

Sir Charles Tupper
Secondary School

Class of 2029
**GRADE 8 PARENT
WELCOME**





LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), S_kwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).



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(Musqueam)



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(Squamish Nation)



səlilwətaʔ
(Tsleil-Waututh Nation)

WELCOME

Sir Charles Tupper Secondary

Administration

- Brent Schieman (grade 12)
- Persis Hui, Vice-Principal (grade 9, 10)
- Doug Smith, Vice-Principal (grade 8, 11)

Ensuring a safe, caring, and orderly school.



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AGENDA

- Purpose of Orientation
- ROARS
- Communication
 - ✓ MyEducation Family Portal
 - ✓ Website
 - ✓ School Fees
 - ✓ Calendar
- Grade 8 Program
- Our Community
- Available Supports for Students
- Questions and Comments



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Respect
Ownership
Attitude
Responsibility
Safety

ROARS is how we behave, and how we expect others to behave, at Tupper



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COMMUNICATION

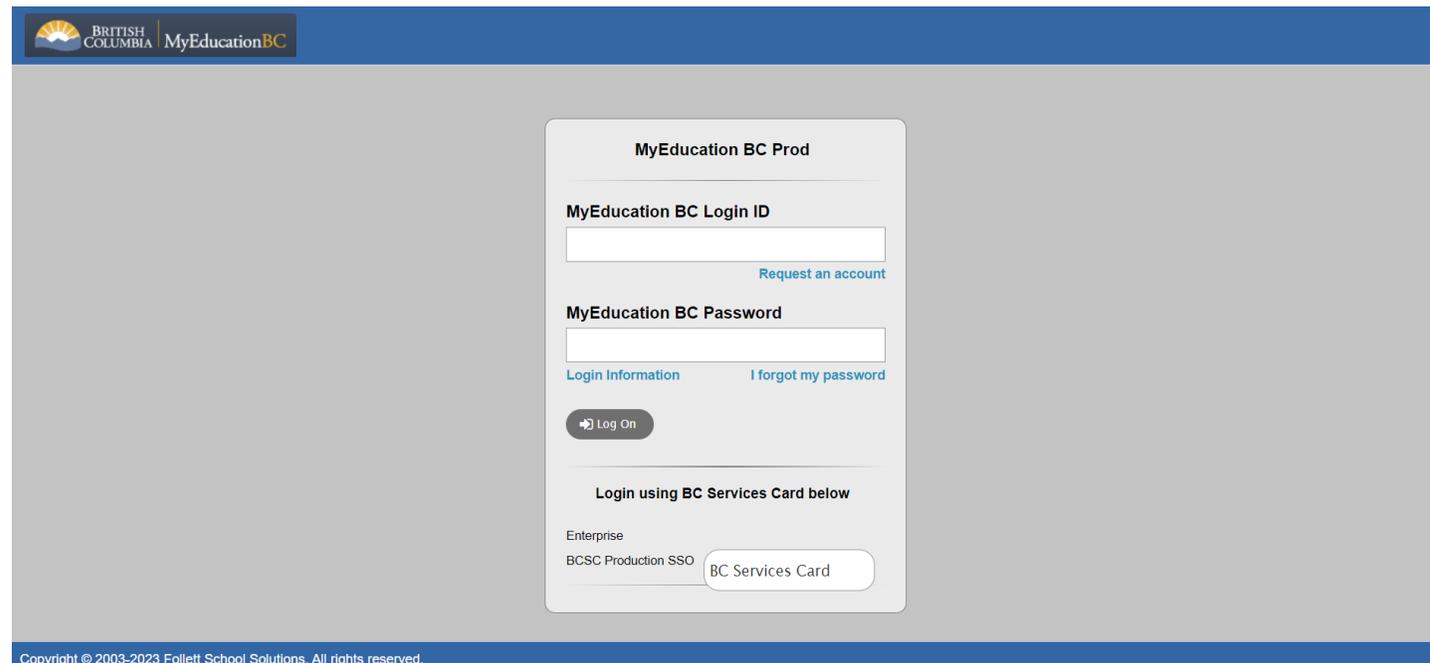
- School Website tupper.vsb.bc.ca
- School email: tupper@vsb.bc.ca
- Student Agenda Book
 - 32 pages at the beginning of the book – District and School procedures and policies)
- Parent/Guardian/Caretaker-Teacher Conferences
- Interim and Report Cards (Online) – MyEducation BC family portal
- Student Announcements
- Teams (student to teacher)
- Email/phone (parent to teacher)



