



Burnaby Mountain Secondary School

August 26, 2026

Dear Students and Families,

It's almost time for a new school year at BMSS! We hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer full of adventure and are excited about the year ahead.

The purpose of this message is to share with you some important information and updates regarding the first day of school, locker assignments, and key dates in the month of September (see below).

To begin the year, it is a good idea to review our school website to get up-to-date information, explore opportunities, and familiarize yourself with the supports and opportunities available to students. We also encourage all students and families to review our District's [Code of Conduct](#) to ensure we have a common understanding of the expectations of all members of our school community. Reminder: As of September 2024, cell phones are not to be used during class time unless explicitly allowed by teachers for instructional purposes.

The biggest shift at BMSS this year involves changes to our [timetable](#). FLEX time will still occur on Tuesday/Thursday but is now located between Period 1 and 2 on Tuesdays and between Period 3 and 4 on Thursdays. Students are expected to be in a learning space and to focus their use of FLEX time to better support their learning.

We are continuing to emphasize student attendance and engagement this year. Our students do exceptionally well but there is room for improvement in this area. As always, it is imperative that students are in class on time and ready to learn. We will be reviewing expectations with students during the first week of classes and following up with detailed communication to families.

Though the beginning of the school year is an exciting time for many, it can be challenging for some students. Please reach out to us if you are feeling anxious about the transition or if we can answer questions you have as we head into the fall.

For continuous updates about school events and activities, please visit our [website](#) and check out the [school bulletin](#) tab located on the main page.

We are looking forward to a great school year!

Sincerely,

David Rawnsley
Principal
Burnaby Mountain Secondary School



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First Day of School – September 8, 2026

Grade 8: All Grade 8 students will come to school from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. We will start together in Gym 1.

Please note: Grade 8 students will be given a hard copy of schedules during their orientation.

Grade 9-11: All grade 9-11 students will attend their Period 1 class from 11:00 am – 11:45am

Grade 12: Grade 12 students will meet in Gym 1 at 11:00 am.

Please note: Students in grade 9 through 12 **must** check their school schedule **before** coming to school on Tuesday, September 8th. Instructions on how to view schedules (in the [MyEd BC database](#)) are attached to this email. If you've forgotten your MyEd BC password, please enter your user ID and click "I forgot my password" or "Trouble login in?" to reset it yourself.

School Fees – School Cash Online System

All students pay a \$35 Student Activity Fee. This fee covers items such as Student ID Cards, and support for Student Government, clubs, intramurals and other activities. Yearbooks may be purchased for \$65. To pay school fees, please use the Burnaby School District's secure online payment program, School Cash Online. Parents must register for School Cash Online program through <http://burnaby.schoolcashonline.com>. Once registered, you will be notified by email when any fees are available for payment. **Student fees will also be collected starting on Wednesday, September 9th.**

School Supplies

Each teacher will inform students about supply requirements for their specific course. **Students should arrive at their first class on September 9th, with a binder and pen or pencil.**

O365 Email Accounts & MyEducation

All Burnaby Mountain students have an Office 365 email account that can be accessed through the school website. This email address is the safest and most reliable method for Burnaby Mountain staff to communicate with students, and students are asked to check their Office 365 email account regularly. Please note that third party email addresses (e.g. @gmail, @hotmail) are sometimes filtered out by the School District's firewall.

Instructions for Checking Schedules

Please note: To prepare schedules, MyEd accounts have been disabled until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 4th.

Students MUST log in to MyEducation and access their class schedule prior to coming to their classes on Wednesday, September 9th. Students should follow the instructions [here](#) for checking their schedules. However, parents will see the schedule differently, the parental view does Not provide complete information on your child's timetable, so it is essential that your child log into their account to access this information. Parents can check student schedules, please click [here](#) for parental instructions for MyEducation.

Burnaby Mountain Advisory Council - PAC

We invite you to attend Parent Advisory Committee meetings and become involved in the parent association. The first meeting will be on Monday, September 14th at 7pm (in-person) in the school library.

