



Scott Creek Middle School

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Welcome to our New Students and Families! We are thrilled to have you join our vibrant community. At Scott Creek, we believe that education is an exciting opportunity for growth and development, and we provide a positive and enriching experience for all our students. Our school fosters a supportive and inclusive environment where every individual is valued, and we encourage active participation from both students and parents. Together, we can create a nurturing and inspiring journey for your child. Get ready to embark on an incredible adventure at Scott Creek Middle School!

Please go over these FAQ's with your child:

How will we know what class/community we are in next year?

On Tuesday, September 5, 2023, grade 6 students will come to school from 9:10 am to 9:50 am. Students whose last name begins with letters A to O will go the gym. Students with the last name beginning P to Z will go to the MPR. Students will find out which communities they are in at this time. We will send them their first week schedule and information the week before school starts. We will have information sent directly to them by email and post information on our school website. Please make sure to check their email and our website at the end of August to find out how the first week of September will look.

Students will be placed in classes within their community during the first week of school. Our goal is to develop balanced, educationally sound classes. A great deal of **time and discussion is involved in the placement of each student and several factors are considered including academics, learning needs, social and emotional development, class size and composition.** We make every effort to ensure the best possible educational placement is made for all students. Important information is provided by the grade 5 teachers, support staff and administrators from our feeder schools help us with this process.

What do classes look like at Scott Creek?

Our classes for grade 6 students are grade 6/7 combined classes except for our Montessori students who will be in grade 6/7/8 combined classes. We have grade 6 students in each of our six communities which are groups of three, four or five classes. For example, the Panthers community will have 2 grade 6/7 classes and 3 grade 7/8 classes. Once assigned to a school community, students will remain in this community for their three years at Scott Creek Middle School to strengthen their connections with their peers and their teachers. Our communities are called: the GOATS, the Panthers, the Grizzlies, the Wolves, the Penguins (Mandarin) and the Foxes (Montessori).

Will I have the same teacher for all subjects?

Students start each day in their homeroom with their homeroom teacher. Homeroom teachers sometimes teach their class most of their subjects or sometimes just a couple. Other teachers on their team may teach students a couple of classes. All students will be taught Explorations by specialist Exploration teachers. Due to specialized equipment needed in these classes, students travel from their homeroom class to Exploration classes.

What are Explorations?

Students often find Explorations classes one of the best parts of middle school. They may find this experience unlocks a hidden talent they didn't know they had! Each student at Scott Creek will experience most of our Exploration courses over their three years at Middle School. These Exploration courses include Foods, Woodworking, Media Literacy, Coding and Design, Visual Arts, Music, and Drama.

Do I get a locker and how do the locks work?

Each student will be assigned a locker and given a lock to use once they are assigned to a home room. We will teach all our students how to use the locks during their first week. Try not to worry because they will have a lot of time to practice before they use them on their new locker. Grade 6's will have grade 7 students in their classes to help. If a child forgets their combination, their teachers and the office have this information.

What do Recess and Lunch look like at Scott Creek?

We really want our students to have the chance to talk and have the opportunity to be with their friends on their breaks. All students go outside at recess and have their recess snacks outside. Students eat their lunch in their class for the first 15 minutes of our lunch break (from 12:28 to 12:43) and then can choose to finish their lunch after 12:43 either outside the school or in the MPR (multipurpose room). Students are not allowed to eat in the hallways due to health and safety issues. We have microwaves available in the MPR for student use. We have vending machines which have snack and drink options. Our PAC program provides us with monthly hot lunch meals available to purchase online throughout the year through the MunchaLunch online cash program. We have water bottle fillers located on each floor and encourage all students to bring a labeled water bottle to use at school. Our Library is often open at lunch and our gym is a place to participate in intramural sports. No food or drinks are allowed in the Library or the Gym or in the hallways.

Can I go home for Lunch or pick up a donair?