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MyEducation (MyEd) Family Portal

- URL: <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>
 - For grade 8s (and new students):
 - ✓ Login ID - student number
 - ✓ Password - Dist\$2025
- * Students will be prompted to change their password. ***



BRITISH COLUMBIA MyEducation BC

MyEducation BC Prod

MyEducation BC Login ID

[Request an account](#)

MyEducation BC Password

[Login Information](#) [I forgot my password](#)

Log On

Login using BC Services Card below

Enterprise
BCSC Production SSO

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WEBSITE

The screenshot displays the website for Sir Charles Tupper Secondary School. At the top, the school's logo and name are visible. A navigation bar contains several menu items: ABOUT US, FAMILIES (highlighted with a green circle), GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT, EXTRACURRICULAR, TEACHING AND LEARNING, and DISTRICT JOB OPPORTUNITIES. The page title is "Home / Families / Incoming Grade 8s". The main heading is "Families". A sidebar menu lists various links, with "Incoming Grade 8s" highlighted in red. The main content area features a large photograph of the school building and a tall totem pole. Below the photo, the text reads "INFORMATION FOR INCOMING GRADE 8 FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR".

Sir Charles Tupper Secondary School

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ABOUT US FAMILIES GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT EXTRACURRICULAR TEACHING AND LEARNING DISTRICT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Home / Families / Incoming Grade 8s

Families

- Families
- My Education BC Family Portal
- Fees
- How to Register
- Volunteer
- Fundraisers and Donation
- Workshops
- Communicating Student Learning
- Parent Advisory Council
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Incoming Grade 8s
- Music
- Parent Teacher Conference Registration Page
- SACY
- SWIS - Settlement Workers In School
- Attendance
- How to Solve a Concern with a Teacher
- Notice of Late Return
- About Us

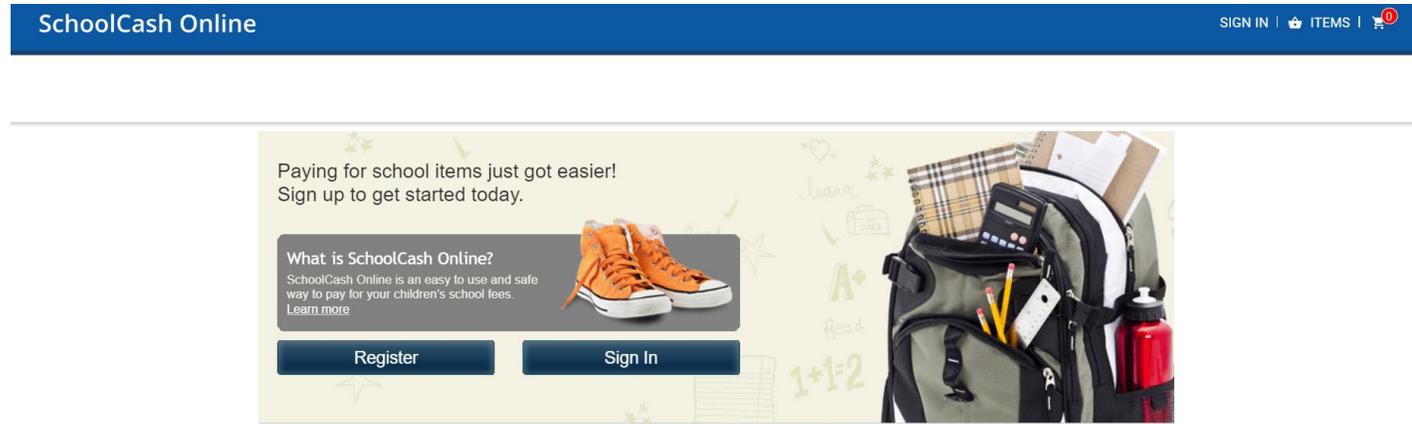
Incoming Grade 8s

Apr 26, 2023

INFORMATION FOR INCOMING GRADE 8 FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL FEES

