

GRADE 8 INFORMATION NIGHT

Prince of Wales Secondary School
February 4, 2026



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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).



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(Musqueam)



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(Squamish Nation)



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(Tsleil-Waututh Nation)



welcome



Joel Nelson (he/him)
Vice-Principal



Sangeeta Kauldher (she/her)
Principal

Around the corner is a new and exciting time in your life where endless opportunities and pathways are yours for the taking.

We look forward to embarking on this important partnership with you!

2025-2026



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Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

家长咨询委员会

You Are Already a Member! Every parent/guardian is automatically a PAC member.

您已经是会员了！每位家长和监护人都自动成为PAC会员。

What is the PAC? | 什么是PAC?

The PAC is a group of parent volunteers who support our school community. We promote student education and welfare, encourage parent involvement, and provide a voice for families.

PAC是一个支持学校社区的家长志愿者团体。我们促进学生教育和福祉, 鼓励家长参与·并为家庭提供发言权。

Why Get Involved? | 为什么要参与?

- ✓ Benefit your teen – students do better when parents stay engaged
让孩子受益 – 家长参与时学生表现更好
- ✓ Stay informed – understand school programs and opportunities
了解信息 – 了解学校项目和机会
- ✓ Build community – connect with families and staff
建立社区 – 与家庭和教职员建立联系
- ✓ Have a voice – help shape school initiatives
发出声音 – 帮助塑造学校计划

Parents of Teens: PAC is a great way to stay connected to your child's school life – even when they're teenagers!

青少年家长 : PAC是与孩子学校生活保持联系的好方式——即使他们已经是青少年 !

How PAC Fundraising Supports Students | PAC筹款如何支持学生

The VSB budget covers core needs, but PAC fundraising lets our school go above and beyond:

★ Graduation activities | 毕业活动

Ceremonies & celebrations | 典礼和庆祝

★ Guest speakers | 嘉宾演讲

Experts & workshops | 专家和工作坊

★ Library & technology | 图书馆和科技

Books, computers | 书籍、电脑

★ Field trips | 校外活动

Educational experiences | 教育体验

教育局预算涵盖基本需求 · PAC筹款让学校能够做得更多 :

★ Clubs & teams | 社团和球队

Equipment, travel & entrance fees | 设备、交通和入场费

★ Classroom resources | 课堂资源

Materials & equipment | 材料和设备

Get Involved! | 参与我们！

There's a role for everyone – choose what works for your schedule!

每个人都有适合的角色——选择适合您时间的方式！

Executive Roles | 执行委员会职位

- Chair / Co-Chair | 主席 / 联合主席
- Treasurer | 财务主管
- Secretary | 秘书
- DPAC Representative | DPAC代表

Volunteer Opportunities | 志愿者机会

- Event helpers | 活动助手
- Fundraising support | 筹款支持
- Communications / Social media | 宣传 / 社交媒体
- Attend our 4 meetings/year | 参加每年4次会议

Join Us for 2025-2026! | 加入2025-2026年度！

Whether you have 30 minutes or more to help, we look forward to meeting you!

无论您有30分钟还是更多时间来帮忙，我们都期待与您见面！

With only 4 PAC meetings a year, even executive commitment is reasonable.

每年只有4次PAC会议 · 即使是执行委员会的承诺也很合理。

pwpacinfo@gmail.com | Meeting dates in school newsletter | 会议日期请见学校通讯

Together, we make our school community stronger! | 齐心协力 · 让我们的学校社区更加强大！

Agenda



Transitioning to High School

Role of the School Counsellor

Grade 8 Supports

Grade 8 Program Registration Process

Important Dates

Grade 8 Program

Extracurriculars

How Can I be Successful?

Grade 8 Experiences

Contacts & Questions?



