



NORTH SURREY

S e c o n d a r y S c h o o l

Dear Parent/Guardian of Current Grade 7 Students,

My name is Mr. JB Mahli and I am the proud principal of North Surrey Secondary. We are excited to begin the new year planning for our future Spartans. Although it is January, the next few months will fly by and before you know it September will be here and hopefully COVID-19 will be behind us. Grade 7 students are enjoying their last year of elementary school and we are looking forward to welcoming them soon. The first two years of high school are designed for students to acquire a deeper understanding of a variety of learning areas and to begin to explore the Arts and Applied Design Skills and Technology (ADST) modules. We refer to our grade 8 and 9 years as the Exploration Years at North Surrey. After grade 9 students enter the Graduation Years and begin to refine their learning pathways as they approach graduation.

Beginning high school can feel overwhelming but our hope is to provide you with a timeline (backside of this letter) of the various steps and opportunities to connect with our staff here at the school prior to September. Many of you might have children currently attending North Surrey or have students that are part of our alumni, or this might be the first time you attend our school. Regardless, we are excited to begin the learning journey with you. Below you will find a timeline and a description of what you can expect at each step along the way.

Exploration Years – Grade 8

In the Exploration Years (Grade 8 & 9), students are immersed in a semester of Arts Learning and a semester of Design Learning

The **Arts Learning** courses are:

- Humanities (Integrated English and Social Studies)
- Languages (French or Intensive French)
- Arts Learning
 - The Arts module(s) will include at least two of the following (more modules will be available depending on COVID-19 restrictions):
 - Visual Art, Choir, Dance and Drama, **or**
 - Band

The **Design Learning** courses are:

- Science
- Math
- Physical Health Education
- Design Learning
 - The ADST module(s) will include at least two of the following (more modules will be available depending on COVID-19 restrictions):
 - Woodwork, Metalwork, Foods, Textiles, Information Technologies, Robotics



Timeline of Articulation

January 25-27, 2021

- North Surrey Principal, Mr. Mahli, will visit elementary schools
- The [North Surrey Learning Guide 2021-2022](#) is available for additional information.
- Go to our [school website](#) learn more about our school.

February 3, 2021

- Grade 7 [Virtual Parent Night](#) @6:00pm
- Review the [Grade 8 Exploration Years Planning Tool](#)

February 3-5, 2021

- Grade 7 students will let their teachers know if they are interested in Band and Intensive French (available only for students currently in Intensive French)
- Grade 7 teachers will inform North Surrey of student choices

April 6-9, 2021

- North Surrey staff visit elementary schools (virtual visits where necessary)

April 26-30, 2021

- Grade 7 Student Tours (virtual tours where necessary)

May 20, 2021

- Grade 7 Virtual Parent Tours @6:00pm – via Teams link will be sent to parents via elementary schools

September 1-3, 2021

- Students receive opening package via email

September 7, 2021

- First day of school