- School Cash On-Line



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the SchoolCash Online website. The bar is dark blue with the text "SchoolCash Online" on the left and "SIGN IN | ITEMS | 

The main banner features a light green background with school-related icons like a backpack, a calculator, and a notebook. The text reads: "Paying for school items just got easier! Sign up to get started today." Below this is a dark grey box with the heading "What is SchoolCash Online?" and the text "SchoolCash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees." followed by a "Learn more" link. To the right of the text is an image of a pair of orange sneakers. At the bottom of the banner are two dark blue buttons labeled "Register" and "Sign In".

- URL: <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>

** Please pay school fees before September 30, 2024 **

CALENDAR

< > September 2024 ▾

Calendar Printout 🖨

Advanced Search 🔍

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Labour Day(no school)	First week schedule Semester 1 Begins	First week schedule	First week schedule	First week schedule	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		1:15 PM Work Experien...	Terry Fox Run	Grade 8 Camp		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			TIP Morning			
29	30	Oct 1	2	3	4	5
	National Day of Truth &... Orange Shirt Day	Photo Day	11:30 AM Clubs Day			

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/sir-charles-tupper/page/3554/calendar?tab=monthview>

SCHEDULE

The following will be part of the 2024-2025 school year schedule:

1. Semesters
2. FIT blocks

8:35 warning bell, 8:40 class start, 10 min AM break, 10 min PM break, 3:05pm dismissal				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
FIT (40 min) 8:40-9:20	Block 1 (80 min) 8:40-10:00	Block 1 (80 min) 8:40-10:00	Block 1 (80 min) 8:40-10:00	FIT (40 min) 8:40-9:20
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lunch (45 min) 11:30-12:15				
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break (10 min)	FIT (40 min) 1:15-1:55	break (10 min)	FIT (40 min) 1:15-1:55	break (10 min)
Block 4 (80 min) 1:45 -3:05	break (10 min)	Block 4 (80 min) 1:45 -3:05	break (10 min)	Block 4 (80 min) 1:45 -3:05
	Block 4 (60 min) 2:05-3:05		Block 4 (60 min) 2:05-3:05	

