



Burnaby Mountain Secondary School

October 21, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians of Grade 8 students:

RE: Grade 8 Retreat – Wednesday, October 28, 2020

On Wednesday October 28th, all Burnaby Mountain Grade 8 students will participate in an afternoon Grade 8 Retreat. The purpose is for students to build a positive sense of community, school spirit and identity through a day of activities, adventure and growth within their cohorts.

The 2020 Grade 8 Retreat will take place on-site at Burnaby Mountain, and begin with lunch (included), starting at 11:35am.

Students will work in their period 1 cohorts and participate in various stations throughout the building. The stations are designed to incorporate strategy, problem solving, teamwork, trust and clear communication in a fun and experiential manner. At the end of the day, students will reconvene for a final debrief to reflect on the experience and to discuss the value of their learning as it may apply to future life circumstances.

All grade 8 students will receive a Burnaby Mountain T-shirt and a BBQ hotdog lunch, which are provided. Lunch will be pre-packaged and delivered to students in their period 1 classes/cohorts. Following the final debrief, students will be dismissed from school at 2:45pm.

It is recommended that students bring a water bottle and wear comfortable clothing that they can be active in. Also, students are required to wear masks for the activities as supporting student volunteers and teachers will be assigned to various rooms.

There is no cost for the Grade 8 Retreat.

We are looking forward to creating a fun, unique start to the year for all our grade 8 students, providing them with an opportunity to challenge themselves, to develop new skills, and to begin building a strong foundation of positive new relationships within our school community.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 604-296-6870.

Sincerely,

The Grade 8 Retreat Planning Committee