



Welcome to
Port Moody Secondary School
“A Tradition of Excellence”

Grade 8
Parent Session
February 2021

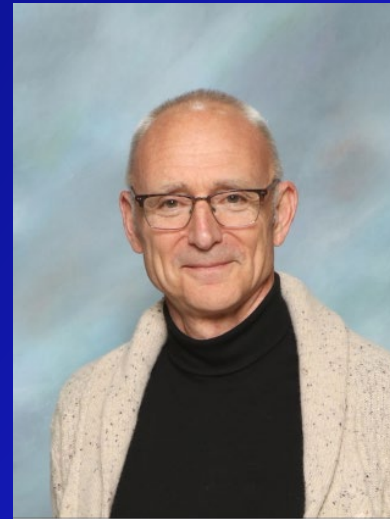
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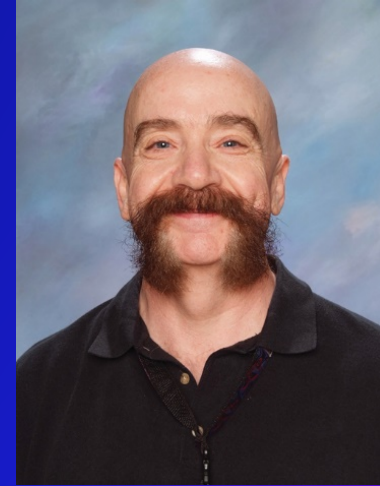
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Comparison of Grade 8 vs Grade 9

Grade 8

- 40 minute classes with a flexible block schedule
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- Less elective choices
- Core classes taught within a team of teachers sharing the same group of students
- Core courses taught Sept – June
- 35 minute lunch – closed campus (students not permitted to leave)
- Student learning is closely monitored by their teachers

Grade 9

- 77 minute classes (usually 4 a day)
- 25 minute Flex block 4 times per week
- 8 Courses in total (4 each semester) that include 5 core courses and 3 elective choices
- Core classes taught by teachers in different departments
- Classes are everyday for 1 semester
Semester 1 – Sept. to Jan.
Semester 2 – Feb. to June
- 55 minute lunch – open campus (students may go off-site)
- Students are more responsible for their own learning

PMSS Bell Schedule

2018 – 2019

Monday

Block	Schedule
0	7:19 – 8:26 (before school)
1	8:30 – 9:37
2	9:41 – 10:49
3 / Lunch	10:49 – 11:39
4	11:43 – 12:50
5	12:54 – 14:01
6	14:05 – 15:12 (after school)

Tuesday - Friday

Block	Schedule
0	7:10 – 8:26 (before school)
Flex	8:30 – 8:55
1	8:59 – 10:15
2	10:19 – 11:35
3 / Lunch	11:35 – 12:25
4	12:29 – 13:45
5	13:49 – 15:05
6	15:09 – 16:25 (after school)

Flex Time

The Flex block is recognized instructional time (Tuesday to Friday) when students will have the opportunity to engage in their learning in more self-directed ways. Students are expected to be in one of their teacher's classrooms or a designated area during this time.

Course Selection Grade 9

Dogwood

1. Math 9 Foundations **or** Math 9 Essentials
2. Science 9
3. English 9
4. Socials Studies 9
5. Physical & Health Ed. 9
6. Elective.
7. Elective.
8. Elective
9. Optional (Music).

IB

1. Pre-Diploma Math 9
2. Pre-Diploma Science 9
3. Pre-Diploma English 9
4. Pre-Diploma Socials 9
5. Physical & Health Ed. 9
6. Language 9
7. Elective.
8. Elective.
9. Optional (Music)



Your Support Crew SOAR



Students Offering Affirmation & Reassurance

Senior Students being there for you to answer questions like.....

- ✓ What are the fun things that happen at Moody Secondary?
- ✓ How to find your way after getting lost?
- ✓ What clubs and/or teams are available and how to join one?
- ✓ Who to ask if you need a hand with homework?
- ✓ How to deal with increased responsibility that comes from being a Secondary student?

Course Programming Guide

Port Moody Secondary School



**Course Selection
2021—2022
Grade 9**

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/portmoody/CourseSelection/Documents/Course%20Book%20Gr%209%20-%202021-2022%20final.pdf>

Course Selection

- Moody and Banting will complete course selection on-line—schools will facilitate setting this up
- IB Candidates will complete their elective choices by completing the on-line form Mr. Lenihan will send to them
- All other students will receive information on how to complete the process via their middle school

Course Planning Sheet

- Planning sheet is found on **Page 10** of your Course Selection Booklet
- Use this sheet to plan your schedule
- Read the course descriptions for electives that interest you
- Use all resources available to help you decide- teachers, parents, counsellor and other students



Grade 9 Course Selection

- Students must take 8 courses
(4 courses each semester)
- Band and Choir are a 9th course.
- Classes are typically 77 minutes long



