

Welcome
to
Gladstone
Secondary

GRADE 7
PARENT
INFORMATION
NIGHT

JAN. 30, 2025

6:00 – 7:00 PM



Land Acknowledgement



Welcome from our Educational Leadership Team!

- **Gurpaul Sohal** – Principal
- **Liz Bell** – Vice Principal (Articulation / Mini School)
- **Jolene Mergens** – Acting Vice Principal
- **Tommy Paley** – Counselling Dept. Head
- **Linda Pincott** - School Based Resource Teacher
- **Scott Deyell** – Community Schools Team

Way of Being





SWIS

Maria Macdonald
Le Phuong
Andara Ahmed
Edurne Lopez De Arbina

Multi-cultural Liaison Workers

Audrie Leung – Chinese

Janine Binanitan – Filipino

Claudia Sandoval – Spanish

Chung Tran – Vietnamese

Community Schools Team

Scott Deyell Laurie Reid





Fine Arts



Drama

Gladstone Theatre Company Presents

ALIENS
VS
CHEERLEADERS

By Qui Nguyen

DATES: February 11th & 12th

LOCATION: Gladstone Auditorium

TIME: Doors open 6PM,

Showtime 6:30 – 7:30 PM

TICKETS: \$ 10



When aliens kidnap two unsuspecting teenagers and tell them to take them to their leader, they are led to the principal of Gladstone Secondary School. The aliens think they have it all planned out, but they didn't count on the cheerleading squad being super tough and ready to fight back. Come see a funny, action-packed play for all ages to enjoy!

Drama



Dance



THE GLADSTONE DANCERS PRESENT

WINTER WONDERLAND

*STREET DANCE, CONTEMPORARY,
JAZZ, ACROBATICS, SALSA, SAMBA
AND SO MUCH MORE!*

*JANUARY 16TH AND 17TH, 2024
EVENING SHOW: JANUARY 17TH AT 6:30
TICKETS SOLD \$5 IN ADVANCE*

Dance



DESIGNED BY NATHAN SAMI

Music



Gladstone Choir – Winter Concert 2023

Gladstone Jazz Band (students gr. 9 – 12) won **1st place** in the Senior Band category of the CBC Music Class Challenge Dec. 2022
The Gladstone Choir won in 2020.

Counselling

Mr. Paley

tpaley@vsb.bc.ca



What does a high school counsellor do?

1. Course planning/selection
2. Post-secondary applications
3. Career searching/resumes
4. Personal counselling
5. Mediating friendship issues
6. Support for anxiety/depression
7. Advocating for students in many areas
8. Academic support
9. Referrals to other professionals (ex. School Doctor, Child & Youth Mental Health, Social Worker etc.)



Ms Yu



Ms Davie



Ms Boyd

Counselling Team

Grade 8 Courses

Each Student takes 8 courses:

English

Math

Social Studies

Science

Physical & Health Education

Applied Design, Skills & Technology

Fine Arts

French or Skills Development

Applied Design Skills and Technology



Exploratory Sampler Course



Topics will vary from year to year



Graphics



Foods



Woodwork



Metal Work



<https://appskillsgladstone.com/>

Fine Arts Options

Art 8

Dance 8

Drama 8

Concert Band 8 Beginners

Concert Band 8 Intermediate

Junior Dance Co.

- *(outside the timetable)*

Sample Grade 8 Schedule

BLOCK	Semester 1 (Sept. – Jan.)	Semester 2 (Feb. – June)
1	Science 8	Physical & Health Education
2	Applied Skills Rotation	Math 8
LUNCH		
3	English 8	French 8
4	Social Studies 8	Fine Arts Option

Future Course Options: Part 1

All grade 9-12 courses are full semester, no rotations.

Fine Arts Elective Options

- Dance Foundations
- Acro Dance
- Drama
- Theatre Company
- Band
- Guitar/Ukulele
- Visual Arts
- Ceramics
- Choir
- Jazz Band

ADST Elective Options

- Woodwork
- Metalwork
- Mechanics
- Graphic Design
- Foods
- Culinary Arts
- Info Tech
- Drafting
- Robotics
- Yearbook Production

Future Course Options: Part 2

Gladstone offers a wide range of exciting academic course options in grades 10-12 such as

- Forensic Science
- Creative Writing
- Japanese
- Spanish
- Leadership
- Fitness & Conditioning
- Gender Studies
- Mental Health Leadership
- Social Justice
- Law
- English First Peoples
- Environmental Science
- Advanced Placement
Calculus
- Family Studies
- Chess

Skills and Student Support

- Learning Center - Skills classroom: two Skills teachers and 3 support staff (SSAs), provides academic and skills support for integrated students
- School-Based Resource Teacher Case Management support for students with ministry designations
 - IEP development
 - support with advocating for adaptations
 - academic and skills support
 - consultation with parents/guardians

Student Support Options

- Skills block – recommended by Gr. 7 teacher
 - Replaces one elective
 - parent / guardian will provide signed consent
- FIT – available four times a week
 - With your classroom teachers or the Skills teachers

FIT = Flexible Instruction Time

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.

Expectations: Students are in a learning space (with an adult, NOT A HALLWAY)

Grade 8/9's to be with one of 8 teachers, club sponsor, student supports (eg. Counsellor, Mr. S, SACY worker, SWIS workers, Indigenous support worker).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Warning Bell 8:35				
BLOCK 1 8:40 – 10:00	BLOCK 1 8:40 – 9:40	BLOCK 1 8:40 – 10:00	BLOCK 1 8:40 – 10:00	BLOCK 1 8:40 – 9:40
BREAK 10:00 – 10:10	BREAK 9:40 – 9:45	BREAK 10:00 – 10:10	BREAK 10:00 – 10:10	BREAK 9:40 – 9:45
	FIT 9:45 – 10:25			FIT 9:45 – 10:25
	BREAK 10:25 – 10:30			BREAK 10:25 – 10:30
BLOCK 2 10:10 – 11:30	BLOCK 2 10:30 – 11:30	BLOCK 2 10:10 – 11:30	BLOCK 2 10:10 – 11:30	BLOCK 2 10:30 – 11:30
LUNCH 11:30 – 12:15				
Warning Bell 12:10				
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BREAK 1:15 – 1:20			BREAK 1:15 – 1:20	
FIT 1:20 – 2:00			FIT 1:20 – 2:00	
BREAK 2:00 – 2:05	BREAK 1:35 – 1:45	BREAK 1:35 – 1:45	BREAK 2:00 – 2:05	BREAK 1:35 – 1:45
BLOCK 4 2:05 – 3:05	BLOCK 4 1:45 – 3:05	BLOCK 4 1:45 – 3:05	BLOCK 4 2:05 – 3:05	BLOCK 4 1:45 – 3:05

Schedule

Personal Digital Devices

- Must be TURNED OFF or on SILENT MODE before entering the classroom
- Remain silent during the school day
- NOT PERMITTED for use during class time UNLESS an educator has given permission