

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The New Year is fast approaching and we will be beginning our preparations for the Grade 8's to transition to their new secondary schools. Below is a timeline that provides you with upcoming events that will assist during this transition period. As well, starting in the New Year announcements will be made specifically for Grade 8 students regarding upcoming information on their course selection process. **Please remind your son/daughter to listen for these announcements. The information will also be available on the website above.**

The timeline below outlines your son's/daughter's transition to their new high school. Please feel free to contact our school counsellor (fmawani@sd43.bc.ca) at any time for further inquiries regarding the information shared in this letter.

- Wednesday, Jan. 4 Talons Program - Parent Information Evening** at Gleneagle Secondary
@ 7 pm Talons is offered at Gleneagle Secondary and is a grade nine and ten 2 year district program for **previously identified gifted learners**. It includes an accelerated curriculum through an Autonomous Learner Model with some teacher support. Please contact Gleneagle Secondary at 604 464 5793 for more information.
- Jan. First Week** High school catchment lists posted near office bulletin board for Grade 8's to refer to
Jan. First Week High school honour applications distributed to eligible Grade 8 students by their teachers
Thurs. Jan. 12 Completed honour applications due to Grade 8 teachers at Scott Creek Middle School
- January 4 & 5** **IB Program Parent Information Nights** at Port Moody Secondary School
@ 7pm-8:30 pm **Note:** Parents can **attend** on either night

Parent Information Nights

For all high schools: @ 7pm	
Tuesday, January 10 (6:30 pm)	Gleneagle Secondary
Wednesday, January 11	Pinetree Secondary
Thursday, January 17	Heritage Woods Secondary
Thursday, February 2	Port Moody Secondary
Wednesday, February 15 (6:45 pm)	Terry Fox Secondary
Wednesday, February 15	Riverside Secondary
Thursday, February 16	Dr. Charles Best Secondary

Grade 8 Student Walkabouts at Their Feeder School

Walkabouts: Students attend an orientation at their respective secondary **catchment school**. Information on transportation to the orientation will be provided to students in the near future.

Honours Exams

More information to follow regarding times and other pertinent information in the near future.

Thursday, Jan. 26	Gleneagle	Math, Sci., Eng. & SS Honours Assessment
Thursday, Jan. 26	Pinetree	Humanities Honours Assessment
Friday, Jan. 27	Pinetree	Math Honours Assessment Science Honours Assessment
Thursday, Jan. 26	Heritage Woods	MATH 9 Honours Assessment Eng. 9 Honours Assessment

Additional Dates to Keep in Mind!

Thursday, Jan. 26	IB Application Deadline to Port Moody Secondary school by 4pm
Friday, Feb. 10	Secondary school counsellor(s) visit Scott Creek Middle to do course selection with the Grade 8's
Friday, Feb. 10- Feb. 22	Cross Catchment Application available online beginning at 9am through the District website (www.sd43.bc.ca)
Thursday, Feb. 16	Students bring back completed course selection sheets to their Grade 8 teacher
Wednesday, Feb. 22	Cross Boundary Application Deadline; paper forms to District Office by 4:00 pm