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School Schedule 2026-2027 (regular classes will begin on September 9th)

REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE

Monday/Wednesday/Friday	
7:15 – 8:35	Period X – Early Start
8:40 – 10:00	Period 1/Period 5
10:00 – 10:15	Nutrition Break
10:15 – 11:35	Period 2/Period 6
11:35 – 12:20	Lunch
12:20 – 1:40	Period 3/Period 7
1:45 – 3:06	Period 4/Period 8
3:15 – 4:35	Period Y – Afterschool

Morning FLEX BELL SCHEDULE

Tuesday	
7:22 – 8:34	Period X – Early Start
8:40 – 9:52	Period 1/Period 5
9:52 – 10:22	Flex
10:27 – 11:39	Period 2/Period 6
11:39 – 12:24	Lunch
12:24 – 1:36	Period 3/Period 7
1:36 – 1:51	Nutrition Break
1:51 – 3:06	Period 4/Period 8
3:15 – 4:27	Period Y – After School

Afternoon FLEX BELL SCHEDULE

Thursday	
7:22 – 8:34	Period X – Early Start
8:40 – 9:52	Period 1/Period 5
9:52 – 10:07	Nutrition Break
10:07 – 11:19	Period 2/Period 6
11:19 – 12:04	Lunch
12:04 – 1:16	Period 3/Period 7
1:16 – 1:46	Flex
1:51 – 3:06	Period 4/Period 8
3:15 – 4:27	Period Y – After School

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What is Flexible Student Support Time?

- Working with students to support student learning.
- Personalized non-enrolling instructional time to support student learning choice and agency.
- Opportunity for group work/collaboration with peers.
- Time for linear learning support or enrichment – students can connect with their classroom teacher and other support personnel.

More information will be provided to students in their opening orientation.

Locker Selection

The locker database will be available **Wednesday, September 2nd** for Grade 8 and International Students and **Friday, September 4th** for students in Grades 9-12. If needed, students can visit the computer lab to choose their locker on the first day of school. Students will login using their student number as both the user id and password. Students should visit the following webpage to choose a locker:

<https://mountainburnaby.lockergm.net/>

Students can also access the locker database from Mountain's website. Under the "Quick Links" section, click "School Lockers". Before signing in, please click the "Before you Begin" link for instructions.

*Please note that once a locker has been chosen, students will **not** be able to change it.* This is for security purposes and ensures that only the student assigned to a locker has the combination. Please encourage your child to plan ahead if they want to be beside friends.

Course Change Requests

We will be processing all change requests via Microsoft Office Form which will be sent to students and parents on September 4th. Students must use their school Outlook email to access the form. **Please do not send course change requests to counsellors via email.** Students must attend all classes scheduled on their timetables (even if they are requesting an adjustment) but should continue to be checking their MyEd to see if their course change request has been made. Counsellors will do their best to honour the requests, but there are limitations based on what is available. Counsellors will call students from their scheduled classes to discuss requests, where spaces are available.

- **Remember, if you are checking your timetable on your phone, you must load the desktop version of the website. The 'Schedule' tab is not accessible on the mobile site.*

COUNSELLORS WILL NOT MAKE COURSE CHANGES UNLESS THERE IS A LEGITIMATE ERROR IN THEIR SCHEDULE TIMETABLE ERRORS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- You are missing a class (have fewer than 8 courses)
- You are scheduled in the wrong grade level of a course
- You are in a class that you have successfully completed
- You are missing a course that is required for Graduation or Post-Secondary Requirements
- You have an extremely unbalanced timetable (ex: 4 academics in one semester)

COUNSELLORS WILL NOT MAKE CHANGES IF...

- You want a different teacher
- You don't like the time of day a class is offered
- Your friends are not in your class

Counsellors know this can be a stressful time for students, and they appreciate your patience. Please include a cell phone number where you can be reached.

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Important Dates

- September 9 Photo Day
- September 14 7:00 p.m. PAC Meeting (in person)
- September 23 Grad Barbeque
- September 24 Terry Fox Run (Period 2)
- September 25 Professional Development Day (school closed)
- September 29 Orange Shirt Day
- September 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (school closed)
- October 8 Clubs Day
- October 9 Grade 8 Retreat

For the most up-to-date event information, please see the **online** calendar:

<https://mountain.burnabyschools.ca/calendar/>

The staff of Burnaby Mountain Secondary are eager to welcome our new students and our returning Mountain Lions back to school. We are dedicated to ensuring that you have a positive and safe school year.

Sincerely,

Dave Rawnsley
Principal

Dan Adrian
Vice Principal (A-K)

Angela Basran
Vice Principal (L-Z)