



Burnaby Mountain's Open House

Thursday January 23, 2025

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Elders Latash & Delhia, District Principal Rob Smyth, BMSS School Choir – Performing Coast Salish Anthem (2021)

We wish to acknowledge and thank the Coast Salish nations of Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh, on whose traditional territories we teach, learn, and live.



Agenda

1. **6:00-6:20pm** – VPA Performances
2. **6:20-6:30pm** – Welcome & Opening Remarks
3. **6:30-7:00pm** – Presentation for Incoming Grade 8 Students
4. **6:30-7:00pm** – Department Displays throughout the School

Special Events

1. **7:10-7:40pm** – Learning Support Services presentation for incoming grade 7 students (Room 207)



Administration Team



David Rawnsley

Principal



Dan Adrian

Vice-Principal
Last names A – K



Priya Binning

Vice-Principal
Last names L – Z

Counselling Team



Ms. Arron

Last names A – Fe



Ms. Duhamel-Conover

Last names Fi – Le



Ms. Michaels

Last names Li – Se



Ms. Hart

Last names Sh – Z

Support Team



Phil Dutton

Safe School Specialist



Gabriela Pereira

**International Student
Assistant**



Support Team Team



Lindsay Mindlin

**Indigenous Success
Teacher**



Victoria Toth

**Indigenous Youth
Engagement Worker**



Student Planning for 2025-26

Secondary PROGRAMS OF CHOICE



All eight of our high schools offer Programs of Choice that allow students to explore their interests, support their strengths, or get exposed to a career while fulfilling their academic requirements.

The Burnaby School District offers dozens of options, with many put on in partnership with higher education institutions or industry.

6 SPORTS Programs

8 SECONDARY Schools

1000 WORK EXPERIENCE EMPLOYERS

8 CENTRES CAREER

17 Career Education ADVISORS

8 TECH Options

More than **11,500** SECONDARY Students

25 AP Courses

3 Schools Offer FRENCH IMMERSION

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- Every high school in the Burnaby School District offers Programs of Choice.
- There are dozens of options, including in technology, sports, trades, career training, and educational enrichment such as French Immersion and an AP Capstone program.
- For most programs, applications are accepted in February.

Programs of Choice offer students a unique opportunity to:

- explore their interests,
- support their strengths, or
- get exposed to a career.



Many are put on in partnership with **higher education institutions** or **industry**.





Did you know?...

Our high schools offer Programs of Choice.

Students:

- find your strengths,
 - explore your interests, or
 - pursue a career,
- all while fulfilling academic requirements.

From technology and trades to sports academies and academic enrichment, there's something for everyone.

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Apply in February for most programs.

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NEW 5 Period Day Schedule (2025/26 School Year)

- Next year we will be moving to a 5-Period Day Schedule
- Grade 8-10 courses will be scheduled during Periods 2-5 (Semester 1) & Periods 7-10 (Semester 2)
- Grade 11-12 courses will be scheduled during all blocks. Students in these courses will have 1 period off each semester. Students will take a maximum of 8 courses within the timetable.
- Finalized times and details (including Flex time) will be provided later this Spring.

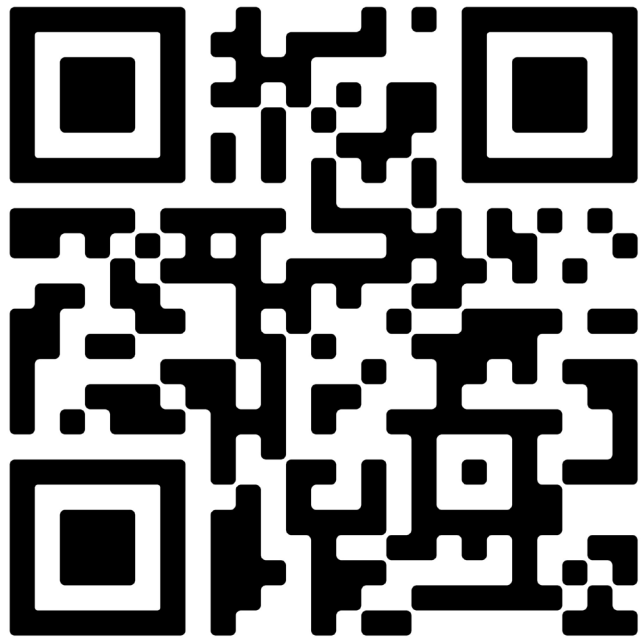
PERIOD	TIME	DURATION
Periods 1 / 6	8:00 – 9:20 am	80 Minutes
Transition	9:20 – 9:25 am	5 Minutes
Periods 2 / 7	9:25 – 10:45 am	80 Minutes
Transition	10:45 – 10:50 am	5 Minutes
Periods 3 / 8	10:50 – 12:15 pm	80 Minutes
Lunch	12:15 – 12:55 pm	40 Minutes
Periods 4 / 0	12:55 – 2:15 pm	80 Minutes
Transition	2:15 – 2:20 pm	5 Minutes
Periods 5 / 10	2:20 – 3:40 pm	80 Minutes



