

Get Ready for Grade 8 Resource Guide



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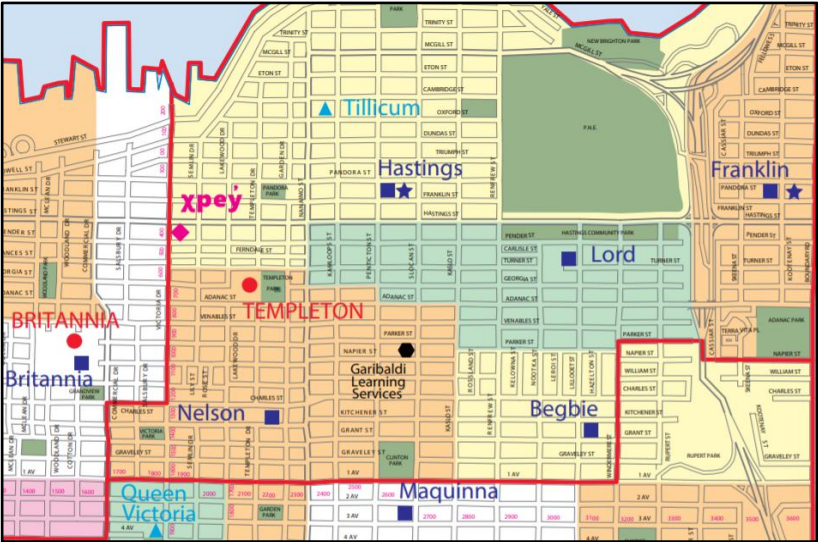
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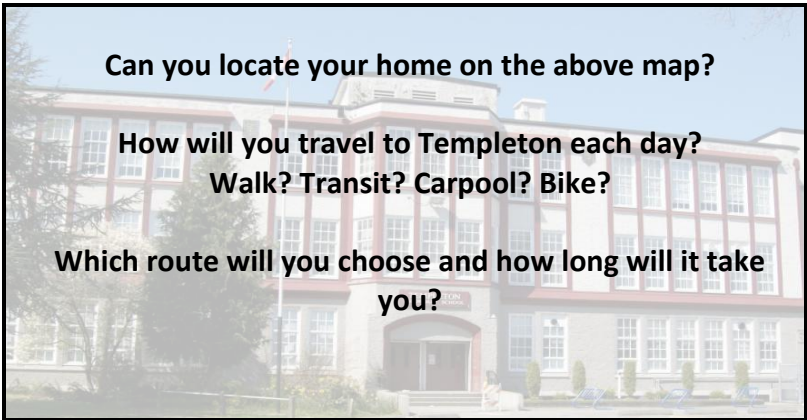
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Templeton Boundary Map



What's your Travel Plan?

