



SUTHERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Sutherland Families/Guardians of Grade 8 Students,
I hope that you've all had wonderful summers and were able to find some time to spend with family and friends. It's hard to believe, but we're only a short time from the start of the 2022/2023 school year. I wanted to reach out to introduce myself as well as to share information and a few reminders to help the first day go smoothly.

Like the Grade 8s, I am new to Sutherland this year. My name is Shannon Smart, and I have been with the District since 2015. I am thrilled to be joining the Sutherland school community and will be the Grade 8 Administrator, so please feel free to reach out to me with questions, comments, or concerns. I look forward to getting to know you and your families over the coming months. Other important points of contact as the year continues will be your child's classroom teachers (whose contact information can be found on our school website under "[Staff Info](#)") and their grade counsellor, Marianne Macario (mmacario@sd44.ca).

First Day of School – Tuesday, September 6, 2022

As was shared in a letter sent by Sutherland's Administrators in early July, Grade 8 students are expected to be in attendance between 9:30am and 12:00pm on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. They will meet in the Large Gym for a short orientation which will be followed by a homeroom where they will receive their timetable, course schedule, and locker. Next, they will have a chance to practice a quick class rotation that will allow them to meet their Semester 1 teachers, see their classrooms, and know where they will be going the next day. We will finish the morning with a group activity involving staff and senior student leaders and will dismiss students at 12:00pm. The first full day of classes will be Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

Grade 8 Retreat Update

Later this week, I will be emailing home a registration package with details and important forms that must be returned for your student to participate in Sutherland's very first Grade 8 Retreat. **Students will also be provided with paper copies of these forms during homeroom on September 6, 2022.** We are excited to be planning this overnight adventure to the Cheakamus Centre in Brackendale for all our Grade 8 students. The NVSD has a long history of outdoor learning and community-building on this site, and staff and students have many fond memories associated with visits there. Sutherland's Grade 8 Retreat will take place on Thursday and Friday, September 22 and 23. Please keep an eye out for more details on this in the coming days.


Calendar for the 2022-2023 School Year

Sutherland's approved calendar containing holidays, professional development days, and other important dates of note for the 2022-2023 school year can be found here: [Calendar](#). Next year's weekly block rotation schedule is posted below. We will be on a 4 blocks per day semester system with tutorial time at the start of each day.



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2022-2023 Schedule

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:30-9:12	Limited Tutorial Time Availability (See Schedule on WebSite)		TUTORIAL TIME: This is instructional time that will be part of a schoolwide support system to support student success. Note: There are some X-Block classes		
9:15-10:25	1	2	3	1	2
10:25-10:35	Break				
10:35-11:45	2	3	1	2	3
11:45-11:55	Break				
11:55-1:05	3	1	2	3	1
1:05-1:30	LUNCH				
1:30-2:00	4	4	4	4	4

Student Photo Day

On Friday, September 16, students will have their school photos taken. If your child is absent this day, there will be a retake day on October 11, 2022.

I am looking forward to seeing the Grade 8s arrive on Tuesday, September 6. This is such an exciting time in their lives, and it is a pleasure to be a part of it. I encourage you and your students to be in contact with me or their counsellor with any questions or concerns, now and as the year continues. Our doors are always open.

Sincerely,

Shannon Smart
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