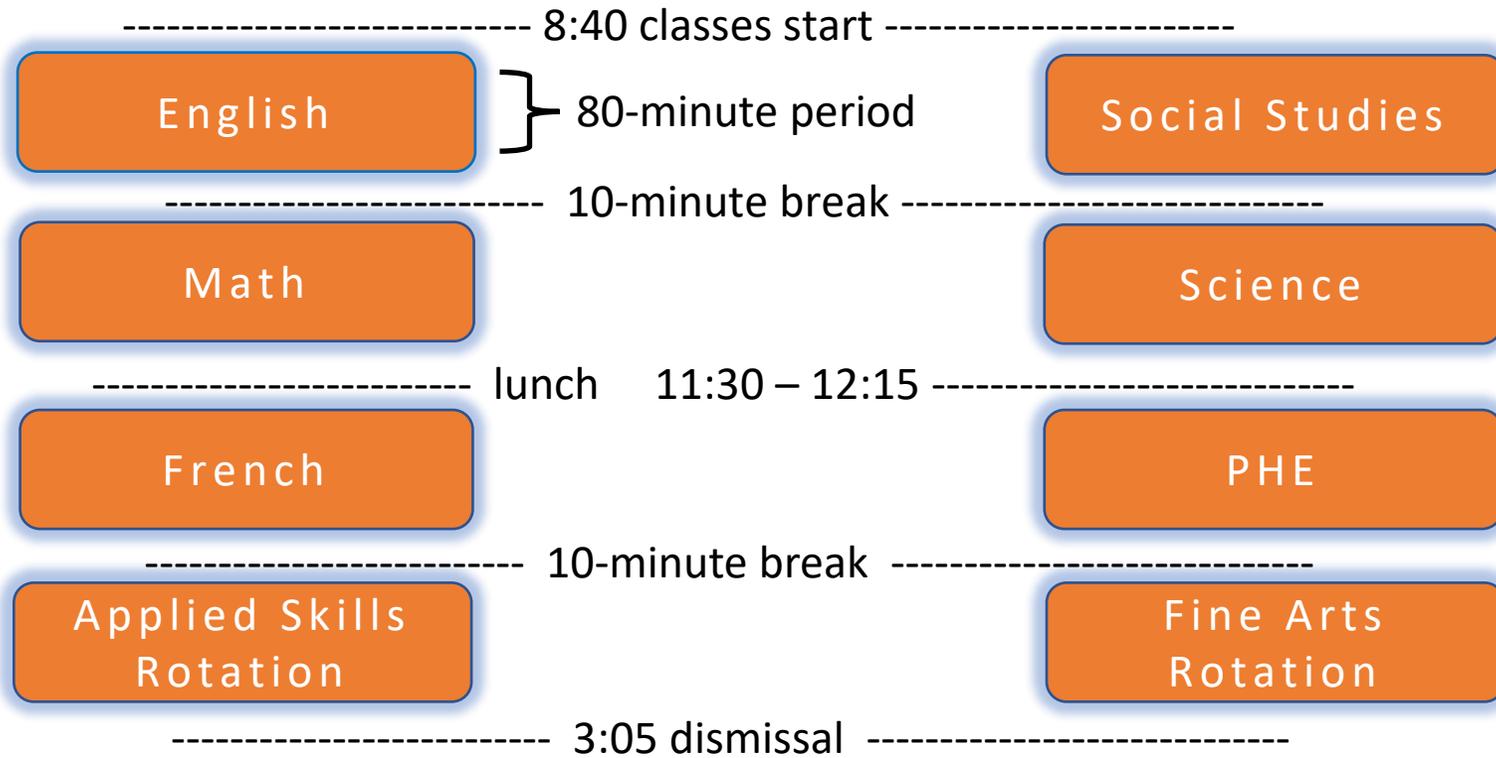
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GR 8 TIMETABLE – Wednesday EXAMPLE

Semester 1

Semester 2



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WHAT IS FIT?

FIT (Flexible Instructional Time) District Wide Initiative:

Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) is a period of instructional time built into the weekly schedule that gives our students more agency in their learning, goal setting, and time management, empowering student to develop their thinking, communication, personal, and social core competencies. Ultimately, the purpose of Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) is to support the learning and well-being of students by enabling them to have choice in how, when, and where their learning takes place.