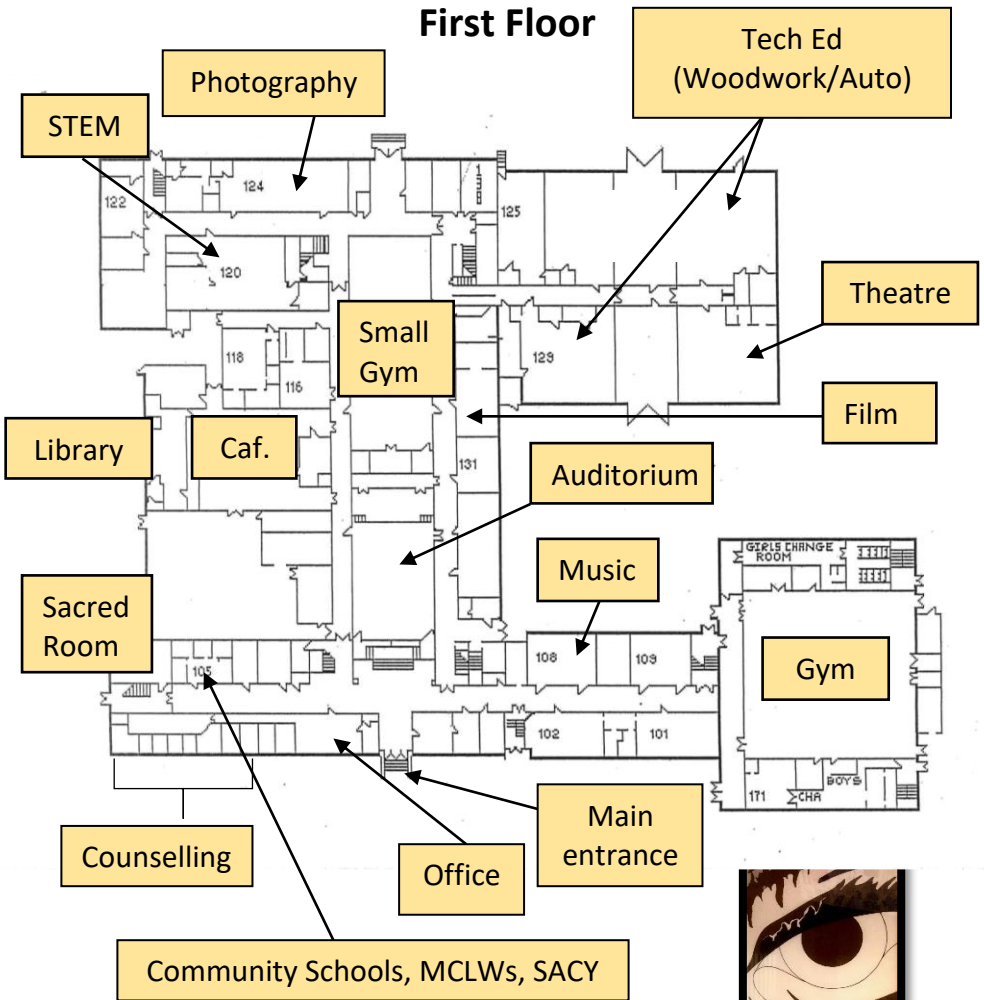


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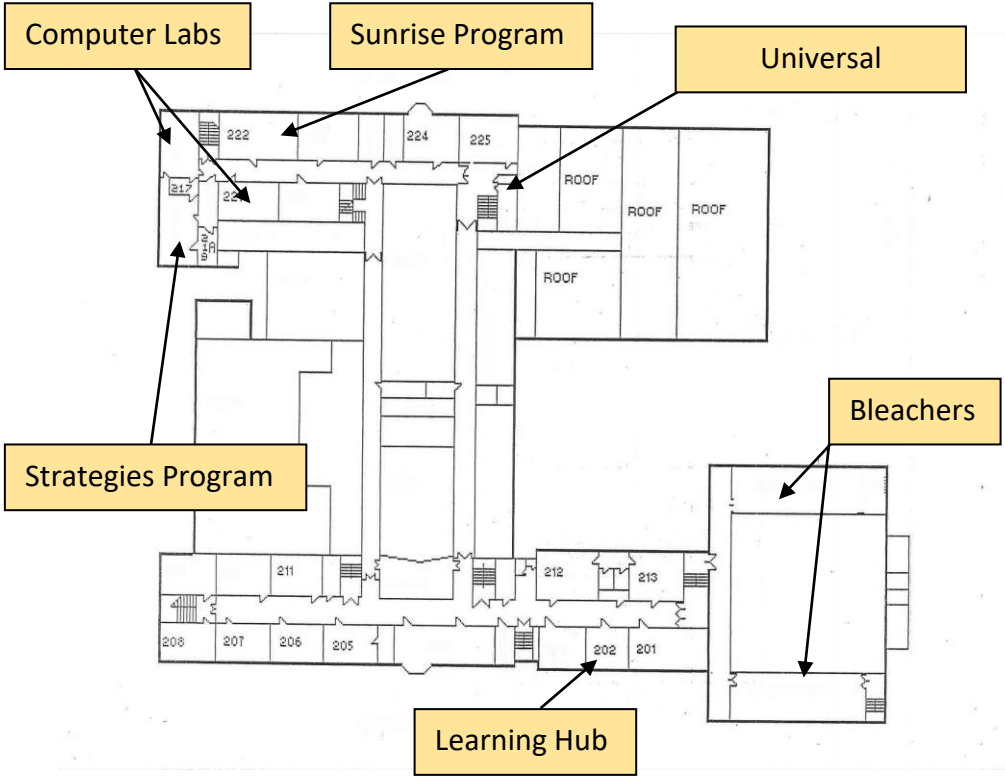
Templeton – Floorplan

