



August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Dear Grade 8 Parents:

On behalf of the Windsor School Community, I welcome you to the Windsor family! The staff are excited about our upcoming year and look forward to meeting you and your new high school student. We hope you have enjoyed your summer and were able to find some time to spend with friends and family. As the summer winds down and the school year approaches, I am sure you are filled with both excitement and anticipation for a new school year and the transition to a new school. For those of you that are new to high school, our hope is this letter, and the attached information, will help you and your child with a successful transition.

**Opening Day: Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**

**9:45 am – 12:00pm**

**Windsor Multi-Purpose Room**

On Opening Day we are inviting incoming Grade 8 students to attend an informational assembly, a tour of Windsor, community building activities, and a short rotation of classes. All students will receive their timetable on this day. Students will have an opportunity to meet Windsor teachers and staff, orient themselves to the building, and visit classrooms before their first full day of classes on Wednesday. Students will learn about the timetable, school expectations, where to find their locker and open their locks. Our Student Ambassadors and leadership students will be in attendance to help everyone navigate their new experience on this opening day of High School.

**Grade 8 Parent Night & Cheakamus Retreat Meeting**

**Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm**

**Windsor Multi-Purpose Room**

Windsor is hosting a Grade 8 Parent Night on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> in the Multi-Purpose Room. The School Team will outline School Goals, processes, and student expectations, so that we can work in concert with parents to support student success. Student conduct and expectations in this meeting will mirror the presentation made to Grade 8 students at their Grade Assembly, therefore, students do not need to attend this evening meeting. Parents will also receive information on the upcoming day trip to the [Cheakamus Center](#) in Brackendale, BC. This is a great opportunity for questions and to connect with other Windsor parents.



## **Grade 8 Cheakamus Retreat: Friday, September 27th, 2024**

### **Cheakamus Centre – Brackendale, BC**

Grade 8 students and staff will be attending a full day retreat on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at NVSD's Cheakamus Centre in Brackendale. Bus transportation will be provided to and from the Centre from Windsor Secondary School. Further information on the retreat and registration packages will be available on the first day of school and at the parent meeting on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

Communication and contact between home and school is very important at the secondary level. Parent involvement in high school tends to naturally decrease as student's progress through the years as students are able to take on more responsibility for their own education. We encourage all parents and guardians to stay connected with Windsor school and your students' progress.

Please be sure to bookmark the Windsor Homepage, as all pertinent start up and school information will be posted there. To stay up to date throughout the school year please visit the school website on a regular basis and be sure to read the newsletters, which are emailed home. You may also subscribe to the Windsor calendar here.

Subject-specific questions about your child's progress should be directed to the classroom teacher at any time via e-mail. If you have any questions or concerns about your child, how they are doing, or what may be going on at the school, please feel free to contact their individual classroom teachers, listed on our school website, as well as their Grade 8 counsellor, Ms. Megan Brady (mbrady@sd44.ca). Part of the role of the grade 8 counsellor is to help facilitate a successful transition and can be a useful starting place for any general questions you may have.

We look forward to working with your children in this exciting new stage of their educational journey. We encourage students to be in contact with us and/or their counsellor should they have any questions or concerns throughout the year; our doors are always open!

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Curry at [kcurry@sd44.ca](mailto:kcurry@sd44.ca).

Sincerely,

**Kelly Curry**

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