What Grade 7s look forward to:

- More than one teacher
- Trying new courses like Fine Arts, Home Ec, Band or Woodworking
- Meeting new friends
- Grade 8 Camp
- Playing new sports, joining new clubs
- Having more freedom
- Cafeteria





What Grade 7s worry about:

- Figuring out their timetable
- Remembering their lock combination
- Finding their classes in crowded hallways
- Being late for class
- Too much homework and tests
- Different teachers with different rules and expectations
- Peer pressure
- Friendship changes
- Social Media



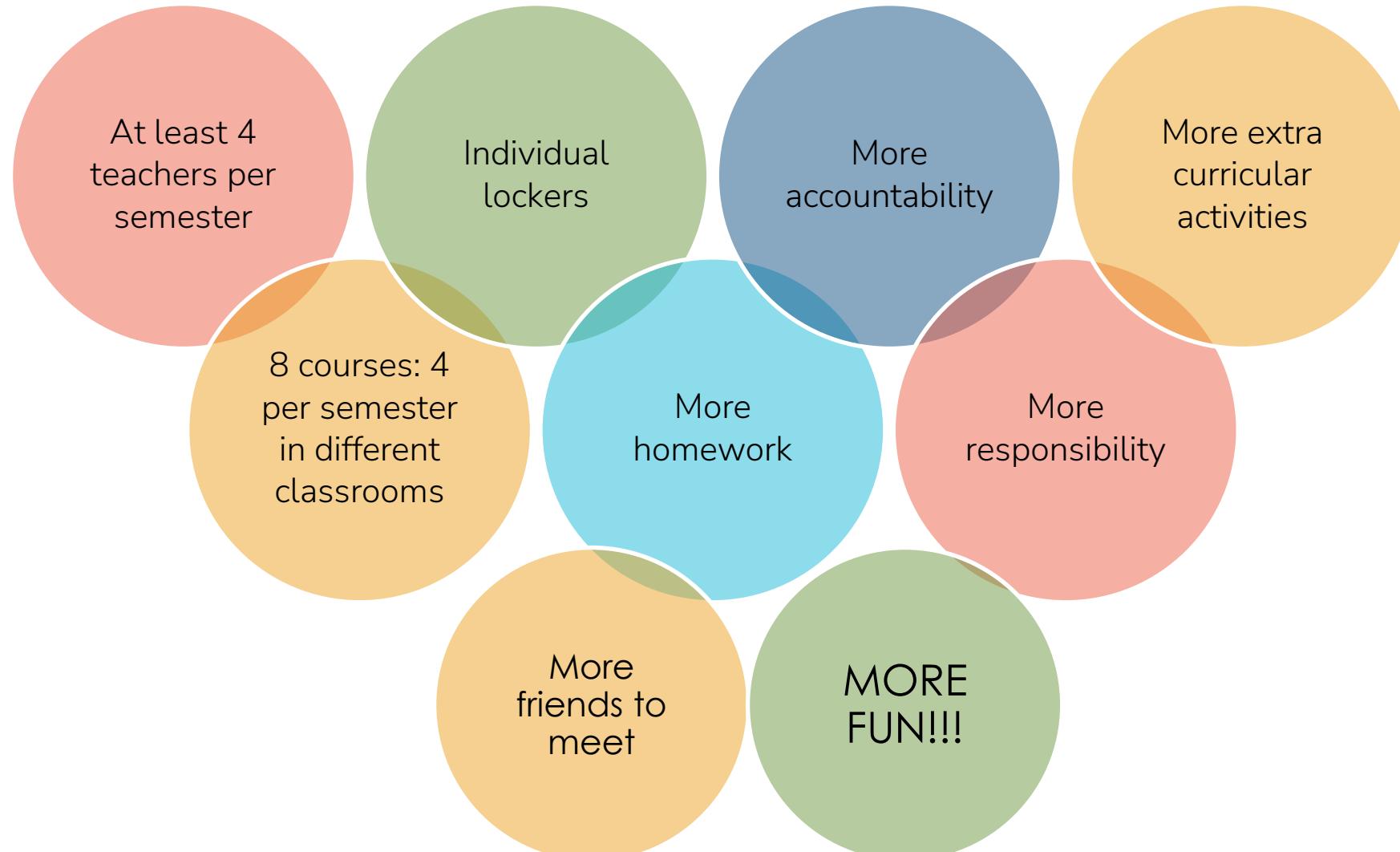
Transitioning to High School



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HOW IS HIGH SCHOOL DIFFERENT?



Role of School Counsellor



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- A supportive adult who helps students navigate through the entirety of high school.
- **To work on academic goals, social emotional goals, friend challenges, post-secondary planning (much later), and timetables.**
- **In Grade 8/9, students are grouped by alpha and shared amongst each counsellor as a team.**



Julie Baerg



Scott Morgan



Chris Tse

Grade 8 Supports (Academic)



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Learning Hub

Student will have access to support through a “Hub” model.

