

Dear Seycove Families of Grade 8 Students

August 28, 2026

We hope that your summer included rest, relaxation, adventure, and family activities. As we look ahead to September and our plans to welcome new students to Seycove, we want to share the schedule for the first day, as well as information about our timetable, calendar, and Grade 8 retreat at the Cheakamus Centre.

First Day of School – Tuesday September 8, 2026

Grade 8 students are expected to be in attendance between 10:30am and 12:30pm, (grades 9-12 will be scheduled to attend briefly in the afternoon). Grade 8 students will meet in the gym at 10:30am for an orientation which will be followed by a homeroom where they will receive their timetable and locker. Next, there will be a chance for grade 8s to find the location of their first class on Wednesday, so they know where they will be going the next day. We will finish the morning with grade 8s and their student leaders taking each homeroom group out to the field for a group activity organized by senior student leaders. The first day of regular classes is Wednesday, September 9 and the block rotation will be 5,6,7,8. Students need to bring a binder, with lined paper, pens, pencils, and highlighters. Any other specific materials required by teachers will be shared in classes by the teachers. Please review and remind your Grade 8 that students are expected to leave their personal digital devices at home or in their lockers during instructional time.

Grade 8 Retreat - Cheakamus

We are very excited to be planning a one-day retreat at the Cheakamus Centre for all grade 8 students on Friday, September 25, 2026. This will be an important community-building experience for all our incoming Grade 8s. Seycove staff and senior student leaders are looking forward to leading parts of the programming and participating in the retreat alongside the Grade 8s.

Throughout the day, students will participate in community-building and outdoor education-based activities led by both Seycove and Cheakamus Centre staff. Student leaders, Seycove staff and Cheakamus staff and administration will always be on site.

The cost of the trip is \$131.00 per student. This includes bus transportation, all meals, and programming. More detailed information about the field trip, as well as consent forms and medical forms, are attached and copies can be found on the Seycove School Website: [Cheakamus Documents](#). The consent form and medical form are due back to the school office in the first week on Friday, September 11, 2026. The trip fee must be paid through school cash online by Friday September 11 as well.

Our hope is that all Grade 8 students attend the retreat. Regular grade 8 classes will not be running on the day of the retreat; therefore, students will not be missing any of their subject classes during this time. Students in academies will be excused from their classes at other school sites while at Cheakamus, and we hope that you are able to adjust after school activities to allow your child to attend this important grade-wide event.



2026-2027 School Year

Seycove's approved calendar for the 2026-2027 school year can be found here: [Seycove 2026 2027 Calendar of events](#). The detailed monthly calendar is currently under construction and will be posted on the 'Calendar' Page of the school website under the 'About Our School' Menu. This coming year's weekly block rotation schedule is posted below. We have a 4 block per day linear system with tutorial time at the start of each day.

	Week 1					Week 2					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Late Start Wednesday
Tutorial Time 8:28-9:10 AM											Staff Collaboration 8:28-9:48 AM
9:10-10:20 AM	1	5	2	6	3	7	1	5	2	6	2 or 5 9:48-10:50 AM
Transition											Transition
10:25-11:35 AM	2	6	3	7	1	5	2	6	3	7	3 or 6 10:55-11:55 PM
Transition											Transition
11:40-12:50 PM	3	7	1	5	2	6	3	7	1	5	1 or 7 12:00-1:00 PM
12:50-1:50 PM	LUNCH					LUNCH					LUNCH 1:00-2:00 PM
1:50-3:00 PM	4	8	4	8	4	8	4	8	4	8	4 or 8 2:00-3:00 PM
Late Start Wednesday Dates: (4 per year) October 28, 2026 February 24, 2027 April 28, 2027 May 26, 2027 2,3,1,4 5,6,7,8 2,3,1,4 2,3,1,4											
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We look forward to welcoming the grade 8s next week.

Sincerely,

Paul Ruben
Seycove Vice Principal

