



Seycove News

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back everyone to the start of another exciting school year. I hope you have all been able to enjoy a restful and enjoyable summer. As we begin to prepare for the 2010-2011 school year, I encourage you to take the time to look through our August newsletter; you will find it contains useful information and many updates for parents and students.

I would like to first welcome some new teaching staff to Seycove: Ms. Chan Kish, formerly at Windsor Secondary School, will be teaching Social Studies and Information Technology. Mr. Bryan Hughes has been hired as our new teacher-librarian and will also be teaching Information Technology. Mr. Gordon Muter, formerly at Handsworth Secondary, will be teaching our Woodwork and Engineering courses along with English. Finally, I have been able to recall Mr. Darcy Grant to continue teaching Drama and French as Ms. Suzanne Cook is continuing her extended medical leave.

In terms of our new 2010-2011 timetable, the rotation of classes will remain unchanged; however, to balance out the instructional time for students given our two week Spring Break this school year, the length of classes has been extended along with Wednesday classes starting at 8:30am. Certainly, it will be incumbent on us as educators to make some instructional adaptations and create new educational opportunities for our students. Last year saw the introduction of our wireless network at Seycove for students to use their personally owned devices (POD's) and this year we will increase our focus on integrating this technological shift to benefit the educational needs of our students inside and outside of the classroom.

Our enrolment at Seycove remains fairly stable as we only declined by approximately 17 students from last year. Our current enrolment is 733 with an additional 60 international students. Back in early Spring, we mailed home students' course requests to ensure their accuracy, as changes in September cannot be guaranteed due to space availability and timetable restrictions. If you have any questions regarding your child's timetable, please contact the appropriate grade counsellor.

We have also been busy over the summer with several upgrades and projects to our campus. To name a few, our front entrance will have new signage for both the main doors and our student services wing. In addition, we are grateful to obtain once again the artistic talents of Mr. Ray Natraoro who carved our spectacular rear entrance wolf panel last year. Mr. Natraoro will be completing a new First Nations panel in the main entrance this fall which we are all looking forward to. Our library also saw a major renovation over the summer with new carpet installed with financial assistance from the school district's Facilities Department. Beyond the actual building itself, we purchased many new text resources for several departments and with the assistance of the Seycove Parent Advisory Council we are looking to purchase a new MacBook cart for our library. We are just getting started!

Please enjoy the remaining weeks and on behalf of the entire Seycove staff, we look forward to a thriving year ahead.

Karim Hachlaf

August 2010

CALENDAR

Sep. 07	School Begins (Homeroom only, no classes)
Sep. 09	7:00pm—Grade 8 Parent Evening
Sep. 10	Photo Day
Sep. 14	7:30pm – PAC Meeting (Library)
Sep. 16	Gr. 8 CLASS Afternoon (Early Dismissal Gr. 9-12) 4:00pm - Gr.8/12 BBQ
Sep. 27	School-based Pro-D Day (no school)
Oct. 11	Thanksgiving (no school)
Oct. 13	7:30pm – PAC Meeting (Library)
Oct. 18	Photo Retakes
Oct. 21	Interims Mailed Home
Oct. 22	District-wide Pro-D Day (no school)
Nov. 04	Parent-Teacher Interviews (Early Dismissal)
Nov. 05	Early Dismissal
Nov. 09	7:30pm – PAC Meeting (Library)
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day (no school)
Nov. 12	Local School Calendar Closure Day (no school)
Nov. 15	Gr. 9 Immunizations
Dec. 14	7:30pm – PAC Meeting (Library)
Dec. 15	Report Cards Distributed
Dec. 17	7:30am – Santa's Breakfast School Closes for Winter Break

IMPORTANT! Please notify the school if your child has a **MEDICALLY DIAGNOSED** health condition, which may require emergency care at school.

