



Scott Creek Middle School

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Lisa Rinke, Principal

Colleen Castonguay, Vice Principal

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We hope that you have enjoyed the summer break!

On behalf of the Scott Creek staff, we would like to welcome both our returning and new students and families! We are looking forward to meeting you and to working with your children this year! Scott Creek is a wonderful place for your children to explore a variety of learning opportunities, discover their strengths and passions and enjoy a sense of community. We encourage our students to get involved in a variety of school activities to enhance their middle school experience.

During the first week of school our students will be involved in Foundation Week activities. They will learn the routines of their community, attend a welcome back assembly, and gel as a group through activities such as designing their community logo.

Early in September each student will bring home an **Information Package** with forms that need to be filled out and returned to their homeroom teacher. Also included in the package will be information about forms to be completed online, school fees, and Community t-shirts. Please take the time to read the information carefully and return all forms as soon as possible.

Our office will be open Monday, August 26 to Friday, August 30 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm to register new students and to assist students and parents who have any questions or concerns. If your child will not be returning to Scott Creek, please call our office at (604) 945-0156 to let us know.

On Thursday, August 29 at 1:30 pm, Ms. Castonguay and I will be hosting an informal school tour for students registering this week and for those new students who would like another look around the school before the year starts.

Sincerely,

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Lisa Rinke
Principal

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Vice Principal

Welcome to Scott Creek Middle School

How Your First Day at Scott Creek Middle School will look like on Tuesday, September 3:

All grade 6 Students

Start Time: 9:30 am **End Time:** 10:00 am

All grade 7 and 8 Students

Start Time: 10:30 am **End Time:** 11:00 am

As the students arrive at Scott Creek Middle, staff will be outside to greet students, ensure they know their community and to direct them to their community meeting area.

At the end of Tuesday's meeting, teachers will tell their community where to meet and what supplies to bring on Wednesday, September 4. School will start on Wednesday at 8:35 am for all students and will go until 3:00 pm. A variety of community activities are planned for the first week of school. Students are reminded to bring lunch on Wednesday as it is a full day.

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

On Tuesday, September 3rd community placement lists will be displayed at the front entrance of Scott Creek Middle School. Mandarin Bilingual students are in Penguins and Montessori students are in Foxes. Students will be listed alphabetically on these community lists.

Students will be placed in classes within the community during the first week of school. Our goal is to develop balanced, educationally sound classes. **Much time and discussion is involved in the placement of each student and several factors are considered including gender balance, academics, learning needs, and social and emotional development.** All factors considered, every effort is made to ensure the best possible educational placement is made for all students. This included important information provided by the grade 5 teachers in our feeder schools to help us place our new grade 6 students.

School Supplies

You can find our schools supply list for all grades at www.sd43.bc.ca/school/scottcreek under **Parents** tab at the top. There is a school supply list at the bottom of the list.

Parking Information

We strongly encourage students to walk to school on Tuesday and every day. If you plan to come with your child on Tuesday, please park on a side street, at Eagle Ridge Outdoor Pool or in the gravel parking lot adjacent to the school (by the crunch). Parking at our school is very limited - **DO NOT PARK IN THE DRIVE THROUGH LANES, IN STAFF PARKING OR NEAR/ON CROSSWALK.** Please adhere to drop off procedures to ensure that our Students are safe. **DRIVE SLOWLY, PULL AS FAR AS POSSIBLE PASS THE ENTRANCE TO THE SCHOOL TO KEEP TRAFFIC MOVING. WATCH FOR STUDENTS and PLEASE FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY STAFF.**

*We are looking forward to the start of another exciting school year!
See you next week!*