- Team based, inclusive model that provides flexible support for Grades 8-12.
- Support all learners- both designated and non- designated
- Targeted support to students and partner with classroom teachers to promote inclusive practices.
- Students are scheduled based on individual learning needs.

Does your child need this course?

Based on grade 7 teachers' recommendations and consultation with families- MORE TO COME.

Grade 8 Supports (Additional)



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Meredith Baker
SACY Youth Engagement/Prevention

Supports students by preventing and/or delaying substance use and reduce substance use related problems through education.

Support and be there for students by making myself readily available and offering them a safe space in school if they are struggling.



Constable Eric Burrell
School Liaison Officer

Support students by prevention of crime through education and relationship building.



MURPHY 
Support/ Therapy Dog

Supports students in counselling suite in a variety of ways, including: anxiety, stress reduction, social connections, improving mood, reducing feelings of isolation, and enhancing overall well-being for students.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Schools will receive a **PERSONALIZED** enrollment form for each catchment student



VSB PRINCE OF WALES
Grade 8 Verification and Course Selection Form
(for students from VSB schools only)

Section 1: Student Information

Student Legal Name	Student Usual Name (if different from legal name)	
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy):	MyEd Pupil #:	Min Designation (if applicable):
Current School:		
Home Address:		
Home Phone No.:	Parent/Guardian Cell No.:	
Parent/Guardian Name:	Relationship:	

Registration Package

Grade 8 Verification and Course Selection Form
(You will need to provide copies of proof of address)

Contact PW if they are misplaced/ did not receive a form.

Due to PW by Feb 23,2026

Cross Boundary Application Timeline:

The Online Cross Boundary Application (<https://xb.vsb.bc.ca>) will open Monday February 2, 2026 and will close on Friday, February 27, 2026.

Cross Boundary Process (English Program):

- Please refer to the following link for District XB information and XB priority groups: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5198>
- XB applications are **not** first-come-first-served
- English Program XB applications are only received via the District online XB app: <https://xb.vsb.bc.ca> **(NO PAPER FORMS)**

IMPORTANT DATES

Mini School interviews	January 26/27, 2026
<u>Online</u> Cross Boundary Applications open	February 2, 2026
Mini School FIRST OFFERS	February 11, 2026
Mini School SECOND OFFERS	February 18, 2026
Applications collected from feeder schools	February 23, 2026
Cross Boundary Applications close	February 27, 2026
Articulation meetings with feeder schools	April 2026
Parent Information Meeting #2 (Tentative)	May 2026 (TBC)
Gr. 7s visit to PW	May 22, 2026
Welcome to PW Family Bulletin	August 2026
First Day of School & Orientation	September 8, 2026

Grade 8 Program



Required Courses

- English 8
- Math 8
- Social Studies 8
- Science 8
- Physical and Health Education 8 (Hockey option – Beginner or Competitive)
- Applied Skills 8 Rotation (Subjects usually include Metalwork, Woodwork, Foods and/or Textiles, and some years Business)
- French 8 [French 10 (French Immersion)]
- Career Education 8

CHOICE: Fine Arts 8 Rotation

- Fine Arts 8 (Art, Drama, Media Design rotation)
- Band 8 Beginner
- Choir 8
- Band 8 Intermediate

OFF TIMETABLE: Jazz Band 8-12 or Strings Orchestra 8-12

Grade 8 Program



Typical School Day for Grade 8 Student (Semester Model)

- 4 courses for half the year
- Each class occurs everyday
- Attend 4 different classrooms
- Work with 4 different teachers

For Example....

Semester 1 (September- January)	Semester 2 (February- June)
Math 8	Science 8
English 8	PHE 8
Fine Arts Rotation	Social Studies 8
French 8	Applied Skills Rotation

District Programs at PW

These placements are identified through articulation visits with elementary schools and referrals from:

- District Reception Centre (DRPC)
- District Learning Services (DLS)
- Mini school is through district applications.



English Language
Learner 8 (ELL)



GOLD Program and Learning
Support Program (LSP) for
designated and referred
students



PW Mini School

Grade 8 Program

BELL SCHEDULE

BUT.. We don't have bells!

