



# **GRADE 7 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**

**February 19, 2020**



# **North Surrey Secondary**

## **Welcome Parents & Grads of 2025!**

Mr. Darren Bedard  
Principal

# Introductions

- Ms. D. Christensen, Vice Principal  
(student last names A-L)
- Ms. G. Averill, Vice Principal  
(student last names M-Z)
- Ms. M. McLeod, Counsellor

# Transition to Secondary

## Counsellors at North Surrey

Ms. Kirkpatrick	A – Go
Mr. Kelly	Gr – K (and International)
Ms. Vairo	L – R
Ms. McLeod	S – Z

- Work with administration and Learning Support Team (LST) to help bridge the transition from elementary to secondary school

### **Purpose of Grade 7 Transition is to:**

- Build relationships
- Decrease worries or concerns of what high school is going to be like for students and parents
- Ensure we have a good understanding of the needs of our new students

# Transition to Secondary

## Three Key Components:

1. Counsellors visit elementary schools
  - Review similarities/differences
  - Review courses students will take
  - Bring current grade 8 students who give a presentation
  - Meet with classroom teachers to learn about the needs of students
2. Parent Evening
3. Grade 7 visits to North Surrey
  - Allow students to experience a day in the life of a North Surrey student

# Grade 8 Program

## What to expect at high school?

- Physical space is bigger
- Average of 300 students per grade
- New friends
- Different teachers for each class
- New routines
- New clubs and teams
- Lockers
- More freedom and more responsibility

# Transition to Secondary

## Grade 8 Supports

- Learning Support Team (LST)
- English Language Learning Support (ELL)
- Special Education Services (BASES)
- Gifted Coordinator
- Aboriginal Support
- Youth Care Workers
- Extra help after school
- Library Learning Commons
- Counselling

# Transition to Secondary

## Counselling in High School

- As in elementary school:
  - See counsellor for variety of different reasons
  - Confidential relationship
- Counselling is different at high school in that parent permission is not required
- Students learn to advocate for themselves



# Grade 8 Program

**Every student must take the following academic courses:**

- Humanities (English and Social Studies combined)
- Math
- Science
- Physical and Health Education
- French or Intensive French

# Grade 8 Program

## Electives:

- **Concert Band or Fine Arts Exploration**



### **Band Program**

- Year long, every other day
- Alternates with Physical Health Ed
- No previous Band experience required

### **Fine Arts Exploration includes a 4.5 week mini course in each subject:**

- Art
- Dance
- Drama
- Choir

# Grade 8 Program

## Electives:

- **Applied Skills Exploration**

Students take following an Applied Skills Explorations includes 4.5 week mini course in each subject:

- Tech Ed (Woodwork, Metal Design, Robotics)
- Home Ec (Foods & Nutrition and Fashion)
- Careers & Computers (Career Education, Information & Communication Technology)

## A typical Grade 8 schedule looks like:

Two semesters – four classes at a time

	Semester 1		Semester 2
A	Phys. Health Ed		French
B	← Humanities (all year) →		
C	Applied Skills		Fine Arts
D	Math		Science

**A Band student's schedule might look like:**

	<b>Semester 1</b>		<b>Semester 2</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Science</b>		<b>Math</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>← Humanities (all year) →</b>		
<b>C</b>	<b>Applied Skills</b>		<b>French</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>← Phys. Health Ed / Band (all year, alternating days) →</b>		

# Beyond the Classroom

## Get Involved in Extra-Curricular Activities!

- Athletics
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Performing Arts
- Student Council
- Intramurals
- Other Clubs (on Website/announcements)

# Student Expectations

## RESPECT

- Each other—be kind to others
- Environment—clean up after yourself
- Staff/Teachers—they are here to support you
- Learning—explore your passion and attend all classes
- Yourself—make good choices and seek help

# Parents and Students Staying Connected

- Telephone...call the school if you have q's
- Website
- NSS staff email...listed on our website
- Follow us on Twitter [@northsurreysec](#)
- MyEdBC Parent Portal– Report Cards, Schedules, Attendance
- Student Calendar App: [NSSpartans](#)
- School Sign
- Make sure your email contact and phone number is current at your elementary school



# School App

## Download the School App:

- Go to the App Store or Google Play and download the **NSSpartans** App
- For the computer version, go to **nsspartans.appazur.com**



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# Questions?



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Thank you!