

# WELCOME TO BCSD'S VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

We value this opportunity to connect with you and show you some of the great opportunities we offer to our students. You will find these next slides for students going into specific grades.

These Power-point slides will cover course requirements and course selection. Once you have watched the slides for your child, you are encouraged to discuss this with your child.

Thank you,  
Catherine Bennett, Principal &  
Jennifer Zuvic, Vice-Principal



## SCHOOL STRUCTURE AND TIMETABLE

Burnaby South Secondary and BCSD are still operating on a Linear System.

- All students take 8 classes for the full school year
- Four classes are on Day 1 and 4 other classes are on Day 2
- Each class is approximately 75 minutes in length

# COURSE SELECTION

- This Course Selection Sheet is like a contract between you and BCSD.
- All schools are staffed and timetabled based on how you complete your course selection.
- Sometimes it is NOT possible for us to give you your 1<sup>st</sup> choices (usually in electives)

# COURSE SELECTION

Grade 8 students will take 8 courses:

ASL 8

English 8

Math 8

Science 8

Social Studies 8

Physical Education 8

Explorations (ADST) 8

One elective

# COURSE SELECTION

Grade 8 & 9 lays the foundation for success in the BC Graduation Program (Grade 10 to 12)

Course Planning is the single most important process that occurs in high school. It determines the courses a student will take, as well as the courses that teachers will teach

What to Expect in Grade 8?

- Workload
- Developing good work habits NOW is key
- Organization and Time Management

# WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

Grade 8 can be a big transition for many students

- Expect homework
- Regularly check teacher's homework sites or email teacher directly
- Emphasized importance of work habits
  - G – Good
  - S – Satisfactory
  - N – needs Improvement

# WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

## Encourage Responsibility

- Using an agenda planner or electronic device to keep track of homework, assignments, tests
- Attend tutorials
- Ask for help if needed

## Absences from school

- With students how having different teachers it is very important to call into the school and record your child's absence.
- Please call the school in the morning your child is sick
- When your child returns, it's equally important for them to check with teachers for any missed work or tests.

## WHAT HAPPEN NEXT?

Your child will bring the course selection form on Friday and to complete this with you

Course Selection Form is due back to the principal by February 20

# ANY QUESTIONS??

If you have any questions regarding course selection, please feel free to contact:

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