This includes:

- ✓ anaphylaxis
- ✓ diabetes
- ✓ severe asthma
- ✓ seizure disorder
- ✓ blood clotting disorders
- ✓ serious heart conditions

The Medical Alert Information Form and Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Form can be found under **GENERAL INFORMATION** at

www.seycove.ca.





OPENING WEEK SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE:

Tuesday, September 7th

Grade 8 only: 9:45am assembly and homeroom, followed by dismissal

Grades 9 to 12: 10:30am – homeroom, followed by dismissal

Wednesday, September 8th

All Grades: 8:30am to 8:50am – homeroom, followed by special Wednesday “Opening Week Schedule”

Thursday, September 9th

All Grades: 8:30 to 8:40am – homeroom, followed by special Thursday “Opening Week Schedule”

Friday, September 10th

All Grades: 8:30am - Regular Friday schedule

Remember...Friday, September 10th is Photo Day!



FEES:

As per Board Policy 706, the Superintendent of Schools reviews annually the schedule of school fees for all schools, and provides this schedule to Trustees for information.

Specific information regarding school fees is available at www.seycove.ca and is printed on the back of every student invoice.

Fee Waiver: Should you wish to complete a fee waiver form, please contact the Principal, Karim Hachlaf.

Student Supplies

Students always want to buy their school supplies before classes begin; however, they should be aware that each subject teacher might require special supplies.

General supplies include:

- √ Binders (3-ring, one per course)
- √ 3-hole Lined paper
- √ 3-hole Dividers
- √ Pens/pencils/highlighters/ruler
- √ Calculator (see [Math Dept webpage](#))
- √ Gym Strip

All English students grades 8 - 12 should have access to a user-friendly dictionary and thesaurus at home and/or in their locker.

All French and Spanish language students are expected to purchase a French/English or Spanish/English dictionary.

SCHOOL OPENING DETAILS—TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

Grade 8 – 9:45am

Grade 8 students should report to school at 9:45am on Tuesday, September 7th and meet at the front of the school to assemble before going into the gym for your official welcome. This will be your opportunity to meet the staff of Seycove.

Look for your name on the Homeroom List, which will be posted on the main doors at the front of the school. Those lists will indicate your Homeroom Number and homeroom teacher. You should report to that room immediately after the gym assembly.

Your homeroom teacher will provide you with information about your classes, fees, and lockers.

Grades 9 to 12 – 10:30am

Students should check the Homeroom List posted on the front doors of the school to find their Homeroom Number. Students report to their homeroom at 10:30am where they will receive a copy of their timetable and student fee invoice. Fees may be paid during homerooms scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday. When fees are paid, students will receive access to a locker and lock, and a student agenda book. After Thursday, all fees must be paid at the main office.

Students with timetable errors should sign-up in Student Services for an appointment to see a counsellor.

**New Students: if you require help, teachers, counsellors, custodians, the office staff, 7/11 Program Students, and other students are available...just ask!*

Classes begin Wednesday after Homeroom!

CALLBACK LINE

Please make sure the school is aware of excused absences for your child by calling the Absence Call-back Line at **604-903-3673** leaving brief details of your child’s absence as follows:

- √ student’s first and last name
- √ grade
- √ date of absence
- √ times of the absence if it is not all day
- √ short reason for the absence (e.g.. illness, dentist, excused, etc).

Expect a call/email if your child has an unexcused absence or more than two lates from classes during the day. Remember, students may not call to excuse themselves. If you would like more information about absence procedures, please visit www.seycove.ca.



VACATIONS

Parents and students should expect that missing school time to go on holidays will have an impact on progress and achievement at school. Parents and students should make all reasonable efforts to avoid planning holidays that interfere with scheduled classes. Class time cannot be replicated and some activities and assignments may be impossible to do if students miss classes. Students and parents should be aware that teachers are not required to provide extra work or extra time to complete assignments missed for absences.

