



Seycove Secondary

September 2, 2021

Dear Seycove Families:

Tl'iknumut, *Welcome!* Ms. Hall and I are thrilled to welcome our staff and students back to Seycove for the new school year! Our office, custodial and teaching staff have been busy preparing for opening day and we are extremely grateful for everyone's patience and understanding as we prepare for another unique school year. This welcome letter is a little longer than usual, but I would ask that you review the entire letter as it contains important information, COVID-19 updates, and details on next week's schedule.

You should have already received two communications from Superintendent Pearmain, as he sent a [letter to families on August 26th](#), and a second letter on August 31st. I would encourage you to review these letters if you haven't already had a chance. They contain important information about school start-up and updated COVID-19 information.

All staff, students and visitors will still be required to wear a mask while on school property. Signage throughout the school will continue be in place and help manage spacing and traffic flow. Students will be provided with updates, reminders, and health and safety protocols in their homerooms upon their return. Please support our school community by reminding your child(ren) to complete their daily [health check](#) and ensure that any child who is sick does not report to school. Further information about the updated COVID-19 guidelines can be found on our [North Vancouver School District Website](#).

We are also very pleased to be able to start to welcome parents and our community back into the building. As part of ensuring that we follow all of the guidelines put in place, we ask that all visitors please adhere to the following:

- Complete your Daily Health Check. If you have any signs of illness, please stay home.
- Masks are required indoors while at school.
- Respect others' space by following room occupancy limits and spreading out as much as possible.
- All visitors to the school are required to make an appointment if the purpose of their visit is to meet with a staff member. Please contact the staff member directly to make arrangements.
- Please enter throughout Main Entrance only and report directly to the Main Office. We have a sign & sign-out procedure as well as a Daily Health Check that you must complete as directed by the PHO and school district. A QR Code will be available on the Main Entrance and in the Main Office.

We are pleased to announce that school sports, music and other extra-curricular activities will resume and/or continue. While we are looking forward to the return of extracurricular activities, we are currently not in the position to allow visitors or spectators to attend indoor events. We will provide further updates on how we may best be able to facilitate this opportunity once we have greater clarification on the protocols we will need to follow.



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It is also important to note that the cafeteria food service operations across secondary schools in the North Vancouver School District will be gradually re-introduced throughout the fall. Students should bring their own lunches until the cafeteria services are back in place. As more information becomes available, we will connect back with families.

Students will receive their schedule on Tuesday September 7th in their homeroom class. Please see the attached "Opening Week Schedule" for details on attendance times. 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.

Finally, our returning families will notice that we have had a few teaching and support staff changes as a result of retirements, leaves and transfers. New to Seycove we welcome the following teachers:

- Ms. Allie Hamilton (Learning Support Teacher)
- Mr. Cody Harris (PLP/Drama)
- Mr. David Harris (PLP/Math)
- Ms. Zafrin Alam (English)
- Ms. Katherina Von Bulow (Math)

I am thrilled to welcome all these educators to our amazing school community.

On behalf of all of the staff at Seycove, we look forward to connecting with all our returning families and welcoming all our new families to our a Seycove community. It truly is a privilege to be a member of the Seycove family and I wish all of you a spectacular start to the new school year!

Sincerely,

Sarah Best

Principal

Attachments:

- Opening Week Schedule
- Homeroom List