Department Displays

FIRST FLOOR	SECOND FLOOR	THIRD FLOOR
ADST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tech Ed. – Rooms 113-115 Home Ec. – Rooms 120-121 	SOCIAL STUDIES – Room 208	MATH – Room 308
VPA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drama – Room 101 Dance – Room 102 Music – Rooms 109-110 Art – Rooms 116-118 	ENGLISH – Room 202	LANGUAGES – Room 324
PHYSICAL EDUCATION – Gym 1	CAREER LIFE EDUCATION – Upper Commons, outside of the Library	SCIENCE – Room 315
	ELL (ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS) – ROOM 216	AP (ADVANCED PLACEMENT) – Room 307
	LIBRARY	ADST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Ed. – Rooms 317-319
	MAIN OFFICE	





SCAN ME

Please scan the QR code to access the program for tonight's Open House, including room numbers for department displays.

QR codes can also be found around the school, or by accessing our school's website.



School Tours



* WELCOME TO BURNABY MOUNTAIN SECONDARY'S OPEN HOUSE

WOULD YOU LIKE A TOUR?

Tours presented by Burnaby Mountain's Student Council

Meeting Location: Cafeteria

When: Every 15 Minutes
(starting from 6:30 pm)

6:30 pm, 6:45 pm, 7:00 pm,
7:15 pm, 7:30 pm, 7:45 pm *



Burnaby Mountain on Social Media



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Burnaby Mountain Secondary Website



Thank you! Please enjoy your evening as you get to know our school!

Incoming Grade 7 students & families, please stay behind for an additional presentation.



School Demographics

- Current student population: **1,564**
- 2025/2026 early projection: **1,650**
- International Students: **103**
- School opened in **2000**
- Staff Members: **148**
- Teachers: **90**

School Motto

Respect
Responsibility
Excellence



School Goals

Numeracy

To improve fluency in numeracy and achievement in Math for Grade 8 students.

Healthy Schools & Literacy

To improve student mental health and wellness through increased social connections and targeted social skill development.

To foster an educated, responsible and reflective community of digitally literate citizens.



Student Council

Student Council is a body of students that plans school events, fundraisers, and maintain school spirit. From small fundraisers to major performances, Student Council provides ample opportunities to create lasting memories for everyone at BMSS. Some examples of these events include Culture Fest, Santa's Workshop, and Talent Show.

See Mr. Rolph in Room 213 if you have any questions.



Athletics

- **Follow us on Social Media @ BMSSAthletics**
 - Instagram & Twitter
- **Fall Sports**
 - Cross Country, Grade 8 Boys Rugby, Volleyball, Swimming, Field Hockey, Boys Soccer
- **Winter Sports**
 - Basketball, Wrestling, Ski and Snowboard team
- **Spring Sports**
 - Track and Field, Boys Rugby, Girls Rugby, Ultimate, Badminton, Tennis, Grade 8 & 9 Boys Volleyball, Girls Soccer, Golf, Netball,
- See Mr. Albrino in room 125 if you have any questions.



Student Support Beyond the Classroom

1

Your Subject Teachers

2

The Learning Centre (TLC)

3

PEAK Program – Drop-in support, room 207 everyday before/after school

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Safe School Specialist/Counsellors

5

Administrators (Principal & Vice-Principals)



It's about more than your classes

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Join a Club!

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Join a Sports Team (basketball, volleyball, ski, rugby, cross-country, swim, etc.)

