



**GRADE 7 PARENT
INFORMATION EVENING**

February 29, 2024

5:45 pm School Tours

6:15 Presentation Large Gym



Welcome Parents

Mr. Stefan Stipp
Principal



Introductions

- **Ms. D. Christensen, Vice Principal**
(student last names A-K plus
International)
- **Mr. M. Khaira, Vice Principal**
(student last names L-Z)

Transition to Secondary

Three Key Components:

1. Counsellors and Administration visit elementary schools
2. Parent Evening
3. Grade 7 visits to North Surrey
 - Allow students to experience a day in the life of a North Surrey student

Grade 8 Program

What to expect at high school?

- Physical space is bigger
- Almost 300 students per grade
- New friends
- Different teachers for each course
- New routines
- New clubs and teams
- More freedom and more responsibility



Transition to Secondary

Grade 8 Supports

- Learning Support Team (LST)
- English Language Learning Support (ELL)
- Special Education Services (BASES/LSB)
- Gifted Coordinator
- Indigenous Support
- Youth Care Workers
- Library Learning Commons
- Counselling

Transition to Secondary

Counsellors at North Surrey

Ms. Kirkpatrick: Last Names A-E

Mr. Orso: Last Names F-K + International

Ms. Vairo: Last Names L-R

Ms. Gill: Last Names S-Z

Work with administration and
Learning Support Team (LST) to
help bridge the transition from
elementary to secondary school

Transition to Secondary

Counselling in High School

- As in elementary school:
 - Students see a counsellor for variety of different reasons
 - Confidential relationship
- Counselling is different at high school in that parent permission is not required
- Students learn to advocate for themselves

Exploration

- ▶ Grade 8 and 9 are **Exploration Years** at North Surrey where students take courses in both **Arts and Design**
- ▶ Students can explore different areas of the curriculum to prepare them for making choices during their **Graduation Years** (grades 10-12)



Arts Learning Courses

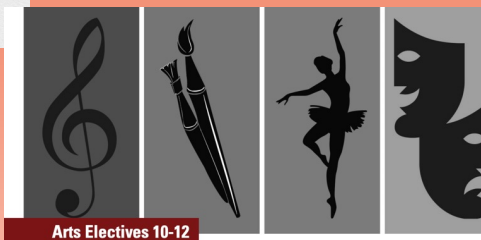
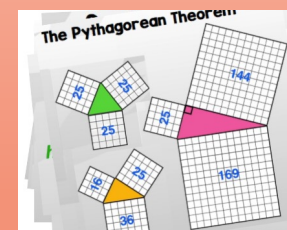
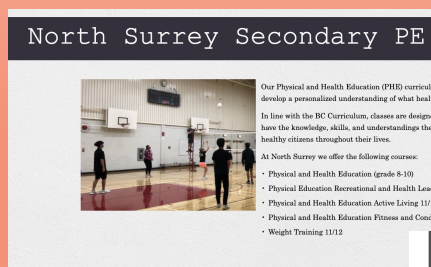
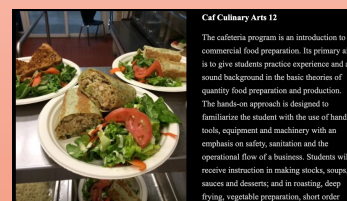
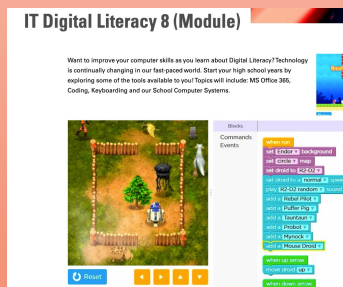
- ▶ **Humanities** (English and Social Studies combined)
- ▶ **Languages**
 - ▶ French or Intensive French
- ▶ **Arts module Or Band**
 - ❖ Arts Module includes Drama, Dance, Choir, Art

Design Learning Courses

- ▶ **Science**
- ▶ **Math**
- ▶ **Physical Health Education**
- ▶ **Design module (ADST--Applied Design, Skills and Technologies)**
 - ❖ Intro to Tech Education (woodwork and/or metalwork)
 - ❖ Intro to Home Economics (textiles and/or foods)
 - ❖ Digital Literacy (computers)

Learning Guide 2024

Please see our all-new Learning Guide to highlight the amazing opportunities for student learning each one of our departments has to offer!



What are my Choices?



- ▶ Do I want to take the Arts module or Band?
- ▶ Will I continue with Intensive French?
- ▶ Let your Grade 7 teacher know by Wednesday, March 5

A typical Grade 8 schedule looks like:

Two semesters – four classes at a time

	Semester 1		Semester 2
A	Phys. Health Ed		French
B	← Humanities (all year) →		
C	Design Module		Arts Module
D	Math		Science

A Band student's schedule might look like:

	Semester 1		Semester 2
A	Science		Math
B	← Humanities (all year) →		
C	Design Module		French
D	← Phys. Health Ed / Band (all year, alternating days) →		



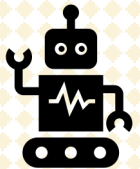
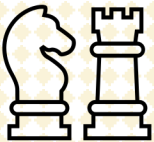
Beyond the Classroom

Get Involved in Extra-Curricular Activities!

- Athletics
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Performing Arts
- Clubs (on Website/Clubs Day)

Clubs

Environmental Club	Chess Club	Art Club
Spartans Speak	S.O.S. (Spartans of Society)	STEM Outreach Club
Black Student Union	Student Council	Math Club
Dance Club/Teams	Garden	Science Club
Musical Theatre Club	Robotics	Peer Tutoring Club
Tech Theatre Club	Student Voice	Right to Play
Grade 8 Play Drama	We Can Talk Society	Business Case Competition
Improv	Model United Nations	GSA Gender-Sexuality Alliance
	Investment	





Athletics

- ▶ Soccer
- ▶ Basketball
- ▶ Volleyball
- ▶ Cross country
- ▶ Badminton
- ▶ Floor Hockey
- ▶ Ultimate Frisbee
- ▶ Track and Field
- ▶ Table Tennis
- ▶ Ice Hockey
- ▶ Dance

Parents and Students Staying Connected



- ▶ Telephone...call the school if you have q's
- ▶ Website
- ▶ NSS staff email...listed on our website
- ▶ Follow us on Instagram @NorthSurreySpartans
- ▶ MyEdBC Parent Portal– Report Cards, Schedules, Attendance
- ▶ Student Calendar App: NSSpartans
- ▶ School Sign
- ▶ Make sure your email contact and phone number is current at your elementary school

Summer Learning Gr 7-8 Transitions Program

- ▶ Gives grade 7 students the opportunity to become familiar with the environment and expectations of high school.

- ▶ Goals:

- ▶ Strengthening literacy, numeracy, and organizational skills
- ▶ Exposure to a high school environment and the supports available to them
- ▶ Developing personal, social, and collaborative skills

- ▶ Will be held in early July

- ▶ 8:30-12:30 each day

- ▶ Ask your grade 7 teacher for a referral

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Questions?