The school recognizes that there will be times when families will go on holidays during school time. Families and students must make every effort to minimize the impact of missing classes by informing the school and individual teachers as early as possible, by maintaining contact with the school as much as possible, (either electronically or through peers) in order to keep up with work, by working ahead in courses, and by spending extra time and effort catching up upon returning. Please fill out an excused absence form available in the main office, or at www.seycove.ca.

Missing of classes for any reason could have an impact on assessment and evaluation.



COUNSELLING INFO

The Counselling Department welcomes you back to another year at Seycove. We look forward to working in partnership with families and staff as we support students in various capacities throughout the year. The beginning of the school year is an exciting and busy time and will require patience and understanding as we work together to ensure student placement in courses.

Students will be receiving their timetables on the first day of school. Please review that timetable with your student. You are looking first to make sure that they have received the "Required Courses" necessary for graduation. Secondly, look to see if your student has received a full compliment of courses: Grades 8 to 10 should have a minimum of 8 courses; Grades 11 and 12 should have a minimum of 7 courses.

While we would ideally like to give students all of their top elective choices, this is not always possible. In some cases, school scheduling and balancing of classes require substitution of alternative elective choices. Alterations to timetables will be addressed in the following priority order in the first two weeks of September:

- Required courses for graduation
- Incomplete timetables

All students who require, or would like to request a change, must complete the Course Request form available in the Counselling Office and accommodation for changes will be addressed in the above priority order. There are no guarantees of change and it is important for attendance purposes that students follow their original timetable until they are informed of any changes. Questions or concerns regarding student timetables should be directed to the **grade level counsellor**.

A special reminder to grade 8 parents of the Grade 8 Parent Evening on Thursday, September 9th. The evening starts at 7:00pm and it is important that parents and students attend together. One goal of this meeting is to demystify the timetable. We hope you enjoyed your summer and we look forward to a positive school year.

APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING AT SEYCOVE

An apprenticeship is a training program for trades and technical careers that involves a combination of on the job training and classroom instruction. There are over 150 apprenticeship trades in British Columbia. The Industry Training Authority (ITA) is the provincial organization that oversees apprenticeship training. More information, including a list of apprenticeable trades, is available on the ITA website www.itabc.ca

Students are able to begin their apprenticeship training while in high school.

In order to qualify, a student must be:

- 15 years of age or older
- in a paid, part-time position in an apprenticeable trade
- under the supervision of an experienced worker
- registered with the ITA as a Secondary School Apprentice (SSA)



Once registered as a Secondary School Apprentice:

- On the job hours completed in high school will be applied to the total hours needed to complete an apprenticeship and job hours can be credited for work done in the previous 12 months including summer work.
- Four graduation credits will be given for every 120 hours of work completed to a maximum of 16 credits (8 Grade 11 credits, 8 Grade 12 credits)
- If the student completes a minimum of 480 hours while in high school, attains a C+ average in their Grade 12 year, and is still in an apprenticeship 6 months after graduation, they are eligible for a \$1000 tuition voucher to help cover the cost of technical training after graduation.

For more information, or to register as a Secondary School Apprentice, contact Shirley Lempriere or Nancy Roberts at Seycove (slempriere@nvds44.bc.ca or nroberts@nvds44.bc.ca)

Counselling Contacts:

Being aware of your child's timetable is one way to stay connected with the school and with the education your children is receiving. Many studies indicate that secondary school students want parents to be involved in the education process. However, experience tells us that getting information out of teenagers can be problematic. A parent staying in touch with teachers is a direct route to accurate information and certainly, grade counsellors are available to assist at any time.

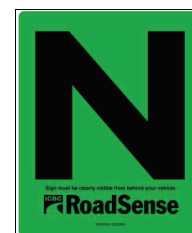
Counselling contacts for the 2010-2011 year are as follows:

Ms. Nancy Roberts: grades 8 and 12
email: nroberts@nvds44.bc.ca
phone 604-903-3634

Ms. Shirley Lempriere: grade 11 and International Students.
email: slempriere@nvds44.bc.ca
phone 604-903-3635

Mr. Mark Fetterly: grades 9 and 10
email: mfetterly@nvds44.bc.ca
phone 604-903-3643

Seycove Parking Policy:



Drivers must operate their vehicles in a safe and appropriate manner on school grounds. (N) License has a 1-passenger restriction. Parking is available for students in designated stalls only. Vehicles parked on school grounds need to be registered at the Main Office.