First Floor



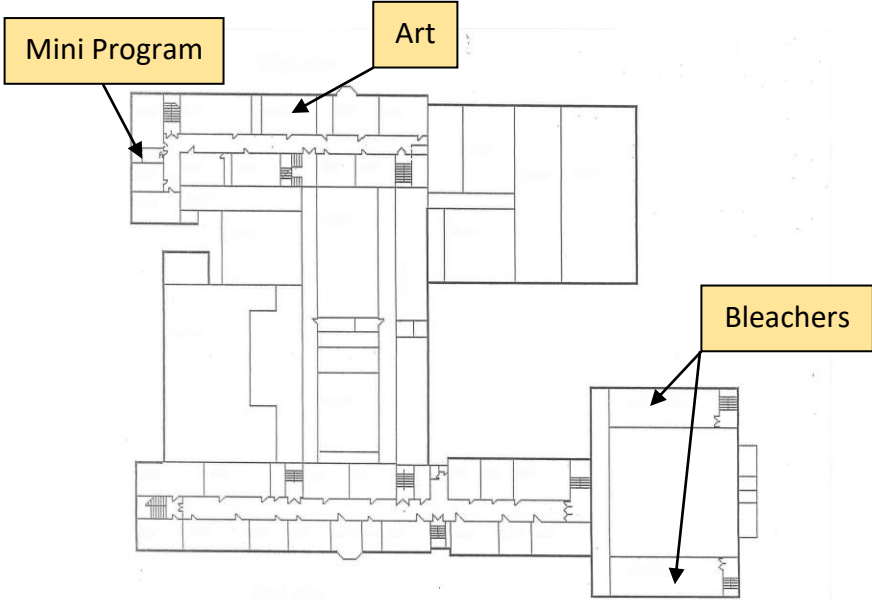
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Second Floor



Templeton – Floorplan

Third Floor



Entrance

Typically, students enter the school from the main entrance and then enter the foyer. It's the main intersection of *Titan Town* where students can branch off in any direction. Here, is often the place where student-led activities like fundraising or celebrations happen (i.e. Pink Shirt Day) and student artwork is featured.

Office

The office is where much of the business of operating the school happens. You may need to come here to pay school fees, obtain student information like your schedule, receive medical attention or report a lost item. Please be patient and courteous when visiting the office as there's often lots going on.

Counselling

Down the hall from the main office, you'll find a number of mini-offices including Administrators, Counselors and the Leadership and Resiliency Program (LRP). Counselling staff are available to support your success; academic challenges, mental wellness, post-secondary decision making, and helping to navigate your path at Templeton. We also receive support from a VCH Community Nurse on a part-time basis.

Sacred Room

The Sacred Room is a school space where indigenous cultural activities and student support are offered in addition to other activities. Our Aboriginal Education Enhancement Teacher and Worker can be found in this space on a part-time basis. All students are welcome here.

Community Schools Office

The Community Schools office is a place to learn about in-school and community volunteering opportunities, do homework, meet with other students, grab a free snack at break or connect with a staff. The Community Schools Coordinator, Youth and Family Worker and our Chinese and Vietnamese Multi-Cultural Workers are here. SACY (Supporting and Connecting Youth) is also here, and their Youth Prevention Worker has part-time hours to assist you with wellness promotion and substance misuse education. If the Community Schools office door is open, please come in!

Library

Our Library has a great collection of reference materials, magazines, fiction and non-fiction books, computers and printing services. There's also cozy reading and study areas and a "Maker Space" to provide the tools and materials to inspire your creativity when tackling your school projects and assignments. Also, our librarian provides your wi-fi login and password and is a great resource. Ask our librarian about the Templeton and VPL Library Clubs.

