home address (hydro, cable). You may also provide a rental lease/home purchase agreement.</p> <p>Email and phone/cell number changes do not require any special documentation; however, it is very important we receive your updates.</p> <p>If your child is on our Life Threatening Medical Alert List, we will be contacting you individually regarding updating information.</p> |
| <p>Parent Visitors</p> | <p>We are pleased to be able to start to welcome parents and our community back into the building. We ask that all visitors please check in at the main office.</p> |
| <p>Dropping off Items to School</p> | <p>If you are dropping an item off from home, please try to make arrangements with your child to meet them in front of the school at lunch. Any visitor entering the school, regardless of duration, is required to check in at the main office.</p> |
| <p>Water Bottles</p> | <p>We have been experiencing high volumes of students requesting disposable cups from the main office to use at our water fill stations. Please remind your students to bring water bottles to school each day to fill at our filling stations, as our water fountains have not yet been converted back from handwashing stations to accommodate drinking use.</p> |
| <p>Seycove Athletics</p> | <p>Seycove’s Fall athletic teams are starting soon. Fall teams include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field Hockey (Jr Girls gr. 8 to 10, Sr Girls gr. 11-12) • Soccer (Junior Boys 8-10, Senior Boys 11-12) • Swimming (Gr. 8 to 12) • Volleyball (Gr. 8 to 12) • Cross Country (Gr. 8 to 12) |

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| Cafeteria Services | <p>Cafeteria Services will be open 5 days a week this year. The cafeteria serves breakfast and lunch and is open from 8:15am-1:50pm. Students are asked to only access the cafeteria before school, during class transition times, and lunch hour. Students are expected to remain in their classes for the entire duration of their instructional time. If students find that they are needing snacks often throughout the morning, they are encouraged to bring their own snacks or purchase their snacks before the start of the first class.</p> |
| International Homestay Families Needed! | <p>Our International Student Program is seeking new homestay families. Homestay families play an integral part in the experience for international students and they are a part of the strength of our programs. There is a particular need for homestay placements East of the Seymour. Families receive approximately \$1100 a month, with homestay fees increasing midyear. Students require their own bedroom, reasonable access to a bathroom, three meals a day and to be treated like an extended member of family. Rules, curfews etc. are established by the homestay companies. If you are interested and able to host an international student, please contact our Internal Student Office (international@sd44.ca) or our Director of International Programs, Lynne Bolen (lbolen@sd44.ca).</p> |
| Acceptable use of Technology | <p>All students may access the wireless network with their own personal electronic devices as long as they accept and abide by the conditions outlined in the Seycove Code of Conduct. Please note that in all cases, students must have permission from the teacher prior to using their electronic devices during a class. At the start of the year, all students and parents must complete the "Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement" form on the School Cash online site.</p> |
| Ongoing School Communication | <p>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 and bulletins. Be sure to bookmark - www.seycove.ca</p> |
| School Calendar | <p>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's website on your devices and subscribing to Seycove's Calendar by clicking on the "subscribe" icon on the Seycove Online Calendar.</p> |
| Student Activity Fee | <p>Student Activity Fee - \$36.60 Each student at Seycove is charged a Student Activity Fee. This year the fee is set at \$36.60. This fee supports student activities, student awards and recognition events, other special events and assemblies.</p> |
| Graduation Activity Fee | <p>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.</p> |
| Supplemental Fees (by course) | <p>Supplemental fees may be charged for goods and services associated with optional enrichment activities and take home items that extend learning outcomes for students beyond their basic educational program. Supplemental fees are published on our Course Information and Description page on the Seycove website HERE</p> |
| School Fees | <p>All fees will be set up by the first week of October and are payable through the School Cash Online system HERE</p> |