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Make some new Friends

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Get involve in Student Government



The Burnaby Mountain Student Experience

Our Mission Statement

- To prepare and support an inclusive, caring community of learners for the challenges of a changing tomorrow
- Our purpose is to develop lifelong learners who demonstrate respect for themselves, others and 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



NEW 5 Period Day Schedule (2025/26 School Year)

- Next year we will be moving to a 5-Period Day Schedule
- Grade 8s will be scheduled during Periods 2-5 (Semester 1) & Periods 7-10 (Semester 2)
 - **9:25 am – 3:40 pm**
- If students are choosing to take Choir as an additional 9th course, then their day would begin at 8:00 am on Tuesday & Thursday mornings.
- Finalized times and details (including Flex time) will be provided later this Spring.

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Grade 8 Program

- All Grade 8 Students take the following courses:
 - English or English Language Development
 - Social Studies or Social Studies Language Development
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - Physical & Health Education
 - French (Mandarin for Forest Grove Mandarin Program Students)
- ADST Rotation – Home Economics, Business Education, Technology Education
- VPA Rotation – Art, Dance, & Drama or Band/Beginner Band
- Students who require additional learning assistance or who have an IEP (Individual Education Plan) will be identified through meetings with the elementary schools to support their transition to high school



Grade 8 Rotations

Visual & Performing Arts (VPA)

- All grade 8 students will follow a VPA Rotation including: (5-6 weeks each, could be in any order)
 - Art 8
 - Dance 8
 - Drama 8
- OR**
- Beginner Band 8 / Band 8

Applied Skills, Design, & Technology (ADST)

- All grade 8 students will follow an ADST Rotation including: (5-6 weeks each, could be in any order)
 - Business Technology 8
 - Home Economics 8 (cooking & textiles)
 - Technology Education 8



Course Selection Process for Incoming Grade 8's

- **BMSS Counsellors & Phil to visit elementary family of schools: Feb 24-Mar 7**
 - Students get to ask burning questions they have about life in high school
 - Grade 8 students are required to take a minimum of 8 classes – **only mandatory choice will be VPA rotation or Band**
 - Optional: If students choose a morning/after school course that will count as a 9th class (8am or after 3:40pm)
 - Orchestral Strings (Band)/Choir in blocks 1 & 6 all year (on opposite days, so students can take both)
 - Sports Specific Conditioning: Basketball in block 1, volleyball in block 6
- Course selection forms will go home after the visits and are due back to elementary schools by **March 10, 2025**
- **French Immersion & Mandarin Program students** – complete forms & email to Ms. Cardamone or Ms. Qin, they will reach out in May to schedule placement assessment
 - Forms can be found on BMSS website: DEPTS → Languages → French/Mandarin forms



Cross-District and Out of District Process

Cross and Out-of-District Transfers

- Burnaby residents wanting to attend a school in September that is not the school designated for their attendance area must submit a Cross-District Transfer Application to their desired school.
- Students living outside Burnaby can apply to attend a Burnaby school by submitting an Out-of-District Transfer Application to their desired school. **This process will continue over email.**
- The forms can be found on the district website, <https://burnabyschools.ca/registration-categories/#studenttransfers>, as can the email addresses for all schools.
 - Applications are currently closed and will re-open in February 2025
 - All applications received in February, regardless of what date they are received during the month, will receive equal priority.



Student Experiences at Burnaby Mountain



Amity Dominelli

Grade 12 Student



Sol Park

Grade 12 Student

Burnaby Mountain Website

The screenshot shows the homepage of Burnaby Mountain Secondary School. At the top, there is a navigation bar with logos for Atrive, SOGI, Indigenous, Receipts, Literacy 10 Assessm..., Personal, Indigenous Ed, Admin, Office 365, COVID-19, and Other bookmarks. Below this is a dark banner with logos for the Board of Education Burnaby School District 41, Outlook Staff Email, MyEducationBC, AtriveERP Infomanager, Office 365, and COVID-19. The main header features the school's name "BURNABY MOUNTAIN SECONDARY SCHOOL" with the tagline "HOME OF THE LIONS", the school crest, and the Twitter handle "@bbymountainsec". A navigation menu includes links for HOME, SCHOOL INFO, PROGRAMS, DEPTS, LIBRARY, STUDENTS, PARENTS, STAFF, and CONTACT US. The main content area is divided into three sections: a large image of the school building with a "Welcome to Burnaby Mountain" message and mission statement; a "BRITISH COLUMBIA PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENT" banner; and a "QUICK LINKS" section with a green arrow pointing to the "School Bulletin" link. The "QUICK LINKS" section includes: School Bulletin, Grad Information, School Calendar, Library Catalogue, Student Services Dept, and Course Selection. Below the main content is a "WHAT'S NEW @ MOUNTAIN" section with a link to "School News".



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