Scott Creek Middle is a "closed campus" school. Once students are dropped off or walk to school in the morning they are not allowed to leave to go to the store or a friend's house before the morning bell. Students cannot go home for lunch without parental permission. If students live close enough to walk home for lunch without an adult, they need to have a note on file in the office saying they have their parents' permission to do so. Students must check out at the office and cannot take friends home with them. Upon return to school, students must check back in at the office. Students are not allowed to go off school property to other restaurants or stores unless accompanied by parents.

What are the Extra-Curricular activities at Scott Creek?

Scott Creek Middle School offers complete intramural and extra-curricular sports programming. The school has a no-cut policy which provides an opportunity for all students to participate in the athletics program. Our intramural program is offered during lunch hours. Past intramural games we have played are Giant Volleyball, dodge ball and Tug-of-War where classes compete against other classes in the school.

The Grade 6, 7 and 8 athletic opportunities include such sports as swimming, volleyball, badminton, basketball, wrestling, rugby, field hockey, track and field, and cross country running. Grade 6 teams participate in volleyball and basketball tournaments at the end of the season. Our grade 7 and 8 teams compete against other middle schools in regular league and playoff action.

We offer Beginner Band, Advanced Band and Choir when students are present for in-class instruction. We will have an instrument rental night on Thursday, September 7 from 6:00 to 8:00 for families wishing to have their child try different instruments and arrange rental or purchase of instruments.

Scott Creek offers after school programs such as Yo Bro, Yo Girl, Robotics, Drama and Painting and Drawing. These courses are offered through Do What U Luv whom we have partnered with for the past 6 years.

Scott Creek offers leadership opportunities for our students in grade 7 and 8 as part of our leadership group called the Coyote Crew. We encourage our grade six students to take part in as many of our athletic, spirit and intramural opportunities as possible and then apply for our Coyote Crew after they have finished one year of Middle School. We have leadership opportunities for all students through our Cops for Cancer fundraising blitz in May which is celebrated through our Crunch Classic.

Cell Phones, Laptops and IPADs:

Scott Creek is entering its sixth year as a "Bring Their Own Device" (BYOD) school. We use laptops as learning devices at our school. We have attached information to this email about specifications for devices that are appropriate to use at school.

Cell phones are allowed at Scott Creek, but are not for use during school hours. We want students to be together to chat, play and interact during recess and lunch. **We ask all students to lock their cellphones in their lockers before homeroom until the end of the school day.** If they need to phone their parents, they have access to a student phone at the office. If parents would like to contact them in emergency situations, we encourage them to call the office and we will pass on messages or ~~to~~ students know that they need to call them.

If students have their cell phones outside of their locker during the school day without permission, it will be placed in a time out at the office and may have to be turned in each day

If their cell phone decides to leave their locker during the school day, it will have to have a timeout at the office and may have to be turned in each day before homeroom and be picked up after school. If their cell phone is out of their locker a second time, they will turn in their phone for a few weeks.

Scott Creek Daily Schedule

Band/Choir	7:45 am – 8:35 am
Homeroom	8:40 – 8:45
Block 1	8:45 – 9:37
Block 2	9:37 – 10:29
Recess	10:29 – 10:44
Block 3	10:44 – 11:36
Block 4	11:36 – 12:28 pm
Lunch	Inside 12:28 to 12:43 Outside 12:43 to 1:13
Block 5	1:13 – 2:05
Block 6	2:05 - 2:57

Bell Schedule #2 (for assemblies or special presentations)

Band/Choir	7:45 am – 8:35 am
Homeroom	8:40 – 8:45
Block 1	8:45 – 9:25
Block 2	9:25 – 10:05
Recess	10:05 – 10:20
Block 3	10:20 – 11:00
Block 4	11:00 – 11:40
Block 5	11:40 – 12:20 pm
Lunch	12:20 – 1:05
Block 6	1:05 – 1:45
Homeroom	1:45 - 2:00
Assembly	2:00 – 2:57

We look forward to meeting them in September!

Sincerely,

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