



SEYCOVE SECONDARY
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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



September 18, 2026

Principal's Message

It has been wonderful to welcome our Seyhawks back to Seycove! There is something pretty special about seeing the school come back to life in September, with students reconnecting with friends and teachers, settling into classes, joining teams and clubs, and finding their rhythm for the year ahead. Thank you to our students, staff, and families for helping us get off to such a positive start.

Last week, we met with all students at our grade assemblies to reconnect around who we are as a Seycove community and the expectations we share. We encourage all students and families to review our School and District Codes of Conduct. Our Seycove values of **Creativity, Respect, Inclusivity, and Community** continue to guide how we learn, work and treat one another. These values, along with our school-wide behaviour expectations, apply in our classrooms and hallways, online, at school events, and throughout our wider community.

One message we emphasized with students was the importance of being at school, being on time and being engaged in learning. As I shared with families before the start of the year, in-person learning is an important part of student success. So much of learning happens through discussion, collaboration, feedback and the ongoing assessment that takes place between students and their teachers each day.

This is particularly important as we continue to navigate the rapidly evolving role of AI in education. Teachers are increasingly creating opportunities for students to demonstrate their learning in the classroom, where they can engage directly with their teacher and show their thinking, understanding and growth. Simply put, being here matters. We appreciate families continuing to support strong attendance, punctuality and engagement throughout the year.

As a school community, September brings an important opportunity to continue our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation. On September 29, we encourage all students and staff to wear orange as we learn together, honour residential school survivors and remember the children who never returned home. Schools will be closed on September 30 for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We hope members of our community will find time that day to reflect, learn, and consider the role each of us can play in the ongoing work of reconciliation.

Now that we are settling into the year, I want to thank you for continuing to support our students in making thoughtful choices, both inside and outside of school, and for reinforcing the values and expectations that help make Seycove a safe, inclusive, and caring place to learn.

We have a lot to look forward to, and I am excited for the year ahead. Thank you for your continued partnership and support of our students, our staff and our Seycove community.

Meghan Downie, Principal



There has been recent bear activity around Seycove - a reminder to be BEAR AWARE. Please click here for more information on what to do if you encounter a bear.

COMING UP @ seycove

Sep 22	PAC Meeting 7pm Library
Sep 25	Grade 8 Retreat @Cheakamus
Sep 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation Stat Holiday
Oct 1	Club Fair @lunch
Oct 1	Grade 12 Parent Night 6pm

[Seycove Calendar](#)
[NVSD Calendar](#)



**Creative, Respectful
& Inclusive Community**





Updates & Reminders

School Fees & Driving at Seycove

Student Activity Fee - \$36.60 (Grades 9-12) \$47.05 (Grade 8 - Agenda included)

Each student at Seycove is charged a Student Activity Fee which supports student activities, student awards and recognition events, other special events and assemblies. Fees can be paid through your [SchoolCash Online](#) account.

All grade 8 students received a school planner/agenda book. There are additional agenda books available for purchase in the office for \$8 cash, debit or credit.



Graduation Activity Fee - (Grade 12s only) \$57.50

This fee is used to defray the cost of the graduation ceremony and other grad activities throughout the school year. It includes the cost of the graduation cap & gown.



2026-2027 Yearbooks

Yearbooks are now available for pre-order through your [SchoolCash Online](#) account. Reserve your copy today!

Student Pick-up & Drop-off

At the start and end of the school day, the Seycove driveway and roads bordering our school are busy. Students are encouraged to walk, bike or roll to school. If you are dropping off or picking up your student, please only do so in the designated drop off area in front of the cafeteria. **Please do not stop elsewhere in the driveway.**



Student Parking

Students driving to school must register their vehicle at the main office. Unregistered vehicles parking in school lots may be subject to towing.



Dates of Significance in September

Dates and events that our school community may recognize, observe, or celebrate for the month of September:

- 7: Labour Day
- 8: First day of school
- 11-13: Rosh Hashanah
- 14: Firefighters' National Memorial Day
- 22: Autumn equinox
- 28: Police & Peace Officers' National Memorial Day
- 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (statutory holiday)

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Updates & Reminders

Terry Fox Foundation Donations

Last year, our Seycove community came together and proudly raised more than \$1,500 for the Terry Fox Foundation. This year, we're setting our sights even higher: \$1,800! ❤️ Every donation helps support bold, innovative cancer research across Canada, helping researchers improve how cancer is prevented, detected, diagnosed and treated. Let's come together as Seyhaws and help finish what Terry started.

🎯 Our goal: \$1,800

❤️ Help us get there. [DONATE HERE](#)



After School Art - Winter Term - Clay Lab @Seycove

Winter After School Art Term:

Class Title: Clay Lab

Class Description: Get your hands dirty and bring your ideas to life in this fun, six-week clay class! Learn the basics of hand building while creating functional and sculptural pieces. Whether you're a beginner or already love working with clay, you'll leave with unique, kiln-fired creations that are completely your own.