Cafeteria

Our school cafeteria provides nutritious and delicious snacks and meals (for both Templeton and many elementary schools) with healthy menu features changing daily. Students can also eat their own lunch here with friends and are able to use the microwaves to reheat what they bring. We also have vending machines.

Auditorium

Our Auditorium is a place you may come to for grade assemblies, guest speakers, music performances, Film Club and special events like a movie night. We have upgraded

our technology and now have state-of-the-art sound, light and projection systems.

Small Gym

The small gym is one of two hardwood floor spaces for sports training, physical health classes, and team practices. We can set this space up for archery too!

S.T.E.M.

Templeton has a STEM program which integrates Science, Technology, Engineering and Math through project and inquiry-based learning. You may see STEM students building stair climbing robots, launching rockets on the field or hard at work in the STEM lab. The Chess Club also meets here.

Technical Education

Templeton has fantastic facilities in the technical education department in the fields of woodworking, auto mechanics, and electronics. The hands-on learning skills you develop here can be used throughout your life and may be a stepping-stone to a career in trades.

Theatre & Film

Our Templeton theatre and Film programs (aka [Dream Big Productions](#)) ~~is~~are the pride of Templeton. Professional quality productions are created by students, staff and visiting industry professionals, some of them Templeton graduates. Our talented students perform classic productions and create their own films and plays. Learn about acting, writing, directing, lighting and sound, and more.

Big Gym

Here's where physical health education classes happen, and Titan teams compete. Beside the gym, we have a fitness

room where students can learn the basics of weight training and exercise programs. Come to the bleachers to cheer on the home team!

Art/Photography

Templeton students are expressive, creative, and innovative. Templeton's art and photography program provides opportunities for our students to create exceptional works through the mediums of photography, pottery, sculpture, drawing and painting, and more. We have our own dark room and pottery kiln; both rare and valuable facilities in Vancouver schools.

Home Economics

In our home economics programs, students can learn valuable and practical skills in areas such as cooking, textiles, and nutrition. Develop skills here to use at home or in the food services, health or fashion industries.

Music Room

Our music programs provide an opportunity for students like you to develop music appreciation, technical instrumentation skills and to be a part of a creative and supportive community. We have a fantastic collection of acoustic and electric instruments, recording equipment and practice spaces. Come find your groove!

Outside and nearby the school

Our school is fortunate to be on the Adanac bike path in the heart of the Hastings-Sunrise neighborhood. We have Templeton Pool only steps away and our school site sits between our school field and Templeton Park which includes a grass field and running track.

In addition, we have our own outdoor tennis courts, basketball court and school garden. Join the Garden Club!

Top 10 Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is grade 8 hard?

Any big life change can be challenging and grade 8 is no exception. Give yourself some time to get used to routines, find your way around, and let all the new information settle in. You're not going through this challenge alone and there are many staff here to support your success. If you're struggling, let someone know. We've got you.

2. How much homework will I get?

Just like in elementary school, the amount you get assigned can vary by teacher and subject. Use F.I.T. wisely and try to set aside time in your day to review, catch up or stay organized. Larger assignments, group projects and preparation for tests will increase the time needed for home study. Support is available through the Learning Hub Room 202/203).

3. Is it hard to make friends?

The best way to make friends at Templeton is to be yourself, be open, and get involved in school activities. Good people, just like you, are found here!

4. What if I get lost?

Don't panic! You can ask anyone for directions or look for "You Are Here" maps found around the school. After a short time, you will confidently know where (almost) everything is.

5. How many grade 8s are there?

You are one of about 210 grade 8s at Templeton for the 2026-27 school year. Templeton's student population is about 950-1000 students.

6. What about lockers?

School lockers are available for all grades and a lock can be purchased at the school office. Grade 8 lockers are situated one the first floor near the main office, counselling, the Community Schools office and Sacred Room.

7. What sports and clubs can I join?

A list of seasonal sports being offered can be found on the Templeton [Website](#). Clubs will be confirmed in the Fall.

