



SUTHERLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

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GRADE 8 OPEN HOUSE, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

September 13, 2024

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Grade 8 Students,

Congratulations to our Grade 8 students who have completed their second week of high school! The year is off to an excellent start. As your child embarks on this exciting new chapter, I want to emphasize the importance of setting a strong foundation for their academic success. We hope students can establish good routines, regular attendance, punctuality, and effective study habits. By promoting a welcoming and supportive environment from the beginning of the year, our aim is to set the stage for a fulfilling and productive time in high school. On September 3, our students participated in Welcome Day activities, which helped support students in their transition. The Welcome Day ended with fun games and activities on the field, led by our Grade 12 student leaders. I am very pleased to report that Grade 8 students are already engaging in their learning and building positive relationships at school.

At Sutherland, we understand that student success is positively impacted by meaningful connections within our school community. Sutherland will be hosting the Grade 8 Open House next Thursday, September 19, 2024. I invite you to attend this event with your child from 5:30-6:30pm in our Cafeteria. This opportunity allows families to learn about our school, meet teachers from every department, and hear about extra-curricular programs.

The Open House is also a chance for parents to learn more about our plans for the Grade 8 Retreat and ask questions. If you have not submitted your permission forms or paid fees online, please make sure to do these things as soon as possible to ensure your child's participation in the Grade 8 Retreat.

After the Open House, I invite you to stay at Sutherland to check out the Canadian Universities Event, happening in the large gym from 6-8PM. While it may seem early, the choices students make during their high school years, such as course selection, extracurricular activities, and academic performance, play a critical role in shaping their academic future and career paths. Engaging in thoughtful planning and setting clear goals can help your child help build a strong foundation for the future. By being proactive and supportive in this process, you can help ensure that your child is well-prepared for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, making their transition to higher education a smoother and more successful experience.

I am excited to have students, parents, and guardians join us next Thursday, September 19th. We look forward to working together to ensure your child has a rewarding and successful high school experience.

Sincerely,

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