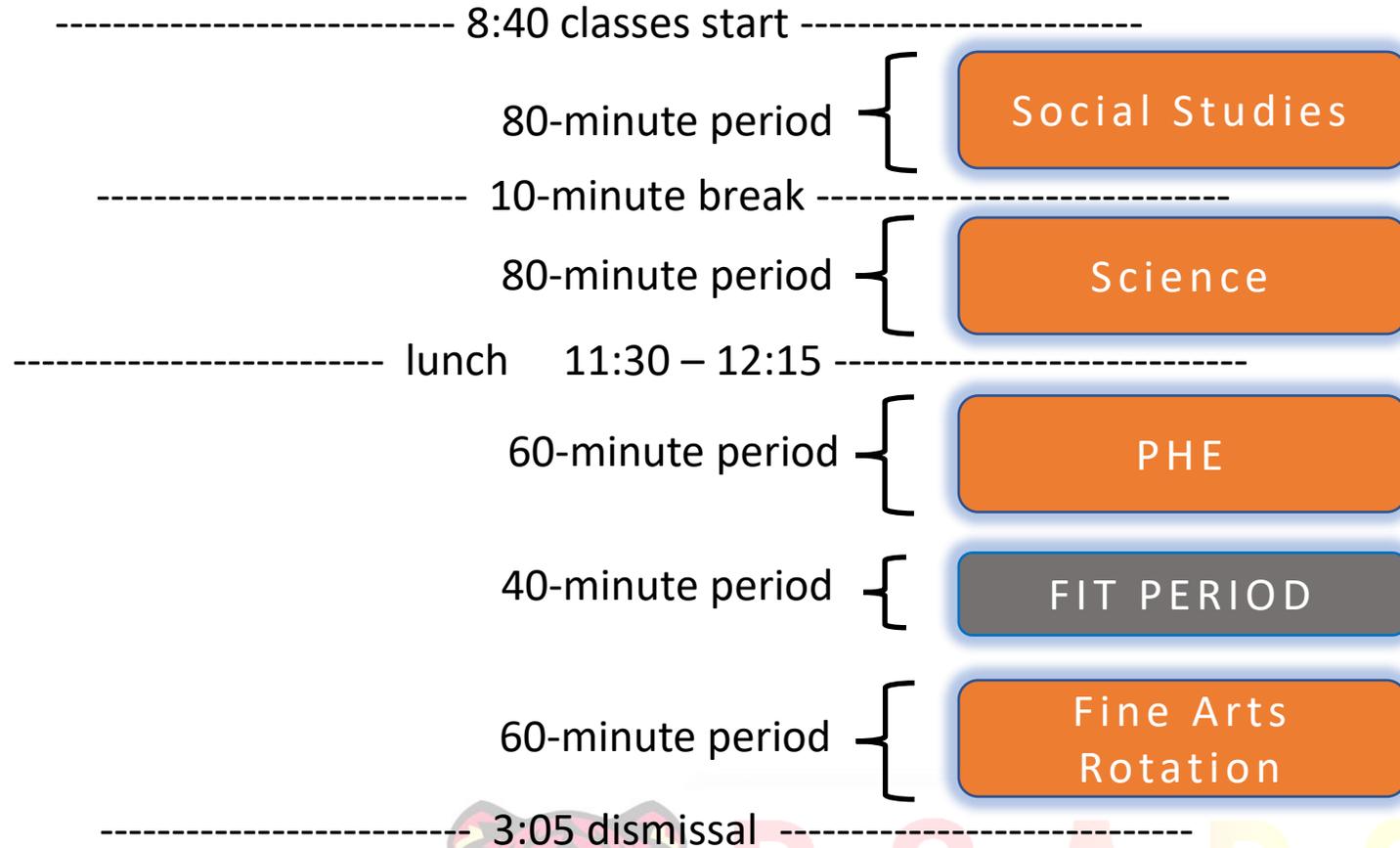
*** 160 mins of instructional time per week ***



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FIT SCHEDULE

Thursdays



EXAMPLES of WHAT STUDENTS CAN DO DURING FIT?

Examples of some ways to use Flexible Instructional Time (FIT)	Places at school to be during Flexible Instructional Time (FIT)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Meeting with teachers for support in subject learning or completing assignments.▪ Attending tutorial sessions▪ Connecting with counsellors▪ Collaborating with other students on projects▪ Individual time for wellness, mindfulness, reflection, and learning▪ Career Life Connections 12 and Capstone▪ Enrichment passion projects▪ Grade-wide assemblies▪ Core competency reflection and goal setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Classrooms (30 max.)▪ Gym (as per PHE Department schedule)▪ Common areas by classrooms▪ Library▪ Cafeteria



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GRADE 8 COURSES

Fine Arts
Rotation

Drama

Dance

Art

ADST
Rotation

Home Ec.

Business Ed.

Tech Ed.

Band
Beg or Intermediate
Full Semester 1
(in lieu of Fine Arts
Rotation)



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GRADE 8 COURSES

Humanities
(English)

Math

French

Fine Arts
Rotation

Humanities
(Socials)

Science

PHE

Applied Skills
Rotation



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GRADE 8 COURSES

Humanities
(English)

Math

Learning
Strategies

Fine Arts
Rotation

Humanities
(Socials)

Science

PHE

Applied Skills
Rotation

If your child is enrolled in Learning Strategies, you should have had a conversation with the counsellor already. Student IEPs are managed by our SBRTs: Alana Rentz, Kim Kwan and Patricia Regan.