Location: Seycove, Art Room, Rm. #206

Day of week: Tuesdays (6 weeks, week of Jan. 25 to week of March 1)

Time: 3:30-5:30pm

Grades: 8-10

Price: TBD

Watch for registration information coming soon!



Getting to Seycove

Please remember to use only the designated area outside the cafeteria for student drop-off and pick-ups. We encourage students to use alternate travel methods including **walking, cycling and scootering**. Walking to and from school can help students set up for or unwind from their day. As a community school, we want to consider our neighbours and remind drivers to follow speed restrictions and refrain from using side roads and driveways for turning around and dropping off.





Updates & Reminders

Pianists Wanted! Join the Seycove Music Program!



Seycove choirs are looking for **intermediate and advanced pianists** to join our ensembles as pianists, accompanists and musical collaborators!

- Intermediate & Advanced pianists welcome
- Rehearsals 2/week
- Receive course credit as a member of the choir
- Performance opportunities throughout the year

Play alongside singers and develop your ensemble and accompanying skills - become an important part of our choir community!

Come see [Ms. Tichelova](#) in the choir room to find out more!

Seycove Club Fair!

There's a club for everyone!

Whether you're into sports, science, creativity, charity, entrepreneurship, music, or something completely different, there's a place for you at Seycove.

Stop by the Club Fair to discover what's happening, meet club leaders, and find something that sparks your interest.

Prizes, fun, and lots of clubs to explore! Find your thing.



Homestay Families Needed

Each year, the North Vancouver School District welcomes students from around the world to live and study in our vibrant community through the International Program. There are still several secondary school international students in need of a homestay placement.

If you or someone you know is interested in hosting, please visit the [Homestay Information webpage](#) or contact international@sd44.ca for more information.





Updates & Reminders

Outdoor School Counsellors - Apply Soon

Want to be an ODS Camp Counsellor?

Grade 10–12 students can apply for a fun, hands-on volunteer opportunity working with younger students at camp.

You'll get volunteer hours, leadership experience, teamwork skills, and the chance to make a difference in a younger student's camp experience.

Applications open September 23.

There are also virtual info sessions on Sept. 23 at 1:15 PM and Sept. 24 at 8:30 AM.

Check the TV monitors around the school for more info and [the application link!](#)





GRAD 2027



2027 Grad Council

Planning for the 2027 Grad Class has begun!

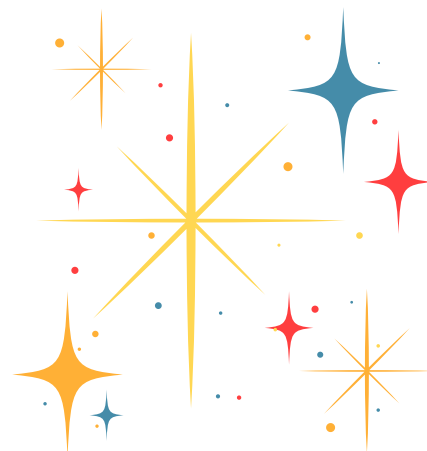
The class of 2027 will be represented by the following grade 12 students:

Mateo B, Tyler C, Tate G, Maggie H, Keegan M, Mikhail M, Logan O, Mikayla S, Kai S, Esther S, and Julie T.

Students will work with Grad Staff Sponsors, Ms. Yeo, Ms. Cranstoun, Patty Archibald and Ms. Shoop and Grad Staff Admin, Ms. Downie.

Grad Council is responsible for planning school-sanctioned events including group dress up days, Grad Boat Cruise, Grad Banquet and fundraising for grad scholarships and bursaries.

Grads and Grad Families can stay up to date by visiting the [Grad Info Page on our school website.](#)



Save the Dates!

Grade 12 Parent Information Night | Thursday, October 1st, 2026 - 6pm
Location: Seycove Cafeteria

Artona Graduation Portraits - Individual Photo Sessions
Friday, December 11th, 2026 – Saturday, December 12th, 2026
Location: Artona Vancouver Studio
Book your studio session here: [Calling all Grads of 2027](#)

2027 Grad Winter Boat Cruise | Date: TBD
Location: Bayshore West Marina
More details to follow

Artona Grad Group Sessions | Monday, January 18th, 2027
Location: Seycove Cafeteria
Students can sign up online at: artona.com/bookings

2027 Graduation Ceremony | Thursday, June 10th, 2027
Location: Centennial Theatre, North Vancouver
More details to follow

2027 Graduation Dinner and Dance Banquet | Thursday, June 24th, 2027
Location: Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier, North Vancouver
More details to follow





Post Secondary & Careers

North Shore Volunteer Fair - September 19th

Saturday, September 19th | 10am-2pm | West Vancouver Community Ctr

Visit the North Shore Volunteer Fair to:

- Connect with 30+ local organizations dedicated to making a difference
- Find opportunities that suit your interests and skills
- Learn how you can have a positive impact
- Find volunteer roles to build your network

Learn more here: go.impactnorthshore.ca/volunteer-fair-2026



Volunteer Opportunity - Local Government

North Vancouver -Seymour Youth Council

Calling all youth!

