



Grade 8 School Start Up Bulletin

Dear Grade 8 Students, Parents/Guardians,

We are very excited to be welcoming you to our school next week. This e-bulletin is designed for grade 8s only, with the purpose of helping you anticipate what the first week of school will look like.

Prior to September 3rd:

- **Parent/Guardian Action Item** Please complete the school district [Policies and Procedures](#)
- If you have multiple students, you must complete one for each student.
- If you have any questions about the Policy and Procedure Form, please contact Ms. Avotins at ravotins@wvschools.ca
- As of Friday, August 30 at 3:30pm, families can see their child's schedule on the MyEd Parent Portal. Students should note the name of their Day 1, Block 2 teacher, before Sept. 3.

Tuesday September 3rd:

- **8:30am:** Grade 8 students will meet in the **South Campus Gym**.
 - Please arrive at school between 8:10 and 8:25 AM to check in at the gym.
 - You will be greeted by our Administration, Grade 8 teachers, and Senior Mentors.
- **8:30-8:50am:** Short presentation in the gym.
- **8:50-9:30am:** After the presentation, the senior mentors will lead groups of students to the new gym in the north campus to have their school photo taken, and this will include a short walking tour of the north campus.
- **9:30am,** following the photos, student mentors will walk their group of students to their Period 1-2 classrooms.
 - ★ Teachers will distribute important forms and information.
 - ★ Students will receive a permission form for **Friday's Team Building Event, which is at Ambleside Park led by Pinnacle Pursuit:**[Pinnacle Pursuits Team Building Event](#). There is a \$50.00 fee per student which will be put on Cash Online.
 - ★ **Action Item: Please ensure you sign the permission forms and return them to the South Campus Office by Thursday, Sept. 5 at 8:30am.**
- Dismissal is about **10:20am** from the South Campus, which marks the end of the first day of school.

Wednesday September 4th:

Regular school day hours - 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

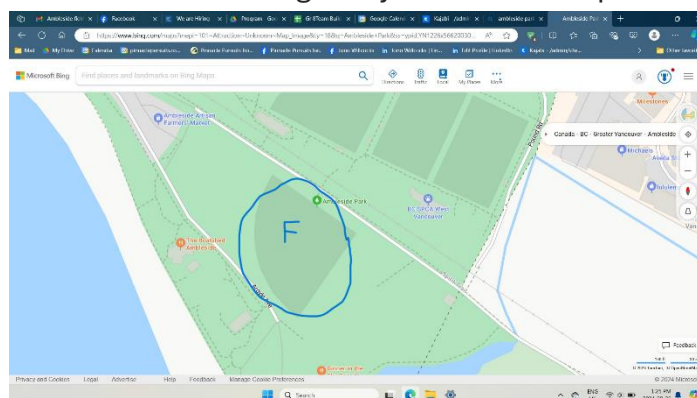
- Students do not need specific school supplies other than a binder, loose leaf paper, pen/pencil to write with. The district strongly encourages students to have their own laptop or Chromebook to use daily at school.
- Students will participate in "house games" during block 4, so please dress with comfortable clothing and footwear appropriate for the field and gym.

Thursday September 5th: Regular School Day 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Wednesday Sept 4	Thursday (no FIT) Sept 5
DAY 1 - 2314	DAY 2 - 2314
Block 2 8:30-9:50	Block 2 8:30-9:50
Break 9:50-10:00	Break 9:50-10:10
Block 3 10:00-11:20	Block 3 10:00-11:20
Break 11:20-11:35	Break 11:20-11:35
Block 1 11:35-12:55	Block 1 11:35-12:55
Lunch 12:55-1:40	Lunch 12:55-1:40
Block 4 1:40-3:00	Block 4 1:40-3:00

Friday September 6th:

- Grade 8 students will participate in an all-day team building and leadership event with **Pinnacle Pursuits: [Team Spirit Challenge Celebration Event](#)**
- Please wear your **house shirts** (provided to you on Wednesday) and dress for the weather. The event will take place rain or shine.
- Pack a snack, lunch and a water bottle.
- Drop off is at **9:15am at Ambleside F grass field beside concession**. Map below.
- Dismissal is at **2:45pm from Ambleside F**. There will be staff supervising students until 3pm at Ambleside. Please arrange for your child to be picked up or go home.



Important Calendar Reminders

Tuesday Sept 3: First day of school & School Photos

Wednesday Sept 4: Day 1 - Regular classes schedule

Thursday Sept 5: Day 2 - Regular classes schedule (No FIT today)

Friday Sept 6: Gr.8 Team Building Day at Ambleside

Friday Sept 20: Professional Development Day – Classes not in session

Wednesday Sept 25: PAC Coffee Morning – North Campus Cafeteria

September 26: Collaboration Day - Classes start at 9:30am

Friday Sept 27: Orange Shirt Day at WVSS – Wear Orange!

Monday Sept 30: Truth and Reconciliation Day

I have linked our calendar, [Cal Summary.doc \(sharepoint.com\)](#) and you will find a copy of our **Week One and Week Two schedule on the following page** so that you can become familiar with it.

I have also linked the [Frequently Asked Questions Q&A](#) that were gathered at the May Orientation for incoming grade 8s.

We are here to support all our learners and are looking forward to a fun, productive, and wonderful year. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at sfrith@wvschools.ca and I will be happy to assist in any way possible.

Warm regards,

Sofia Frith

WEEK ONE				
Monday (FIT)	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday (FIT)	Friday
DAY 1 - 12FIT34	DAY 2 - 1234	DAY 1 - 2314	DAY 2 - 23FIT14	DAY 1 - 3124
Block 1 8:30-9:37	Block 1 8:30-9:50	Block 2 8:30-9:50	Block 2 8:30-9:37	Block 3 8:30-9:50
Break 9:37-9:52	Break 9:50-10:00	Break 9:50-10:00	Break 9:37-9:52	Break 9:50-10:00
Block 2 9:52-11:00	Block 2 10:00-11:20	Block 3 10:00-11:20	Block 3 9:52-11:00	Block 1 10:00-11:20
FIT 11:00-11:50	Break 11:20-11:35	Break 11:20-11:35	FIT 11:00-11:50	Break 11:20-11:35
Block 3 11:50-12:55	Block 3 11:35-12:55	Block 1 11:35-12:55	Block 1 11:50-12:55	Block 2 11:35-12:55
Lunch 12:55-1:40	Lunch 12:55-1:40	Lunch 12:55-1:40	Lunch 12:55-1:40	Lunch 12:55-1:40
Block 4 1:40-2:48	Block 4 1:40-3:00	Block 4 1:40-3:00	Block 4 1:40-2:48	Block 4 1:40-3:00

WEEK TWO				
Monday (FIT)	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday (FIT)	Friday
DAY 2 - 31FIT24	DAY 1 - 1234	DAY 2 - 1234	DAY 1 - 23FIT14	DAY 2 - 2314
Block 3 8:30-9:37	Block 1 8:30-9:50	Block 1 8:30-9:50	Block 2 8:30-9:37	Block 2 8:30-9:50
Break 9:37-9:52	Break 9:50-10:00	Break 9:50-10:00	Break 9:37-9:52	Break 9:50-10:10
Block 1 9:52-11:00	Block 2 10:00-11:20	Block 2 10:00-11:20	Block 3 9:52-11:00	Block 3 10:00-11:20
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