Grade 9 Course Requirements



Compulsory Courses

English 9

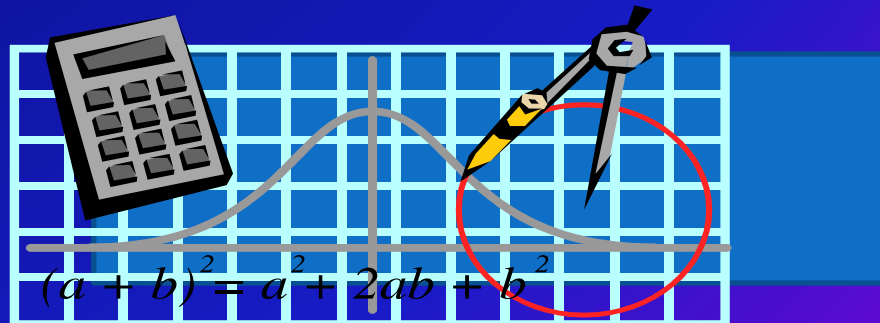
Social Studies 9

Science 9

Physical & Health Education 9

Foundations of Math 9

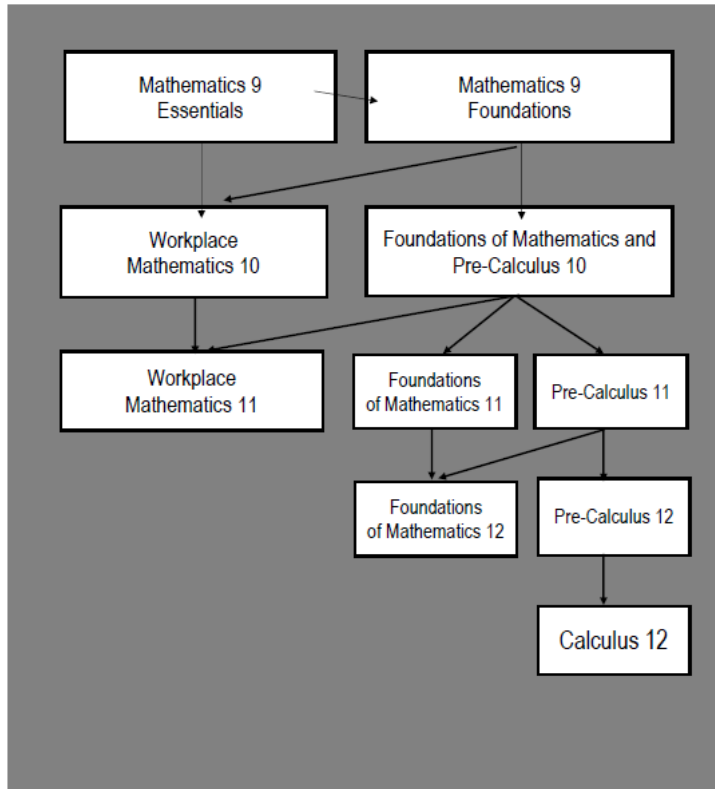
(**or** a middle school referral for Math Essentials 9)



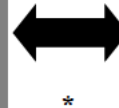
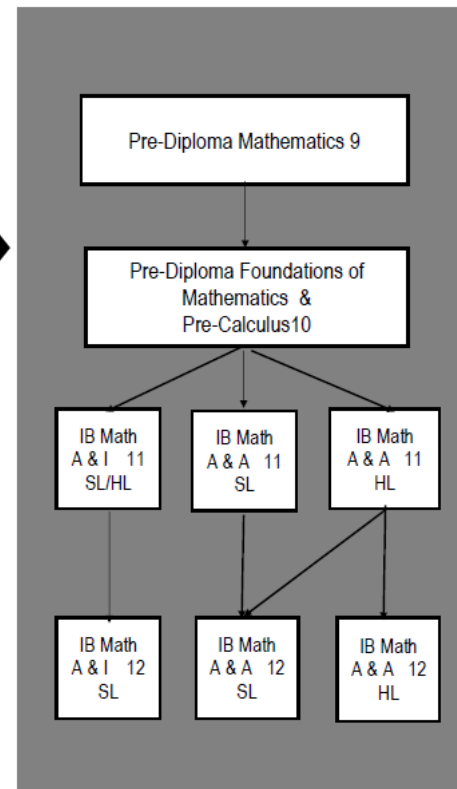
Math Pathways

Port Moody Mathematics Schematic

Dogwood Pathway



IB Pathway (starting with Grad 2020)



* Students may change mathematics pathways upon consultation with the classroom teacher and school counsellor.

Elective Courses

- Students will Choose 3 electives AND 2 different alternates from the Grade 9 course list
- Elective descriptions are found in the Course Programming Booklet
- If you are planning on attending university directly out of high school, you may have to take a second language up to grade 11
- You do not require a language to graduate or to go to college or a trade/tech school
- Ensure you choose **TWO ALTERNATE ELECTIVE COURSES**- in case we are not able to get you one of your other choices



9th COURSES

- Concert Band—Before school
- Concert Choir –Lunch time
- Strings—After school
- Jazz Band—Lunch time



***These music classes are offered outside the regular bell schedule as a ninth course and require students to attend **year-round**.

EAL or Learning Support

- Your current teachers may recommend an ELL or Learning support class
- If you require an EAL or Support Class, that class will replace one of your electives



Pre-Diploma 9 & 10



- Two preparatory years leading to the IB Diploma in Grades 11 and 12.
- Includes course work from Ministry of Education Grade 9 and 10 programs including required Provincial Assessments.
- Once accepted into the program, students are expected to undertake the entire program.

Parental Involvement

- Research indicates that there is a direct relationship between parent involvement and student achievement
- Become involved in Port Moody Secondary
 - Join parent groups (PAC or After Grad Committees...)
 - Participate in school activities
 - Email teachers/counsellors with any school concerns for your child

Parent Information

- Report cards generally go out to students about every 6-8 weeks. Dates are always published by schools.
- School policies and rules are found on the school's web-site and on the school district's web-site.

Course Programming Due

February
9th

General FAQs

- Currently, we are unable to host tours.
- We have a small number of virtual clubs this year and will resume other activities/sports when safe to do so.
- Banting and Moody Middle schools will make course selections on the MyEd Portal. Other Middle Schools have received instructions/pdf materials to share and complete.
- We encourage our new families to review our Welcome letter in August with any new updates regarding September start up.
- SOAR Leadership students will connect with the new grade 9 students in the first week to help with the transition.



Questions & Answers...

Contact your Port Moody Counsellor:

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