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity?
Do you want to make a change in your community?

Gain leadership experience and enhance your resume,
and university applications

Contact Us:

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Career Discovery Event for Girls - Build Her Future

Build Her Future: A Career Discovery Event for Girls in Grades 10-12
Thursday, October 29, 2026 | 9:30AM – 1:00 PM | BCIT – Burnaby Campus

Not sure what your future career looks like? You're not alone.

Most girls don't consider construction or trades simply because no one told them these careers were even an option. But the truth is: the construction industry needs creative thinkers, problem-solvers, team leaders, and entrepreneurs and women are in demand.

At This Event, You'll Meet Women in:

Architecture • Engineering • Trades • Project Management • Business Ownership

💡 Why You Should Come:

- Explore careers you may have never considered
- Learn about free government-funded training programs to get you started
- Find out how much you can earn and where these careers can take you
- Hear real stories from women just like you
- Enjoy lunch, grab a gift bag, and win prizes 🎁 (including surprise giveaways!)



Interested? **Talk to Mrs. Knapp in the Work Experience Office.** Application deadline: Oct 16



Post Secondary & Careers

Leadership Course for Girls

Wednesdays in October | 6pm-8pm | Online | [REGISTER](#)

This free leadership program is for self-identified girls and gender expansive youth in grades 10–12 to help them explore their leadership potential, build confidence, and create a supportive network for their educational and career journeys.

[Learn more HERE.](#)



Women in Orthopaedics - WORTH

Saturday, October 17th | 9am-12:30pm | BC Children's Hospital or Virtual | [Register HERE](#)

Are you a Grade 10–12 student interested in exploring careers in healthcare, medicine, science or engineering?

Join UBC Orthopaedics and BC Children's Hospital for a hands-on workshop exploring career pathways in orthopaedics and beyond.

Interested? Check it out and discover where science could take you!

[IN-PERSON REGISTRATION LINK](#)

[VIRTUAL REGISTRATION LINK](#)



Canadian Universities Event

Monday, October 5th | 6pm-8pm | Hilton Metrotown

Wednesday, October 7 | 6pm-8pm | Westfield Country Club, Surrey

Thinking about university? Connect with representatives from 45+ Canadian universities at CUE's upcoming public events.

Open to all students. No registration required, but students can visit cuebc.org to register and access university profile information.



Post Secondary Information Night - Hosted by Windsor

Wednesday, October 28th | 5:30-7pm | Windsor Secondary

Save the date for this informative event with over 28 post secondary institutions ready to share information on their programs, admissions processes and scholarship opportunities.



POST-SECONDARY BC





Post Secondary & Careers

Business Owners: Host a Work Experience Student

DO YOU OWN A TRADES BUSINESS? WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Seycove Work Experience is looking for local businesses willing to host high school students for hands-on, non-paid, work experience placements. We are currently looking for employers in:



HVAC | Carpentry | Plumbing | Electrical | Automotive Repair

Hosting a Work Experience student is a great way to give a young person a chance to explore a career, learn from experienced tradespeople and see what the industry is really like. It can also be an opportunity for businesses to connect with motivated young people who may become future employees or apprentices.

Why host a Seycove student?

- ✓ Students are covered by BC government WorkSafeBC insurance while participating in an approved placement
- ✓ Students complete required WorkSafeBC safety training and certificates
- ✓ Students come with support from the Seycove Work Experience program
- ✓ Employers have an opportunity to share their skills and experience with the next generation of tradespeople
- ✓ A placement can help businesses identify and develop future talent

If you own or work for a trades business and would consider hosting a Seycove student, we would love to hear from you.

Help a student discover their future while helping build the future of your industry. Learn more about hosting a student here.

Contact Janice, Work Experience Facilitator at jknapp@sd44.ca





Seycove Snapshots

New Year - New Photos - Photo Day @Seycove



We had perfect weather for our fire evacuation drill this week. Students and staff got to hear our new alarm sound and quickly made their way to the Seycove field. Once there, our office team checked everyone in and made sure our school community was accounted for and ready to head back inside.





Seycove Snapshots

Terry Fox Run

Yesterday, Seycove students and staff hit the road for our Terry Fox Run, completing a 2+ km loop in support of the Terry Fox Foundation.

Some students ran the entire route, while others enjoyed a beautiful sunny walk with friends.

A huge thank you to Mr. Cardle and our Athletic Leadership students for helping make the route safe, organized and fun. Mr. Cardle rode alongside the lead runner, while Athletic Leadership students helped with safe crossings, kept everyone on route, and provided plenty of encouragement and cheers along the way.

It was a great day to come together as a school community and remember Terry's incredible legacy.

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