

PORT MOODY SECONDARY SCHOOL

Summer 2017



On behalf of the entire staff we welcome our new grade 9 students to Port Moody this upcoming September. We are sending this mid-summer correspondence to highlight some of the dates and procedures coming up at the end of August and into your first few weeks of secondary school.

It is our hope this information will provide you with the necessary start up information to assist with your transition to high school. It is our experience that by the start of the second week students will have settled in to the routines and procedures of a new school and know to ask staff for assistance when necessary. We also have our student 'SOAR' leaders who will be supporting our grade 9s throughout the year. For parents and guardians we highlight Thursday, September 21st, starting at 6:30pm, as an evening opportunity to meet the teachers, tour the school and become familiar with all that Port Moody Secondary has to offer.

Our counsellors, coordinators and administration team will return on Monday, August 28th. Students are generally assigned by alphabet to one of our 3 counsellors and 3 vice principals. Appointment requests for course change requests will not be scheduled in late August as the focus is the registration and scheduling of new students.

If your questions relate to the IB programme or international student registration process, please request to meet with the following coordinators:

International & EAL students	Mr. Troy Cunningham
International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme	Mr. Sean Lenihan

Tuesday, Aug. 29th	EAL Testing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Language testing 9:00am – 12:00pm by appointment
Wednesday, Aug. 30th	EAL Testing & International Student Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Language testing 9:00am – 12:00pm by appointment ➤ School orientation starts @ 1:00pm
Thursday, Aug. 31st	Grade 9 & New Student Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 10:00am – 12:00pm ➤ Students meet in the multipurpose area to start the tour. ➤ Student photos available for grade 9s
Tuesday, Sept. 5th	1st day of school. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Grade 9s in attendance from 10:00 – 11:00am ➤ Grade 9 students will report to Phoenix (home room) at 10am ➤ Phoenix rosters will be posted ➤ Timetables will be distributed ➤ Grade assembly at 10:30am in the gym
Wednesday, Sept. 6th	Phoenix Bell Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Paper copies of start of year forms and fees issued
Thursday, Sept. 7th	Phoenix Bell Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Student photos (all grades - AM). Photos are required.
Friday, Sept. 8th	Regular Bell Schedule
Monday, Sept 11th	Grade 9 Activity Afternoon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Team building afternoon (Blocks 4/5) ➤ Lunch provided

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School Communication

Our school phone number is 604-939-6656 and our main office is generally open 8:00am – 4:00pm (amended hours on: holidays, professional development days, summer).

Other communication tools:

- School Website: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/portmoody/Pages/default.aspx>
- Daily E-news: Our daily newsletter is sent by email to families who have a current email account on record and have indicated 'yes' on the parent school policies form.
- School App: New this year we will be launching our PMSS app. Go to the App Store and Search: *Moody Secondary* (more details to come closer to the start of year).
- Email: Our staff directory with email addresses can be found on our website. General information or enquiries should be addressed to moodysecondary@sd43.bc.ca

Moving?

If you have moved out of the area over the summer and will not be attending Port Moody Secondary, please contact the office as soon as possible. This allows us to assist you with timely registration at your new school while ensuring our newly arriving students have access to courses vacated by our departing students.

Students not in attendance the week of Tuesday, September 5th.

Please contact the office by phone and indicate the start date for your child if away during the first week. Students absent without notice for the entire first week of school may have their courses removed as it is generally assumed the non-attending student has moved.

Parent Forms & Fees

During the last week of August the updated 2017.18 online start of year forms (required & optional) can be accessed on our homepage under Quick Links > Parent eForms. Paper copies will be made available to students during the first week of Phoenix classes. It is our hope to have forms returned by Wednesday, September 13th.

Student fee statements will also be posted and can be paid online using the district School Cash Online system at <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/>. This is the district's preferred method of payment. Cash and cheque is also accepted and envelopes for payment will be issued during the first week of Phoenix classes. No student will be denied educational opportunities offered at the school due to financial hardship.

More information will be shared in late August as we near the start of the school year. Please also check our website for updates.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Mr. Glen Conley
Principal & Head of IB School