



# 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 relaxing summer. I would like to extend a special welcome to our new Grade 8 students and their parents to Seycove Secondary. As we prepare for the 2011-2012 school year, I encourage you to take the time to look through our August newsletter; you will find it contains useful information for our school community.

In regard to some staffing updates, it is a pleasure to welcome Dr. David Overgaard who has officially taken over from Mr. Joe Campbell as Seycove's new vice-principal. Dr. Overgaard had previously been the vice-principal at Handsworth for the last five years and in fact used to work at Seycove many years ago - welcome back David! Also, over the summer Mr. Campbell who was originally transferred to Sutherland Secondary has been recently promoted as the new principal of Sherwood Park Elementary - we wish him all the best and are pleased to hear he will now remain in the Seycove Family of Schools.

In terms of our 2011-12 timetable, our schedule remains unchanged given the continuation of a two week Spring Break. In regard to our enrolment at Seycove we will see a total decline of approximately 25 students from last year. Our enrolment decline is realized primarily at our Grade 8 level which will be a cohort of approximately 110 students this coming year. Our Grade 9 to 12 cohorts range from 150 to 170 students making our current enrolment at 716 with an additional 60 international students.

As always we had several building projects and upgrades over the summer as we strive to continually update our campus. Our library which saw a complete carpet replacement last year has now undergone an entire book collection review where we have begun updating our print resources and reorganized our library creating a more open and inviting space. Additionally, with some new paint, window coverings and furniture our library space is going to be that much more attractive. Other new resources that will be housed in our library but service the entire school and will be available to all Seycove students include 25 new iPad2's along with a class set of Kindle e-readers. Beyond the acquisition of these technological resources it will be how our staff and students implement these tools within the learning environment that will be even more exciting. We have also installed three new large flat screen monitors in our hallways to replace the old tv's that were no longer functioning. These monitors will be used to project our announcements and other school updates in a more interactive format allowing students, for example, to post multimedia material that they have created. Lastly, we saw a major upgrade to our older school wing on both levels as our ceiling tiles were all replaced. Although arguably not as exciting as the previous announcements, our hallways have drastically brightened.

Please enjoy the remaining summer vacation and I look forward to a great year ahead!

Sincerely,

Karim Hachlaf  
Principal

August 2011

## CALENDAR

Sep. 06	School Begins ( <b>Homeroom only, no classes</b> )
Sep. 08	7:00pm—Grade 8 Parent Evening
Sep. 09	Photo Day
Sep. 13	7:30pm – PAC Meeting (Library)
Sep. 15	Gr. 8 CLASS Afternoon ( <b>Early Dismissal Gr. 9-12</b> ) 4:00pm - Gr.8/12 BBQ
Oct. 04	District Employee Training ( <b>1:45pm Early Dismissal</b> )
Oct. 05	School-based Pro-D Day (no school)
Oct. 10	Thanksgiving (no school)
Oct. 11	7:30pm – PAC Meeting (Library)
Oct. 20	Interims Mailed Home
Oct. 21	Provincial Pro-D Day (no school)
Oct. 25	Photo Retakes
Nov. 03	Parent-Teacher Interviews ( <b>Early Dismissal</b> )
Nov. 04	<b>Early Dismissal</b>
Nov. 08	7:30pm – PAC Meeting (Library)
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day (no school)
Nov. 28	School-based Pro-D Day (no school)
Dec. 13	7:30pm – PAC Meeting (Library)
Dec. 14	Report Cards Distributed
Dec. 16	7:30am – Santa's Breakfast School Closes for Winter Break
Jan. 03	School Reopens after Winter Break
Jan. 10	7:30pm – PAC Meeting (Library)
Jan. 11	Grade 9 Immunizations
Jan. 16	Curriculum Implementation Day (no school)



### OPENING WEEK SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE:

#### Tuesday, September 6th

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

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

#### Wednesday, September 7th

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

#### Thursday, September 8th

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

#### Friday, September 9th

All Grades: 8:30am - Regular Friday schedule

Remember...Friday, September 9th is Photo Day!