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PROGRAMS

- School Based Programs
 - Mainstream
 - English Language Learners
- District Programs
 - Junior and Senior Literacy
 - Life Skills (1 and 2)
 - Learning Support Program (LSP)
 - Tupper Alternate Program (TAP)
 - Tupper Mini School



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STUDENT SUPPORT COMMUNITY

school **Counsellors**, **teachers**,
Peer Tutors, **SSSWs**, **Clubs**, **Community Links**,
School nurse, **SACY**, **Indigenous Support**, *Liaison Officer*
Administration, **Office Staff**, *Outside Agencies*, **Link Crew**
Safer Schools Liaison **SWIS worker**, **PAC**, **Multi-**
cultural workers, *volunteers*, **student teachers**, **etc.**

COUNSELLORS

- Our counselling team provides:
 - SOCIAL SUPPORT
 - EMOTIONAL SUPPORT
 - ACADEMIC GUIDANCE

The counselling suite is located across from the main office on the third floor.

The counselling team for **grade 8s** are as follows:

- Miya Cancar (Surnames A-J)
- Jackie Wall (Surnames K-R)
- Wendy Higenbottam (Surnames S-Z)



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STUDENT SUPPORTS

Student Services

- Tanya Baron, **ELL Department Head**
- Wendy Higenbottam, **Student Services Department Head**
- Alana Rentz, Kim Kwan and Patricia Regan **School-Based Resource Teachers**
- Carla Aird, **Youth & Family Worker**
- Mark Elke, **Community Schools Team**
- Safe and Caring Schools Worker
- Multicultural Liaison Workers



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COMMUNITY SCHOOLS TEAM (CST)

- **Mark Elke** – Community Schools Team Coordinator
- **Community Partners**
 - Hillcrest Community Center
 - Little Mountain Neighbourhood House
 - Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House
- **CST at Tupper**
 - Homework Club
 - Volunteer opportunities
 - Community connections



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INDIGENOUS SUPPORT

- **Amanda Reid** – Indigenous Enhancement Teacher
(shared with Templeton – T, F, and alternate W)
- **Deborah Bell** – School and Student Support
(shared with Templeton and Hamber)



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SUCCESS IN SECONDARY SCHOOL

Be organized

- Use the school agenda consistently to keep track of important dates, assignments, and activities
- Use a binder to keep papers for different subjects in order

Stay Informed

- Use the school website AND grade Teams for all your information

Have fun!

- School can be stressful, but it can also be a lot of fun – get engaged!



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OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

Athletics

- Rugby * Basketball * Volleyball * Wrestling * Table Tennis * Cross-Country * Badminton * Ultimate * Track & Field * Softball * Soccer * Hockey

Clubs

Service Club * Smash Bros Club * International Student Club * Student Council * Board Games Club * Tech Club * Tupper Times * Student Council * Chess Club * Craft Club * Debate Club * DJ Club * Homework Club * Yearbook Club * Diversity Club * ...and many, many more!



