



Dear Seycove Families of Grade 8 Students,

July 4, 2024

We hope your summer is off to a good start and that all the celebration activities associated with completing Grade 7 were enjoyable and memorable for you and your family. As we look ahead to September and our plans to welcome new students to Seycove, we want to share the schedule for the first day, as well as information about our timetable, calendar, and Grade 8 retreat at the Cheakamus Centre.

First Day of School – September 3, 2024

Grade 8 students are expected to be in attendance between 10:30am and 12:00pm, (grades 9-12 will be scheduled to attend briefly in the afternoon). Grade 8 students will meet in the gym for an orientation which will be followed by a homeroom where they will receive their timetable and locker. Next, there will be a chance to practice a quick class rotation that will allow them to meet their 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. Please watch for more detailed information about start up to be emailed home and posted to the school website in late August.

Grade 8 Parent Night - Thursday Sept 5, 2024

We hope to see you at 7pm in the cafeteria space to meet the Grade 8 counsellor and learn more about the grade 8 year, the grade 8 retreat and Seycove Secondary. Afterwards, the presentation will be posted to the school website for those unable to attend.

Grade 8 Retreat

We are very excited to be planning a one-day retreat at the Cheakamus Centre for all grade 8 students on Friday, September 20. This will be an important community-building experience for all our incoming Grade 8s. Seycove staff and senior student leaders are looking forward to leading parts of the programming and participating in the retreat alongside the Grade 8s.

Throughout the day, students will participate in small and large group, outdoor education-based activities led by both Seycove and Cheakamus Centre staff. Students will end the day around 4pm. Seycove staff and administration will always be on site.

The cost of the trip will be approximately \$120 per student. This includes bus transportation, all meals, and programming. More detailed information about the field trip, final cost, school cash online fee, as well as consent forms, will be sent to parents via email in late August, and due back to the school office in the first week of classes.

Our hope is that all Grade 8 students attend the retreat. Regular grade 8 classes will not be running on the day of the retreat; therefore, students will not be missing any of their subject classes during this time. Academy students will be excused from their classes at other school sites while at Cheakamus, and we hope you can reschedule after school activities to allow your child to attend this important grade-wide event.

2024-2025 School Year

Seycove's approved calendar for the 2024-2025 school year can be found on the school website and a monthly calendar will be posted in August. Next year's weekly block rotation schedule is posted below.





Seycove will be on a 4 block per day, day1 (periods 1, 2, 3, 4) & day 2 (periods 5, 6, 7, 8) linear system. Students will take 8 classes that run from September to June, with classes rotating over two days, morning classes will rotate, afternoon classes do not rotate, each class occurs each second day, and tutorial time is at the start of each day.

	Week 1					Week 2					Late Start Wednesday
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Tutorial Time 8:30-9:10 AM											Staff Collaboration AM 8:30-9:50
9:10-10:21 AM	1	5	2	6	3	7	1	5	2	6	2 or 5
Transition											9:50-10:51 AM
10:25-11:35 AM	2	6	3	7	1	5	2	6	3	7	3 or 6
Transition											10:55-11:55 PM
11:40-12:50 PM	3	7	1	5	2	6	3	7	1	5	1 or 7
12:50-1:50 PM	LUNCH					LUNCH					LUNCH 1:00-2:00 PM
1:50-3:00 PM	4	8	4	8	4	8	4	8	4	8	4 or 8
											2:00-3:00 PM
Late Start Wednesday Dates: (4 per year)	September 25, 2024		5,6,7,8								
	October 30, 2024		2,3,1,4								
	February 26, 2025		5,6,7,8								
	April 30, 2025		2,3,1,4								
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Please anticipate a memo at the end of August to give additional and updated information about the new school year. Until then, we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,
Paul Ruben and Sarah Best
Seycove Admin Team

