



Burnaby Mountain Secondary School

July 31, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian of Grade 8 Student:

RE: School Start-up for 2019-2020 School Year

Welcome to Burnaby Mountain Secondary School! We look forward to an exciting year ahead. To begin the year, it is important to review the Mission Statement developed by staff, students and parents.

BURNABY MOUNTAIN MISSION STATEMENT

- Our purpose is to develop lifelong learners who demonstrate respect for themselves, for others, and for the environment.
- Our focus is to educate students so they can participate actively as contributing citizens in a changing world.
- Our commitment is to provide a safe, supportive learning environment where individual potential is nourished and learners are challenged to reach for excellence.

Our School Motto, “**RESPECT, EXCELLENCE, AND RESPONSIBILITY**”, supports our Mission Statement and provides the foundation for our teaching and learning. Our Mission Statement and Motto guide us; however, our goals provide direction, objectives and strategies. The goals focus on school improvement and meeting the needs of all learners.

SCHOOL GOALS:

- **Goal # 1 Literacy:** To support student success in numeracy and literacy assessments.
- **Goal # 2 Healthy Schools:** To promote understanding and practice of mental health & well-being, and to promote healthy trusting relationships within the school community.

OTHER INFORMATION:

The Burnaby School District is offering you the opportunity to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc. If you would like information on this program, please go to <https://www.kidsplus.ca/>.

On the back of this letter is important information regarding the first day of school, locker assignments and important dates for the month of September. **Please note that you will need your student #«Pupil_» in order to choose a locker.** For continuous updates please visit our website <https://mountain.burnabyschools.ca/> and follow us on twitter: [@bbymountainsec](https://twitter.com/bbymountainsec). You can also download the Mountain Connect App from the Apple or Google Play store or by going to [bbymountain.appazur.com](https://burnabyconnect.com).

Sincerely,

BURNABY MOUNTAIN SECONDARY SCHOOL

L. Kristmanson
Principal



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Important Dates – Choosing a Locker starts Aug. 21st

Students can visit the following webpage to choose a locker: <https://bbymountain.lockerassignment.com/>. The locker database will be available **Wednesday August 21st at 9:00 am for Grade 8 students** and **Thursday August 22nd at 9:00 am for grade 9—12 students**. If needed, students can visit the computer lab to choose their locker on the first day of school. Login using your student number as the user id and your birth date as the password, in “YYYYMMDD” format.

Please make a note of the following important dates in September:

September 5th Photo Day
September 19th Meet the Teacher Evening - 6:30 pm
September 20th Professional Development Day
September 24th Grade 8 Retreat
September 26th Terry Fox Run
October 7th PAC Meeting - 7:15 pm

For the most-up-to-date event information, please see the online calendar <https://mountain.burnabyschools.ca/calendar/>

First Day of School – September 3, 2019

Opening day schedule and grade 9 homeroom lists will be posted on the windows of the lower commons. Homeroom lists will be posted in Gym 2 for grade 8 students.

Grade 8 10:00am—11:00am

Students will meet in Gym 2 followed by Homeroom and activities with student mentors.

Grade 9 10:00—11:00am

Students will attend Homeroom; they will receive their timetables and photo information will be distributed.

Grade 10 10:00am

Assembly in Gym 1 followed by student timetables and photo information distribution

Grade 11 11:00am

Assembly in Gym 1 followed by student timetables and photo information distribution

Grade 12 1:00pm

Assembly in Gym 1 followed by student timetables and photo information distribution

Students will be dismissed after opening day assemblies and activities.