8. Is it true that Templeton is haunted?

We can neither confirm nor deny the presence of ghosts in the boiler room.

9. What if I fall behind, will I fail?

At Templeton, we believe the only real failure is not trying your best. Plan to keep up rather than to catch up. If you are struggling, have missed class, or you're worried about how you are doing, let your teacher, counselor, parent, or support staff know as soon as possible. If you choose to take advantage, help is available. We want you to be successful!

10. What is Templeton like?

Just like every high school, Templeton is unique. Due to the size of our school, the culture of our school community, and the character of the Hastings-Sunrise neighborhood, this is a great place to learn and grow. We look forward to welcoming you to Templeton. You belong here!

WHAT DO I NEED FOR GRADE 8?

Sample School Supply List

- Binders – One small per subject or one large size for all subjects (4 subjects per Semester)
- Loose leaf paper – large package
- Scientific Calculator and Geometry kit (your math teacher can advise what you need)
- Blue or black pens – 1 box
- HB Pencils – 2 boxes
- Erasers – 2
- Pencil crayons
- Black fine line marker
- Scissors
- Highlighters
- Correction tape
- Water bottle
- Backpack



**If financial hardship is a barrier to your purchasing these items or replacing them during the school year, please visit the Community Schools Team office or your counselor. We have basic school supplies available while supplies last.*

Community Connections

Starting secondary school can be a bit overwhelming. Keeping up with your school demands and other responsibilities can be a challenge. When you do get settled into your routines, consider how you can get involved in the school community; volunteering, joining a club, trying out for a sports team or showing up to support events and activities like Pink Shirt Day.

Student Council

The mandate of the Student Council is to represent student voice, liaise with the school administration and staff, organize and implement student activities to build school spirit, create a positive school climate, and promote inclusiveness among the student body.

Student Council Elected Roles are:

President Vice President Treasurer Secretary Extra-Curricular Rep Technology Rep Sr. Community Rep Jr. Community Rep International Grade 12 Reps Grade 11 Reps Grade 10 Reps Grade 9 Reps	
Grade 8 Reps	Two Reps will be elected in September

School Activities

Athletics

The Physical Education Department sponsors an intramural program during lunch hour and Templeton sponsors teams for inter-school competitions in fall, winter and spring sports seasons.

Some past seasonal sports have included:

FALL SPORTS	WINTER SPORTS	SPRING SPORTS	
Aquatics	Basketball	Badminton	Mountain Biking
Soccer	Table Tennis	Volleyball	Tennis
Cross Country Running	Wrestling	Soccer	Track & Field
Volleyball		Golf	Ultimate

Clubs

There are many interesting clubs to join at Templeton. A *Clubs Day* is usually held in the Fall to introduce students to the various clubs. Students are encouraged to participate in these extra-curricular activities. (Below is a sample of some clubs that have been offered)

7190 and Women's Robotics	Theatre Company
Newspaper Club	Environment Club
Landmark Run Club	Homework Club
Leos Club	Dance Club
Math Club	Athletic Council
Racquet Club	D&D Club

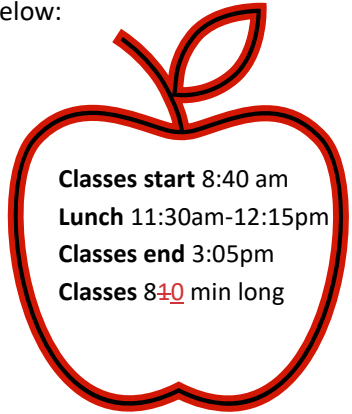
Counselling Services

Students wishing to meet with their counsellor may do so by visiting the counseling suite during breaks or emailing them directly. We encourage students and caregivers to contact a counsellor at any time to discuss concerns or to ask questions. A staff contact list can be found [here](#)

Schedule

For the 2026-27 school year, our district will be following a Semester system. See calendars and bell schedules below:

