



WL SEATON SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Welcome!

Welcome to new families and students. This Summer newsletter will update you on some of the startup procedures and help prepare new and established families for the upcoming year. The custodial crew are well into getting the facility fully prepared for the upcoming year – thanks for your hard work. We look forward to coming back to a shiny facility.

Student Timetables

Students completed the course selections. We have used selections to create the courses offered. Your Seaton student may have selected a course that did not get offered or is in conflict with other requested courses. These students will be programmed into other courses to meet their graduation needs. We do not give spares in the first semester. Second semester spares are given to students in Grade 12 who have the full credits for the year. These students are generally taking a course outside of the timetable and have the extra credits on the year. Thank you Mr. Chris Colclough and Mrs. Charlene Lau for your work in getting timetables ready for our students. **Students timetables will be released in MyEd BC on August 24.** The counsellors, Mr. Colclough (A-L) and Mrs. Lau (M-Z) will be available for change requests August 31 September 4 starting at 8:30am to 3pm. You can make appointments through the office in this week or you can email ccolclough@sd22.bc.ca and clau@sd22.bc.ca. Mrs. Lau has an online change request form that can be used. Link to Online Form <https://forms.office.com/r/QAT638LDSZ>

Grade 8 Introduction

On September 2, at 10:00 am, we will be hosting the grade 8 introduction. Grade 8 students are welcomed to the school, given their timetable, locker, and the opportunity to tour the school to find out where their classes are. This introduction will take about 2 hours. We encourage students to purchase locks from Seaton for \$5 on this day. These will be replaced for free if they malfunction. Students can also pay their student fees on this day.

BYOD

Seaton Secondary has Wifi that is accessible to students. This comes with a need for student responsibility and respect. This can benefit students in learning how to use

electronic platforms that are currently used in Universities and Colleges and allow students to connect with their schoolwork at home and at school. This wifi is **not** a service for greater cell phone use. We recommend that students use a device with a keyboard. The current expectations for the use of electronics will be reviewed on the first day and in our first assembly. (please see attached poster about the cell phone policy)

New Student Registration

New students in our catchment can come in during the weeks of August 24 – September 4 to register. Students in our catchment can still register on Tuesday, September 8, but will not start until a timetable is built. Some new students may be asked to wait until after Friday, September 11th while we determine available class spaces. We are very sorry for the inconvenience and will work hard to ensure all of our students can meet their goals for the 2026/27 school year.

WL Seaton Secondary Staff to date

We are continuing to work through staffing as we get ready for September. The staff will continuously be updated on the staff directory on the website while the office is open. <https://sd22.bc.ca/seaton/staff-directory/>

Day One:

On **Tuesday, September 8**, we have a shortened day. All students will start in their Block A class. During the half day, they will go through each class in the first semester and review expectations and supplies required. Please remind your Seaton student to review their class schedule on MyEd BC. A printed copy or photo on a phone is very helpful. Students can also pick these up at the office the week before school starts.

8:30am – 9:15am – Block A

9:20am – 10:10am – Block B

10:10am-10:25am – Break

10:25am-11:15am – Block C

11:20am – 12:00pm – Block D

Busses will run 3 hours early on this day.

On **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 9,10,11** we will be running through the regular period times but the block order will be A, B, C, D.

Regular Period Schedule:



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Student timetables will be available on MyEd BC on August 22, 2025.

Period 1	8:30am – 9:52am
AM Break	9:52am – 10:02am
Period 2	10:02am – 11:24am
Lunch	11:24am – 12:07pm
Period 3	12:07pm – 1:29pm
PM Break	1:29pm – 1:39pm
Period 4	1:39pm – 3:00pm

The block rotation for each week is posted in the office each day.

School Supplies

Students should come to class on opening day prepared to work, with pen/pencil, binder and notepaper. Teachers will advise students of any special supplies that they will need for their courses. These supplies may include items such as glue sticks, calculators, scissors, felt pens...

September Events:

September 8: School Opens busses run 3 hours early
September 14-18: Grade group Assemblies
September 16: Parent info night meeting at 6:30pm (gym)
September 16: Student Grad meeting at Lunch
September 21: First PAC meeting at 6:30pm in the Learning Commons
September 23: Grad parent meeting – 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons
September 24: Course change deadline
September 23: School Photo Day (retakes Oct. 19)
September 25: Professional Development Day (no school)
September 29: School Orange Shirt Day
September 30: Truth and Reconciliation Day (no school)

Extra Curricular:

The fall season will have both male and female volleyball and cross country running and male Soccer. If you are interested in supporting the Seaton sports program in any way, please contact our Athletic Director, Melanie Trumpower. We are always open to support clubs and other activities at the school. If you or your Seaton student has an interest and would like to create a group to pursue this activity, they can work toward getting a staff member to support or contact myself, Mrs Trueman or Mr. Pospisil

to see if it is something we can support. Clubs and other activities will be announced and posted after week one.

School Photos: September 23

School Photos are ordered online. A message will be sent home on the week of school photos asking your permission to allow Mountain West to use your email address to send you your proofs and order access number. Please ensure that your contact information is up to date with the school.

Student Handbook and Code of Conduct:

The student handbook and code of conduct will be sent to all families with the September newsletter. The code of conduct is reviewed with all students in group assemblies and in classes and is also available to review on the website. These will both be reviewed for updates with parents, staff and students during the first two months.

Demographics, Lates and Absences:

If your Seaton student is late or absent, please contact the office at 250-542-3361. This will save us a lot of time tracking students that could otherwise be used to help the learning of our students. Please let the office know of any change in phone numbers, address, or email so that you can stay up to date with the latest at Seaton Secondary.

Grad 2027

We look forward to making this the best year for our 2027 grad students. I will be taking the lead role in making sure this year's grad events are exceptional. This cannot happen without the help of the fantastic parent volunteers. The first parent meeting is on September 23, at 6:30pm in the Seaton Learning Commons (Library).

Transportation-Bus Information

If your child uses the school district bus service they must be registered with the Transportation Department. You can find the registration form and bus route information on the following website.

<http://www.sd22.bc.ca>

Please advise your children to look for this Route Number and not for the bus number to identify their bus.



CELL PHONE PROCEDURE UPDATE



All students will be required to put their phones in the classroom storage system at the start of class, and usage will not be permitted on school grounds during instructional time.

This school procedure supports the SD22 Administrative Procedure AP-IT-351-01 for Acceptable Use of Technology and the Provincial Personal Digital Device Restrictions in School.

Exceptions include the use of personal devices that monitor and support medical necessities, and specific learning activities as directed by the classroom teacher.

WHY?

Social media, regular electronic interruptions, digital device addiction, increasing incidents of cyberbullying and unsafe online behaviour negatively impact students. Research shows that unregulated smartphone use undermines academic performance and contributes to anxiety and depression among adolescents.



HOW CAN PARENTS AND GUARDIANS SUPPORT THIS SCHOOL POLICY?

- When communicating with your student by cell phone, please send messages outside of instructional times. Keep in mind that students will be able to respond at breaks and lunch only.
- For non-urgent issues that require attention outside of lunch and breaks, such as scheduled appointments, parents/guardians are encouraged to leave a message through the office.
- Parents/guardians can expect to be contacted directly by school staff should their child be injured, unwell and/or require medical attention.

REMINDERS AND INTERVENTIONS

Reminders will be given to students, but repeated reminders may result in parent/guardian notification and phones being held in the office for safe keeping until the end of the school day.

We appreciate your support and ask that you discuss these changes with your child(ren). Please contact us with any questions or concerns.