Hello, from Seycove!

Seycove broadcasts important email messages: eBulletins, overdue library books, reminders, and upcoming school details/events. Please ensure the school has your current email address so you do not miss out on these messages.





Vancouver Coastal Health
Immunization Clinics at Seycove:



Who? Grade 9 Students

When? November 15, 2010; January 20, 2011;
and May 16, 2011 (approx. 9:00-11:00 am)

What?

- Adacel (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis vaccine) – 1 dose- booster due every 10 years
- HPV (Human Papillomavirus vaccine) - 3 doses – girls only

Further information and consent forms will be brought home in Homeroom by all Grade 9 students. Seycove’s Public Health Nurse, **Donna Coates**, may be contacted by phone at

604-983-6929 or by email: donna.coates@vch.ca.

Did you know? **Vancouver Coastal Health** updates can be found on our website.

Visit www.seycove.ca and click on:

HEALTH INFORMATION

SEYCOVE ATHLETICS

The Athletic Department plans to offer the following sports during the 2010-2011 school year (see below). Students, parents and/or community members are invited to become involved in the athletic program. If you are interested in coaching or managing a school team, or would like to join the Seycove Athletic PAC, contact me at pshtenko@nvds44.bc.ca or call 604-903-3666.

Team Sports (Fall)

Badminton	Open to all Boys & Girls
Cross-Country	Open to all Boys & Girls
Field Hockey	Open to all Girls
Rowing	Open to all Boys & Girls
Rugby	Boys only, Gr. 8 & 9
Soccer	Boys only, Sr. & Jr.
Swimming	Open to all Boys & Girls
Volleyball	Girls only, Gr. 8-12

Team Sports (Winter)

Basketball	Boys & Girls, Gr. 8-12
Gymnastics	Open to all Boys & Girls
Ski/Snowboard	Open to all Boys & Girls
Wrestling	Open to all Boys & Girls

Team Sports (Spring)

Golf	Open to all Boys & Girls
Mountain Biking	Open to all Boys & Girls
Rugby	Boys only, Sr. & Jr.
Soccer	Girls only, Sr. & Jr.
Tennis	Open to all Boys & Girls
Track & Field	Open to all Boys & Girls

www.actnowbc.ca

The Ministry of Education has announced the introduction of **Daily Physical Activity** to help students develop healthy daily physical activity habits. The program will augment existing Physical Education, Health and extracurricular activities by mandating that B.C.’s K-12 students participate daily in healthy levels of activity. To download Seycove DPA logs, please visit: www.seycove.ca. Please note, students submit DPA logs for all three terms. Failure to do so will result in a report card showing: **“not meeting requirement”**.

MUSIC NEWS

Music Updates:

Don’t forget to check www.seycovemusic.ca for regular Music Program updates including News, Tours/Trips, Fundraising, and Events.

Music Uniforms:

Junior: The junior uniform for Grade 8 Concert Band, Grade 9 Concert Band, and Junior Jazz Band is as follows:

- Men & Women:** Black dress pants (please, no black jeans)
 Black socks and black dress shoes (no runners)
 Uniform t-shirt will be sized in September and given out at the fall concert (cost \$15)

Senior: The senior uniform for Senior Concert Band, Senior Choir, and Senior Jazz Band is as follows:

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| Men: | Black dress shirt | Women: | Black long dress (sizing will be done in September) |
| | Black dress pants (please no black jeans) | | Black low-heeled dress shoes (please, no platform shoes) |
| | Black socks and black dress shoes (no runners) | | |
| | Blue cummerbund vest (to be rented) | | |