### SIGN IN/OUT:



Students are expected to be at school and in class on time. Students are responsible for their own punctuality. If arriving late due to an appointment, the student should report to the office (sign-in) and submit a note from a parent. If there is no note, the parent must explain the “tardy” by calling the callback (604-903-3673).

Once the students are dismissed from their class by their teacher, they have five (5) minutes to get to their next class. After that time, students will be deemed to be late for class.

In some cases, leaving school before the end of the day may be necessary. Students needing to leave school early must provide the office with a parent/guardian’s written permission or have parents call the callback (604-903-3673) to explain the absence. Students must sign out at the main office. Students who leave the school without parent permission are considered unexcused. For emergency purposes, parents must inform the main office if a student is leaving the campus.

## SCHOOL OPENING DETAILS—TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

### Grade 8 – 9:45am

Grade 8 students should report to school at 9:45am on Tuesday, September 6th 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.

**Note for New Students: if you require help - teachers, counsellors, custodians, 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](http://www.seycove.ca).



## MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

**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](http://www.seycove.ca).**



## FEES INFO

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. Seycove’s fee schedule went to the Board on December 14, 2010.

### Workbooks

Where students are required to use workbooks in order to meet the course/subject learning outcomes and/or for assessment, workbooks will be provided free of charge. Students may have the opportunity to purchase workbooks that are suggested for optional, supplemental “practice” and are not marked as part of the students’ assessments. Purchase of these workbooks is completely optional as they are not required for successful completion of the courses’ learning outcomes. These workbooks are available for purchase at cost from the school.

**There are TWO invoices handed out as follows:**

### Basic Student Invoice - SEPTEMBER

Students will receive the Basic Student Invoice on September 6th which includes the following:

Student Activity Fee - \$40

As per the recommendation of the School District Fees Task Force, schools may charge a Student Activity Fee to support student activities, student agenda books, student awards and recognition, special events and assemblies.

Graduation Activity Fee (Grade 12s only) - \$35

This fee is used to defray the cost of the graduation ceremony. Other optional activities may incur costs throughout the year.

Yearbook Fee - \$50 - Optional

The purchase of yearbooks is optional. The receipt of fees determines the number of books ordered in January. Extra books are not usually available in June.

PAC Donations – Optional (Tax Deductible)

Donations to PAC are optional. The Emergency Prep donation is used by PAC to purchase emergency supplies & equipment for emergency preparation. The Transportation Levy donation is used by PAC to purchase and operate the school vans/bus. The Technology Upgrade donation is used by PAC to upgrade the school computer lab equipment.

Outstanding Fees - Previous Year

Any monies owing from the previous school year are added to the current year’s invoice.

### Supplemental Student Invoice - OCTOBER

Supplemental fees are determined mid-October, once the majority of course changes have been completed. At that time, a Supplemental Student Invoice is sent home (late October):

Supplemental Fees - by Course

In accordance with the School Act, all students at Seycove receive free of charge an educational program sufficient to meet the general requirements for graduation. Supplemental fees may be charged for goods and services associated with optional enrichment activities and take home items that extend learning outcomes for students beyond the basic educational program.

For students who withdraw, refund of fees paid will be prorated up until the end of January. After that time, there will be no refund of fees.

Fee Waiver

Should you wish to complete a fee waiver form, they are available in the Main Office.

Specific information regarding school fees is available at [www.seycove.ca](http://www.seycove.ca) and is printed on the back of every student invoice.

### Textbooks:

At the beginning of the year, subject teachers distribute and assign textbooks to their students. Teachers record the book’s number and students sign a book card in receipt and acknowledgement. Textbooks are individually numbered; students must return the textbook assigned to them. Students who lose or damage a textbook beyond usual wear and tear will be assessed a fee to be determined by the teacher.



### 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.



**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](http://www.seycove.ca).

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

**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.



**PARKING/DRIVING AT SEYCOVE**

All drivers must operate their vehicles in a safe and appropriate manner on school grounds.