- Students are expected to know the schedule and be at their classes on time.
- Only a warning bell at 12:15 pm

	M / W	T / TH	F
FIT	8:40 to 9:20	n/a	n/a
Break	9:20 to 9:25	n/a	n/a
Block 1	9:25 to 10:25	8:40 to 10:00	8:40 to 10:00
Break	10:25 to 10:35	10:00 to 10:15	10:00 to 10:15
Block 2	10:35 to 11:35	10:15 to 11:35	10:15 to 11:35
Lunch	11:35 to 12:20	11:35 to 12:20	11:35 to 12:20
Block 3	12:20 to 1:40	12:20 to 1:20	12:20 to 1:40
Break	1:40 to 1:45	1:20 to 1:22	1:40 to 1:45
FIT	n/a	1:22 to 2:02	n/a
Break	n/a	2:02 to 2:05	n/a
Block 4	1:45 to 3:05	2:05 to 3:05	1:45 to 3:05

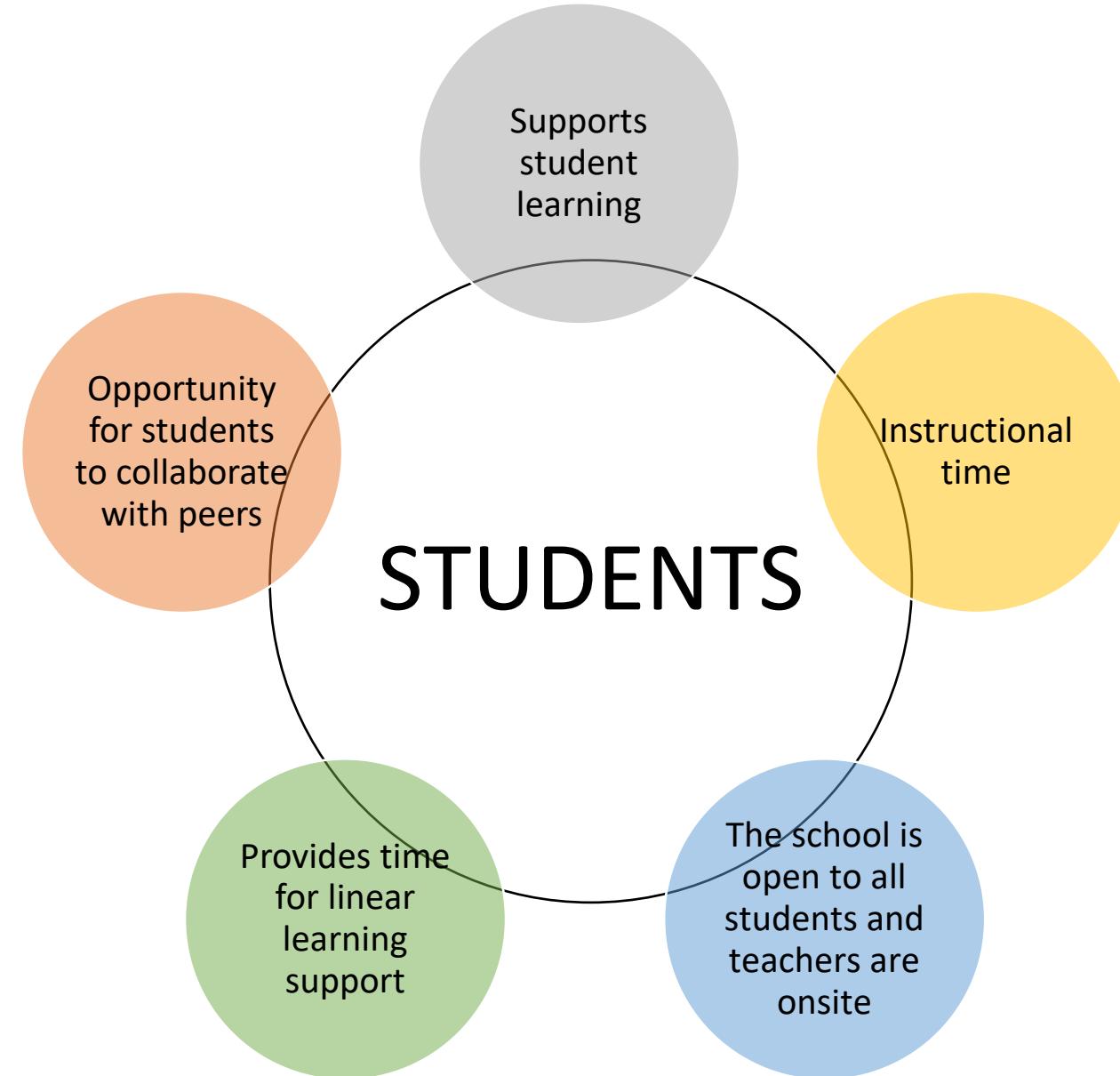
What does Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) look like?