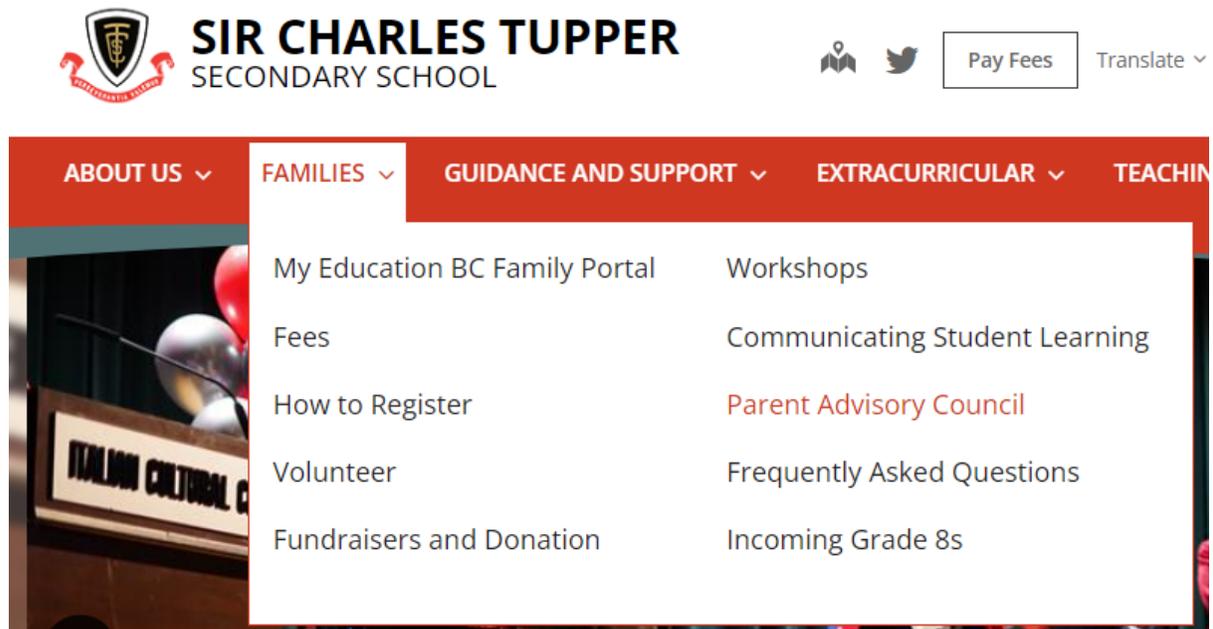
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PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

The first PAC meeting is Wednesday September 11 at 7 pm on Zoom.

Please see the PAC section of the website for more information.



Sir Charles Tupper Parent Advisory Council

Meetings are open to the Tupper community, no registration required. They are one-hour long and are hybrid virtual/online via Zoom.

For the school year 2024-2025, PAC will meet on the second Wednesday of every month except for December, March and June.

Meetings start at 7:00 pm and end at 8:00-8:15 pm

Schedule as follows:

September 11th, October 16th, November 13, January 8th,
February 12th, April 9th, May 14th

Subscribe to our mailing list to stay informed about upcoming events, meetings, and school news. You will receive an agenda before each meeting when you sign-up.

First Name 	Last Name
Email Address	
<input type="button" value="Sign Up"/>	



[Visit the Sir Charles Tupper website.](#)

419 East 24th Avenue
Vancouver, V5V 2A2
604-712-8222

PAC Meeting dates and links to join each meeting at 7pm day-of are below.

Note, the "JOIN THE MEETING" buttons will take you directly into the waiting room in Zoom. You do not have to register in advance.

On the Agenda:

TBD

JOIN THE MEETING



Donate to our Gift Card Initiative today!



Every Dollar Counts!

This year, we have made it easy to donate directly to our Gift Card initiative. **Your donation will go directly towards the purchase of grocery store gift cards (No Frills and Superstore), which are given out by the counselling department to students in need.** Any and every amount helps. Instructions on how to donate are below in a list, video and in an image.

You will receive a tax receipt for your donation.

[Donate Now](#)



ADDRESSING CONCERNS

Working together to support students

- Teachers and families work together to ensure student success at school.
- If there is a concern regarding something that is going on in a classroom (learning, assessment, or reporting) please contact the teacher ***as the first step***.
- If your concern is more general regarding your child's social, emotional, or academic well being, please contact your child's counsellor.
- [Teacher email](#) contact information is available on our school website or teachers can be contacted by calling the school 604 713 8233.



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HAVE A QUESTION?

We're happy to help!

If you have questions going forward, please contact:

- General Inquiries tupper@vsb.bc.ca
- Wendy Higenbottam **Counsellors** whigenbott@vsb.bc.ca
- Tanya Baron **ELL** tbaron@vsb.bc.ca
- Alana Rentz **Resource/Learning Strategies** arentz@vsb.bc.ca
- Kim Kwan **Resource/Learning Strategies** kfkwan@vsb.bc.ca
- Patricia Regan **Resource/Learning Strategies** pregan@vsb.bc.ca
- Carla Aird **Youth & Family Worker** caird@vsb.bc.ca
- Lavelle Chan **Student Records** lschan@vsb.bc.ca
- Doug Smith **Grade 8 Administrator** dwsmith@vsb.bc.ca



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