



North Surrey Secondary Grade 7 Information Night Agenda February 19, 2020

- 6:00 – 6:45 Tours of the Facility with North Surrey Students Starting at the Front Entrance
6:20 – 7:00 Jazz Band in Gym
- 6:45 Parents and Students proceed to the Gym
- 7:00 Presentation

Presentation

Welcome and Introductions	D. Bedard, Principal
Transition to the Secondary Program	M. McLeod, Counsellor
Student Information	D. Christensen & G. Averill, Vice Principals
Questions	All
Closing Remarks	D. Bedard

Important Information for Parents

What can I do to ensure a smooth transition for my child to high school?

The most important step I can take now to ensure a smooth transition to high school is to open the lines of communication between my family and the school. All of the information that will be critical for starting the school year will be **EMAILED** to parents in late August. This series of emails will include:

- Username, password, and link to your child's MyEdBC Parent Portal account
- Instructions for the MyEdBC Parent Portal
- The North Surrey Newsletter outlining the first week's schedule

What do I do once I've received the emails?

Log in to your MyEdBC parent portal account and review your child's schedule (check that subjects are balanced over the semesters – 2 academics and 2 electives per semester)--See newsletter for instructions to book an appointment with a counsellor if they are not)

How can I be sure that I will receive the emails?

Ensure that your email address is up to date with your **current elementary school**. This information is sent electronically to us from the elementary school and we cannot update it ourselves until September.

If you have not received the email by September 2, 2020, please check our website or call the school at 604-581-4433 or email the school at northsurrey@surreyschools.ca or at northsurreyparent@surreyschools.ca.



North Surrey Secondary Grade 7 Information Night 2020 Supporting Your Child in High School

The transition to high school is complex; students are growing older and more independent, social structures are changing, and the course work continues to be more challenging. So, what can parents do to help support their child through this transition?

Encourage Responsibility

Encourage your child to:

- Use his/her personal agenda, electronic calendar or the NS Spartans App to access the school calendar, track homework and school events
- Ask for help, if needed
- Attend all classes and any extra-help tutorials
- Have a study buddy in each class (as well as their cell/phone number and email address)

Expect Homework

Planning for an increased work load is essential.

- Establish a routine (30-60 minutes per night)
- Provide a quiet and comfortable place
- Assist with organization of binders
- Regularly check teachers' websites or email teachers (see North Surrey website for links)
- Emphasize the importance of work habits and attendance

Communicate and Check Absences

Attendance is critical. As students gain independence:

- Please phone the school in the morning or email us at northsurrey@surreyschools.c to excuse your child from school
- Have your child check with teachers for missed work or tests
- For extended absences contact the office and complete the extended absence form. Keep us informed!

Stay in the Loop!

Check the North Surrey Secondary website regularly

- Daily/weekly news items
- Calendar of Events
- PAC News
- Follow us on Twitter (@NorthSurreySec)
- Download the School Calendar App: "NSSpartans"
- Attend Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Listen for phone messages from our system
- Check emails for newsletters and other important information
- Contact the school when help is needed!