FIT time is a 40-minute period of Instructional Time built into the schedule on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday that allows students to have some measure of choice and control over their own learning. (Attendance is taken)

Students are expected to be in a classroom or learning space, completing school work (either individually or in groups), meeting with teachers for support on classwork, working on projects under teacher supervision or getting caught up on missed learning.

Grade 8 Program

FIT- Flexible Instructional Time



Athletics

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

Extracurriculars



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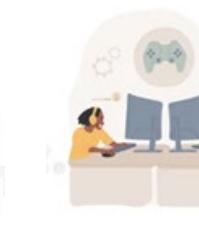
CLUBS

ACG Culture Club
Animal Club
Arts Club Extent
Badminton Club
Blood Drive Club
Board Games Club
Business Club
Chess Club
Creative Writing Club
Dance Club
Debate & Public Speaking Club
Feed the Streets Club

Feminism Club
Film Club
Garden Club
Health Club
Key Club
Library Volunteer Club
Model United Nations Club
Math Club
Multicultural and Diversity Club
Music Club
Peer Tutoring Club

Programming Club
Psychology Club
Reconciliation & Anti-Racism Club
Robotics Club
Science & Engineering Club
Student Social Club
Sustainability Club
Ultimate Club

**YOU CAN START A
CLUB IF WE ARE
MISSING
SOMETHING!**



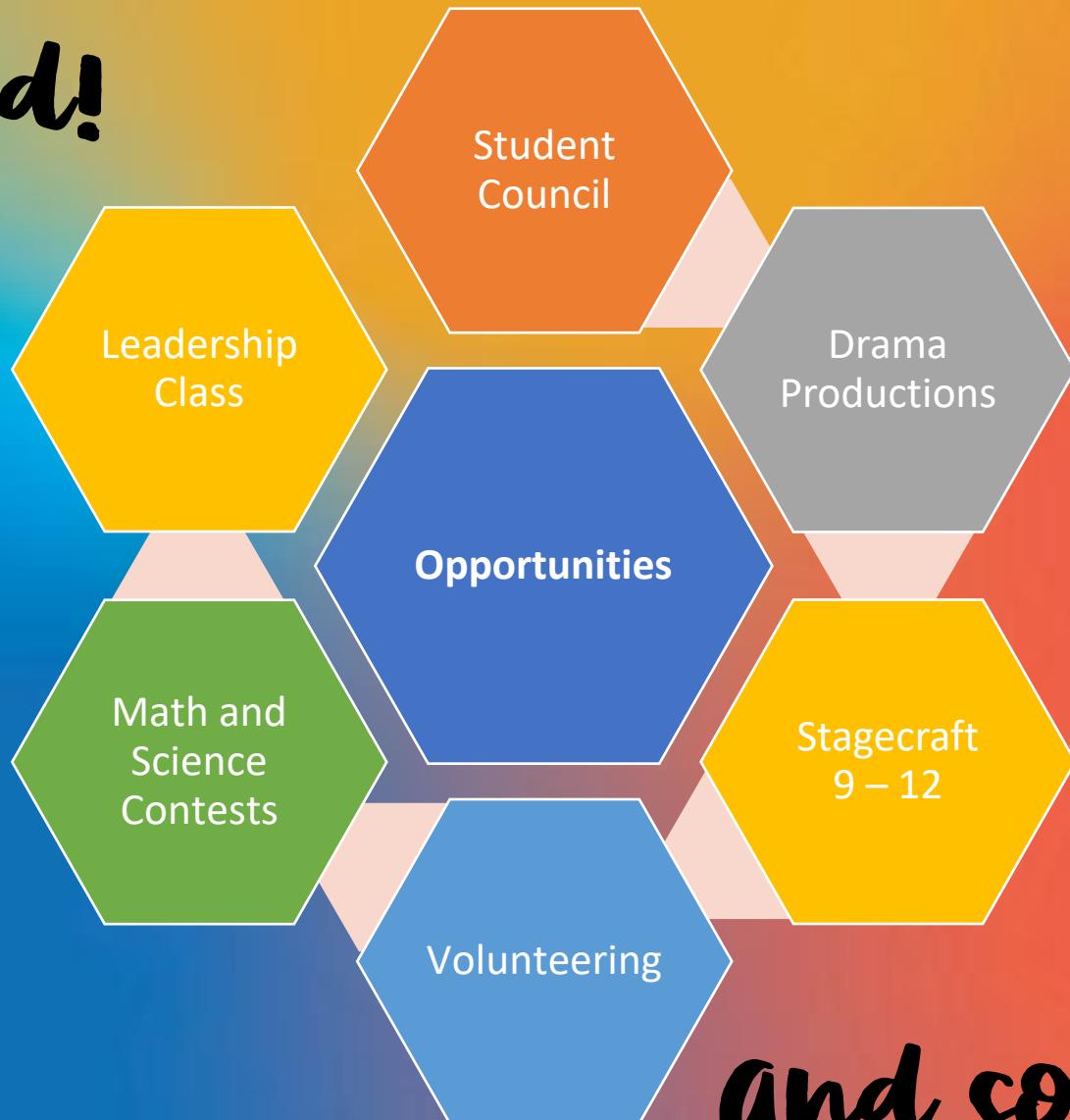
How can you be successful at PW?