The speed limit on school grounds is 20 km/h.

Student pick-up is in front of the cafeteria however students are encouraged to walk/bus to school.

Remember:

(N) License has a 1-passenger restriction.

Parking is available for students in designated stalls only:

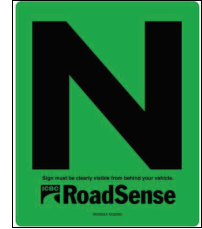
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Visitors should park in stalls marked “Visitor”.

**All vehicles parked on school grounds need to be registered at the Main Office.**



**DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (DPA)**



[www.actnowbc.ca](http://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 augments existing Physical Education, Health and extracurricular activities by mandating that B.C.’s K-12 students participate daily in healthy levels of activity.

Some examples include P.E. classes, school or community teams, intramurals, open gyms, community recreation, drop-in sports, individual activities, walking or cycling to and from school, skateboarding, dance, weight or circuit training, swimming, active play, physical labour etc.

Students submit DPA logs for all three terms:

Gr 8/9: 30 minutes per day/5 days per week - to PE teacher

Gr 10: 150 minutes per week - to Planning teacher

Gr 11: 150 minutes per week - to Office

Gr 12: 150 minutes per week - to Grad Trans teacher

Term and Final reports will state Meeting/Not Meeting Requirement

To download Seycove DPA logs, please visit: [www.seycove.ca](http://www.seycove.ca) and click on:

**“DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (DPA)”**

Links:

Ministry of Education DPA Website:

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/dpa/>

Program Guide:

[http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/dpa/pdfs/program\\_guide.pdf](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/dpa/pdfs/program_guide.pdf)



## 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 8th. 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](http://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](mailto:slempriere@nvds44.bc.ca) or [nroberts@nvds44.bc.ca](mailto: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 2011-2012 year are as follows:

**Ms. Nancy Roberts:** grades 9 and 12  
email: [nroberts@nvds44.bc.ca](mailto:nroberts@nvds44.bc.ca)  
phone 604-903-3634

**Ms. Shirley Lempriere:** grade 8 and International Students.  
email: [slempriere@nvds44.bc.ca](mailto:slempriere@nvds44.bc.ca)  
phone 604-903-3635

**Mr. Mark Fetterly:** grades 10 and 11  
email: [mfetterly@nvds44.bc.ca](mailto:mfetterly@nvds44.bc.ca)  
phone 604-903-3643

Vancouver Coastal Health  
Immunization Clinic at Seycove:



**Who?** Grade 9 Students

**When?** January 11, 2012

**What?** Tdap (Adacel)

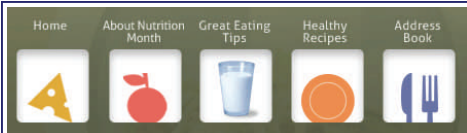
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, acellular Pertussis vaccine) – 1 dose- booster due every 10 years

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 604-418-7153 or by email: ([donna.coates@vch.ca](mailto:donna.coates@vch.ca)).

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

Visit [www.seycove.ca](http://www.seycove.ca) and click on:

**"HEALTH INFORMATION"**



## Great Eating Tips

Cook together for the fun of it!

Click [HERE](#) to download family friendly ideas, or visit: [nutrition2011.ca](http://nutrition2011.ca)



**NUTRITION**  
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## SEYCOVE ATHLETICS

The Athletic Department plans to offer the following sports during the 2011-2012 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 [dbraam@nvsd44.bc.ca](mailto:dbraam@nvsd44.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



### CAN YOU HELP?:



Room 207 needs a used fridge in good condition...not too big...not too small.

We run a wonderful cooking program for a small group of students and our old fridge bit the dust.

Please call the school and ask for Jill Watson if you can help us out.

## MUSIC NEWS

### Music Updates:

Don't forget to check [www.seycovemusic.ca](http://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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|-------------|--|---------------|--|
| <u>Men:</u> | Black dress shirt                              | <u>Women:</u> | 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)            |               |  |