Bell Schedule and Important Dates



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
FIT	8:40 to 9:20	n/a	n/a	n/a	8:40 to 9:20
Break	9:20 to 9:25	n/a	n/a	n/a	9:20 to 9:25
Period 1	9:25 to 10:25	8:40 to 10:00	8:40 to 10:00	8:40 to 10:00	9:25 to 10:25
Break	10:25 to 10:30	10:00 to 10:10	10:00 to 10:10	10:00 to 10:10	10:25 to 10:30
Period 2	10:30 to 11:30	10:10 to 11:30	10:10 to 11:30	10:10 to 11:30	10:30 to 11:30
Lunch	11:30 to 12:15	11:30 to 12:15	11:30 to 12:15	11:30 to 12:15	11:30 to 12:15
Period 3	12:15 to 1:35	12:15 to 1:15	12:15 to 1:35	12:15 to 1:15	12:15 to 1:35
Break	1:35 to 1:45	1:15 to 1:20	1:35 to 1:45	1:15 to 1:20	1:35 to 1:45
FIT	n/a	1:20 to 2:00	n/a	1:20 to 2:00	n/a
Break	n/a	2:00 to 2:05	n/a	2:00 to 2:05	n/a
Period 4	1:45 to 3:05	2:05 to 3:05	1:45 to 3:05	2:05 to 3:05	1:45 to 3:05

Flexible Instructional Time (F.I.T.)



Provide time and flexibility for students



Meet with teachers for support, guidance or inspiration regarding specific curriculum, or other passions and interests



Collaborate with students, teachers, or community members



Explore, work on, or complete assignments and projects

F.I.T. Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
FIT (40 min)	Block 1	Block 1	Block 1	FIT (40 min)
Block 1	Block 2	Block 2	Block 2	Block 1
Block 2				Block 2
Lunch				
Block 3	Block 3	Block 3	Block 3	Block 3
Block 4	FIT (40 min)	Block 4	FIT (40 min)	Block 4
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Community Resources for students & families

The following external services are available to help you with a range of concerns and issues. Most of the following resources are free and confidential.

HEALTH

Robert & Lily Lee Family Community	604-675-3980
School Immunizations	604-675-3980
Reach Dental Services	604-254-1331

YOUTH CLINICS

Youth clinics are free and confidential. Services available include: birth control, STI testing, diagnosis and treatment, pregnancy testing and referral, and general medical problems. There are Youth Clinics located all over Vancouver. Website information [HERE](#)

EMERGENCY

VPD Non-Emergency	911 604-717-3321
Poison Control Centre	604-682-5050
Crisis Line	604-872-3311
Suicide Line	1-800-suicide
Youth Support Online Chat	www.youthinbc.com
Helpline for Children	604-310-1234

ALCOHOL & DRUG

Alcohol & Drug Information/Referral	604-660-9382
Addiction Services	604-675-3990
Alcohol & Drug Youth Detox Referral Line (toll free)	1-866-658-1221

SEXUALITY INFO, TESTING, SUPPORT

East Van Youth Clinic	604-675-3986
Gay/Lesbian/Transgender/Bisexual Support	604-684-5307
Incest/Sexual Abuse Centre	604-874-2938
Options for Sexual Health	604-731-4252
BCCDC STI Clinic	604-707-5600
Vancouver Rape Relief	604-872-8212
WAVAW Rape Crisis Centre	604-255-6344
YouthCo. (HIV, Hep C Support)	604-688-1441

EMOTIONAL & MENTAL HEALTH

Battered Women's Support Service	604-687-1868
Child/Adolescent Response Team	604-874-2300
Kelty Mental Health	604-875-2084
Ministry for Children & Families	604-660-5437
Parents Together	604-325-0556
Child & Youth Mental Health Line	604-675-3895

EATING DISORDERS

Provincial Eating Disorders Resource Centre of BC	604-875-2084
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MULTICULTURAL SUPPORTS

Immigrant Support Services

Mosaic

S.U.C.C.E.S.S.

604-684-2561

604-254-9626

604-684-1628

POLICE & LEGAL

Crimestoppers

Legal Aid Services

Victim Services

Youth Against Violence

800-222-8477

604-601-6000

604-717-2737

800-680-4264