Get Involved!



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and so much more!



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GRADE 8 EXPERIENCES



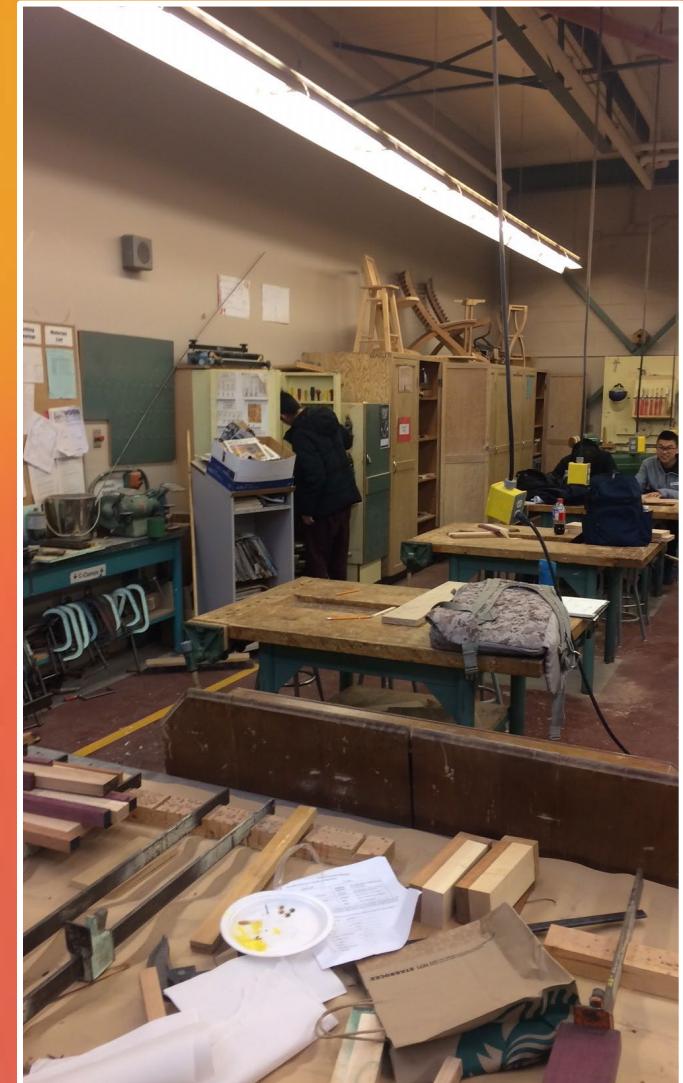
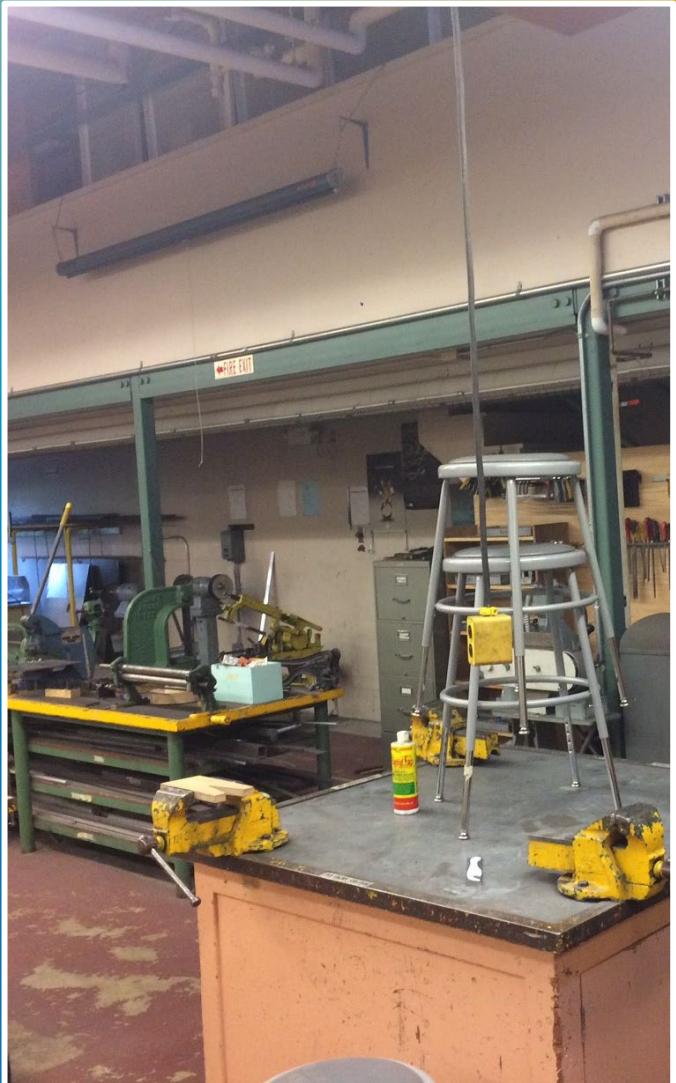
Fine arts performances





