



POINT GREY SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

Re: Point Grey Secondary School Opening Information

On behalf of the Point Grey Secondary staff team, we welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year! We look forward to a year of engaging educational and extra-curricular opportunities.

We especially look forward to welcoming our new Grade 8 group to *HOUNDS* culture and tradition! We also welcome new staff members:

- Ms. T. Lin (LALS Teacher, replacing Ms. S. Sinclair)
- Ms. A. McDaniel (Student Support Worker - LALS, temporarily replacing Ms. Y. Zhou)
- Ms. G. Peters (Resource Teacher, replacing Ms. C. Lew)
- Ms. R. Prasad (Student Support Worker - Mainstream, replacing Ms. M. Borello)
- Mr. T. Umeki (Math Teacher, replacing Ms. S. Wang)
- Ms. P. Violi (French Teacher, replacing Ms. D. Stafford)
- Mr. A. Yang (Social Studies Teacher, replacing Mr. R. Tanabe)

We will continue to implement COVID-19 safety procedures and practices that will allow us to conduct school in a safe manner. We will provide further COVID-19 related information as it becomes available from the Vancouver School Board and Vancouver Coastal Health.

Sincerely,

Mr. Akrap (Principal)

Mr. Humphries (Vice Principal)

What's the school schedule for Tuesday, September 6?

Homeroom lists will be posted by grade outside of the office. Students will proceed to their homeroom to pick up the *School Opening Package* and student schedule. After Homeroom class students may go home.

Homeroom Schedule:

Grades 9 to 12 - check the Homeroom Lists posted outside the school office (there have been changes from the previous year) and proceed to homeroom class.

Grades 9: 8:45 – 9:15 am

Grades 10: 9:00 – 9:30 am

Grades 11: 9:15 – 9:45 am

Grades 12: 9:30 – 10:00 am

Grade 8's start in the Auditorium.

12:00 – 12:50 pm (Grade 8 Welcome Afternoon including an assembly, orientation, and tour by the HOUNDS Leadership Team).

12:50 – 1:50 pm (Homeroom class)

What is the school schedule for Wednesday, September 7?

- First full day of Semester 1 classes for all students.

What is the school schedule for Thursday, September 8?

- Second full day of Semester 1 classes for all students.
- HOUNDS Assembly in the auditorium for Grade 9 & 10 students (during FIT block 1:16 – 2:06 pm).

What is the school schedule for Friday, September 9?

- Third full day of Semester 1 classes for all students.
- **Photo Day.** Students will be called down by PA to go to the cafeteria by grade and alpha groups.

How do I pay School Fees?

School fees are to be paid online. Information and instructions are part of the School Opening Package that will be distributed on September 6.

What does the school schedule for 2022-2023 look like?

Point Grey Secondary (along with all VSB Secondary Schools) is using a Semester System for 2022-2023. Our timetable will still be 8 blocks, but the year will be divided into 2 semesters. Students will take 4 courses during each semester.

Semester 1:

September 7 – November 15: Blocks 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4

November 16 – January 31: Blocks 1.2, 1.1, 1.4, 1.3

Semester Turnaround Days: February 1 and 2 (classes not in session)

Semester 2:

February 3 – April 26: Blocks 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4

April 27 – June 29: Blocks 2.2, 2.1, 2.4, 2.3

What does the daily schedule look like?

Please follow these links that are also on our school website

[Regular Schedule 2022-2023](#)

[Alternate Schedules for Early Dismissal or Late Start](#)

- Only two bells will ring each day:
 - 8:35 am (5 minutes before the start of the 1st class of the day)
 - 12:12 pm (5 minutes before 1st class after lunch)

Where can I find the Student/Parent Monthly Calendar?

Please go to the Point Grey website, on the main page under Announcements. Information changes during the year so please check back periodically. Here's the link... [Monthly Calendar Parent & Student](#)

Where can I find the Student Agenda?

Please go to the Point Grey website, on the main page under Announcements.

Here's the link... [Student Agenda 2022-2023](#)

Student Illness / Lates / Absences

Please do not call the school office to report absence or lates.

For attendance procedures please read page 5 and 6 of the Student Agenda here's the link ...

[Student Agenda 2022-2023](#)

How do I obtain my individual timetable?

Students will receive a paper copy of their timetable in homeroom class on Tuesday, September 6. Students can also obtain an electronic version of their timetable by logging onto their MyEd account starting on Monday, September 5.

How do I login to my MyEd account?

- The MyEd Family Portal can be used for first time logging into an account, changing a password, changing security question, primary email associated with the account can be found on the Point Grey website under **Families > My Education BC Family Portal** Here's the link ... [MyEd Family Portal Login](#)
- Login using your Login ID (student number) and Password.

What if I forgot my MyEd password?

- Select "I forgot my password"
- Enter the Login ID (student number) and Primary email
- A temporary password will be sent to the Primary email

Note: If this doesn't work, and you're locked out of your account, remember that you will receive a printed copy of your timetable on Tuesday, September 6.

Who is my counsellor?

Grade 8 (last name starting with A to C): Mr. Cordoni ccordoni@vsb.bc.ca
Grade 8 (last name starting with D to M): Ms. Nordman lnordman@vsb.bc.ca
Grade 8 (last name starting with N to Z): Ms. Sim jsim@vsb.bc.ca
Grade 9: Ms. Sim jsim@vsb.bc.ca
Grade 10: Ms. Nordman lnordman@vsb.bc.ca
Grade 11: Ms. Agius lagius@vsb.bc.ca
Grade 12: Mr. Cordoni ccordoni@vsb.bc.ca

What is my teacher's email address?

