

Good afternoon Osler community,

Professional Development Day tomorrow- no school for students

Moving to Grade 8

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Preparing for Grade 8 is a helpful VSB link during the busy time of grade 8 articulation. Most Grade 7 students transition to secondary school based on their current home address. There are some exceptions for students attending another secondary such as choice programs and mini school programs. Another reason may be that you are hoping for another school. If you are wanting your child to attend another secondary school please provide a cross boundary application to the catchment secondary school, not Osler. There is no guarantee that your child will be able to attend the preferred secondary school.

Please also ensure that if there are any address changes that you first ensure you have provided the necessary information to Ms. Liz in the Osler office before contacting the secondary school.

WELCOME TO staywate:n POINT GREY SECONDARY

GRADE 7 PARENT & STUDENT INFORMATION EVENING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025
7:00 PM, AUDITORIUM

AGENDA

- 6:45 pm - Auditorium opens
- 7:00 pm - Welcome
- 7:05 pm - Introduction to Point Grey Secondary, the Counselling Department and course selection
- 7:35 pm - Guided tour of the school (in small groups)
- 8:30 pm - Conclusion of the evening

GOALS OF THE EVENING

- Establish a connection between Grade 7 students/parents and Point Grey Secondary.
- Support the course selection process.
- Highlight some of the departments and resources available at Point Grey Secondary.
- Begin a process where every elementary student to feel a sense of welcome, belonging and excitement about entering secondary school.

Point Grey Facts . . .

- Our school began construction in early September 1928 and opened in 1929 as a junior high school. In 1962 we became a senior & junior high school and we had our first grade 12 class graduate in 1966.
- In November 1975 we officially opened the new Science, Tech Wing and Gymnasium.
- Our school colours are Blue and Grey.
- Our school mascot is the GREYHOUND.
- Our school motto, "Honor ante Honores," means "Honor is Greater than Fame".
- Our Moslem name, al-Maqdasi means "the strength of the west wind" that brings storms, and clearing, and new beginnings.
- The first Student Council began in the 1932 - 1933 school year. Our current Student Council organizes events throughout the year such as Club Day, Sport Week, Halloween, Winter Week, and in the Spring the Student Carnival.
- In the fall of 2023, the City of Vancouver closed the track and field and started work on expanding the facility. As of November 2024 there is a new low-impact rubberized surface on the track, new and updated jumping and throwing areas, and improvements to seating and lighting.

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GRADE 8 COURSE SELECTION

7 Core Courses:

- English
- French
- Mathematics
- Physical Education
- Science
- Socials
- Applied Design Skills Technology (a term each consisting of):
 - Business Education
 - Computer Science
 - Home Economics

1 Elective:

- Band
- Beginners Band
- String
- Beginners Strings
- Choir
- Drama and Art

(1/2 semester of each)

HOUNDS

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Honesty
Ownership
Unity
Niceness
Determination
Safety

ATHLETICS
 Point Grey has an extensive variety of sports for students. Grade 8's are encouraged to try out for teams during the Fall, Winter and Spring seasons.

INTRAMURALS
 Throughout the school year there are a variety of sports in the Large Gym during lunch supervised by PE teachers. All students are encouraged to participate.

CLUBS
 PG has more than 40 clubs that support a wide range of interests. Clubs Day is held in October and will provide all students a chance to get involved.

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

COUNSELLORS:
 The Counsellors at Point Grey are here to support students in many ways. They offer confidential personal counselling, from a wide range of social, personal and developmental issues, academic and career counselling.

LIBRARY:
 Our Library is both a resource and a teaching centre with a highly specialized, balanced collection which seeks to meet the needs of students and the curriculum. Along with print books, magazines, and newspapers, and digital resources. Along with nurturing a love of reading, our teacher librarians encourage students to take on the challenge of reading more explorational material, both fiction and non-fiction.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (SDC)
 The SDC assists students with learning challenges to achieve to their potential in all academics. Students receive instruction in learning strategies, time management, organization, and study skills as well as 1:1 support where curriculum is clarified, retaught and reinforced. The SDC and Resource teacher work closely with classroom teachers in order to support student success. Students also have access to course resource materials.

Community News

BIPOC READING BUDDIES PROGRAM

THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 AT 3PM
AT THE VANCOUVER BLACK LIBRARY!

Inviting BIPOC elementary-aged children to read diverse and inclusive children's books alongside older BIPOC buddies. Children can learn about others, celebrate our differences, and see themselves represented. Promoting a love of reading, development of literacy skills, and sense of community.

SIGN UP HERE:

<https://forms.gle/fPXv8YuaVKwgCnGaA>

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Enjoy your weekend,
Rosemary Thomas
Principal at Osler