Fine arts projects





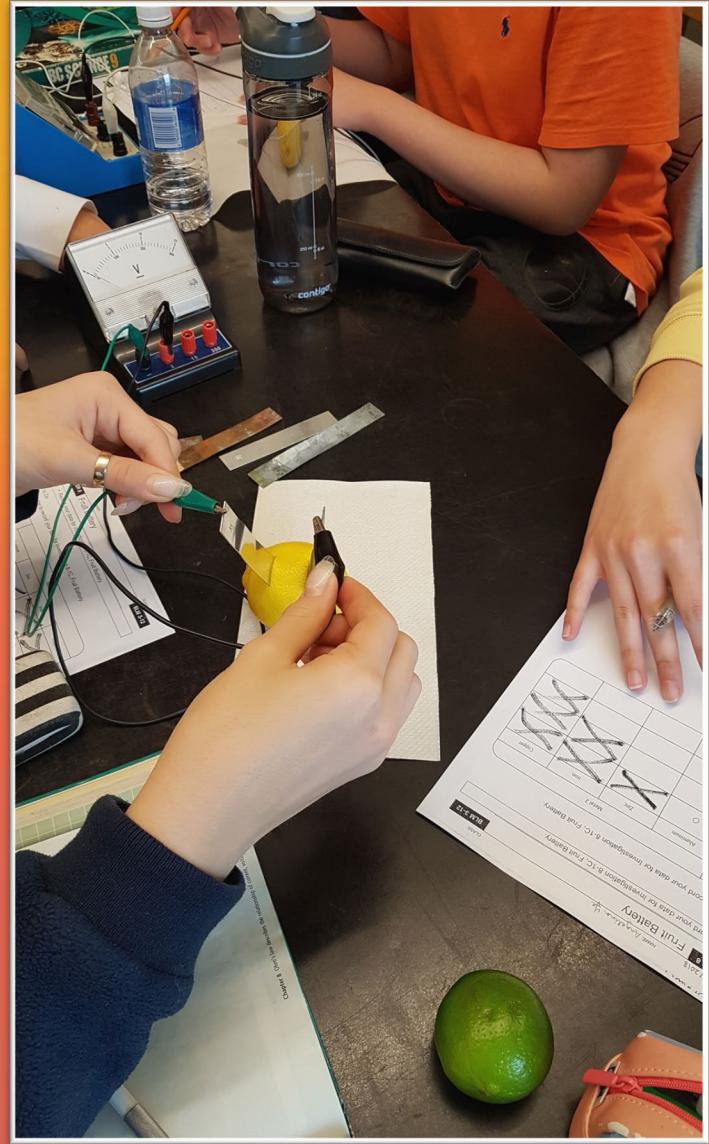
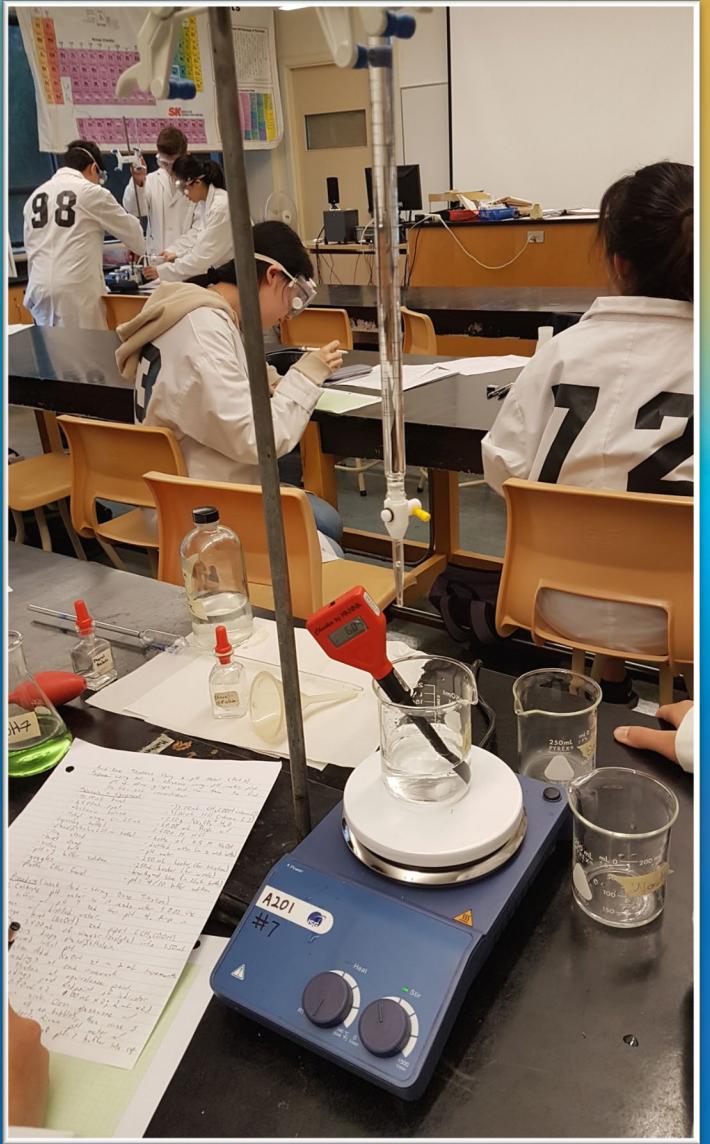
applied skills- Wood & Metal Shops





applied skills - food & textile labs





classroom activities





Library - Learning Commons





student council events



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FAQs

You also have
a Mini Program
– can we still
apply?

What about the
TREK Program?

What will the
first day of
school be like
for Gr. 8s?

Can Gr. 8s
leave campus
during lunch
hour?

What is your
policy about
cell phones in
the classroom?

How do I help
my child
organize their
time?

If I have questions
or concerns about
how my child is
doing, what is the
best way to
contact teachers?

How do I help
my child
navigate social
media?

How does my
child join clubs
and teams?



QUESTIONS