Teacher emails are all on the Point Grey website . . . here's the link: [Point Grey Website](#) located in the tab **About Us > Our Staff**

Who is my grade administrator?

Grade 8: Mr. Humphries (Vice Principal) ahumphries@vsb.bc.ca
Grade 9: Mr. Akrap (Principal) nakrap@vsb.bc.ca
Grade 10: Mr. Humphries (Vice Principal) ahumphries@vsb.bc.ca
Grade 11: Mr. Humphries (Vice Principal) ahumphries@vsb.bc.ca
Grade 12: Mr. Akrap (Principal) nakrap@vsb.bc.ca

What do I do if I want to change one of my courses?

All students will be sent a grade specific Microsoft Form link. Using this electronic form, you will be able to send a course change request to your grade counsellor. **Course changes (if possible) will only be permitted until September 16.**

Student Council

Student voice and representation is of critical importance at Point Grey Secondary. Grade 9 – 12 Reps and the Student Council Executive Team for 2022-2023 were elected last spring. A nomination, campaign, and election process for Grade 8 Reps will begin in early September. Further details to follow.

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

The Point Grey PAC is vital to the operation of our school. This group of parent volunteers provide:

- support to our students, staff, and parents
- a parent voice in discussion and decisions
- a conduit between the school and home
- occasional guest speakers on topics related to learning and teen development
- fundraising

The PAC Executive team for 2022-23:

- Co-Chairs: Erica Lau and Connie Lowe
- Secretary: Laura Glover
- Treasurer: Heather Tang
- District PAC Rep: Deborah Stern Silver
- Mini School Rep: Deb Broadhurst
- Chinese Language Liaison: Ling Yuan
- Member at Large: Adrienne Neill

Please join our first PAC meeting on Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 pm online via Zoom. A link will be provided closer to the date.

Will the school cafeteria be open for food service?

Yes. The first day of food service will be Wednesday, September 7.

Are parents permitted to enter the building?

Yes. As with all visitors, please proceed directly to the office (2nd floor) to sign-in.

Where should I drop-off/pick-up my child?

Student safety before and after school are of paramount importance. Please drop-off/pick-up your child well away from the school (this will also help with traffic congestion). Make certain not to wait in no stopping zones... this practice endangers students as it reduces visibility for all. Please do not enter the Staff Parking Lot... this area is reserved for staff vehicles and school bus drop-off and pick-up. Point Grey Secondary encourages "active transportation." As much as possible, students should arrive by foot, bike, etc...

How will locker distribution work?

Lockers will be distributed by your homeroom teacher on Tuesday, September 6.

Do I need to bring a lock?

Grade 8 students... NO. Each Grade 8 student will receive two locks during homeroom class on September 6. One of these locks will be for their hallway locker; the other will be for locker use in the gym changing room. Locks are paid for through School Cash Online (this information will be in the school opening package students will receive on Tuesday, September 6).

Grade 9 – 12 students... YES. Please bring the locks that were distributed to you during your Grade 8 year. Please use school issued locks only.

Flexible Instructional Time (FIT)

What is FIT?

All VSB secondary schools have adopted a schedule that provides students with a 50-minute block of Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) twice per week (on Tuesdays and Thursdays).

The purpose of the FIT block is to provide students with an opportunity to:

- Meet with teachers for support and guidance related to specific course content
- Collaborate with other students or teachers
- Work on assignments and projects related to a specific course
- Work on Career Education 8, 9, 10, or 12 goals and course content

When is FIT?

- Every Tuesday Morning between the 1st and 2nd period classes (9:41 to 10:31 am)
- Every Thursday Afternoon between the 3rd and 4th period classes (1:16 to 2:06 pm)

Student expectations for FIT

- ***Focus on learning***
- Students must be working on schoolwork or silent reading
- Grade 8 – 10 students must be in a classroom
- Grade 11 – 12 must be in a classroom or shared learning space (the library and cafeteria will be available for a limited number of students who are working in quiet collaboration)
- Have a plan for the time
- Have all materials required to work effectively and efficiently
- Remain in the selected learning space for the duration of the FIT period

What are the benefits of FIT?

- Provides students with an opportunity to take ownership of their learning and practice self-regulation by independently completing assignments and homework, studying for an upcoming quiz/test, collaborating with peers, or engaging in a personal area of interest
- Provides the opportunity for students to receive support and guidance (teachers can require students to attend a specific FIT block to make up missed work, assessments, complete assignments and receive extra help)
- Promotes well-being for the entire school population (e.g., opportunity to reduce homework pressure, frees up the lunch break for students and teachers to eat or to participate in school-based activities like clubs)
- Provides flexible learning environments (acknowledging that learning can take place in a variety of ways)
- Supports student time management and organization, by providing an opportunity for students to practice these skills with the guidance of teachers
- Provides an opportunity for teachers to extend field trips without impacting other courses
- Provides time for Grade 8 & 9 students to complete Career Education course content
- Provides time for Grade 10 students to complete Career Life Education course content
- Provides time for Grade 12 students to complete Career Life Connections course content
- Provides a chance for counsellors or administrators to hold grade-group assemblies or activities

Filming at Point Grey

Point Grey Secondary has been selected as a site for filming... this time it's a series called ***School Spirits***.

Paramount has requested a few days of filming in specific parts of the school this fall. The impact on teaching and learning should be minimal.

School Spirits focuses on a teen stuck in the afterlife who decides to investigate her mysterious disappearance alongside a group of other students who are also stuck in limbo at their high school. The book is planned for publication in fall 2023 by Harper Collins Children's Books.