



GRADE 7 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

February 27, 2025

5:45 pm School Tours

6:15 Presentation Large Gym

WELCOME

Welcome Parents

Mr. Stefan Stipp
Principal



Introductions

- **Ms. D. Christensen, Vice Principal**
(student last names A-K plus
International until June)
- **Ms. O'Brien, 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
April 8 - 11th

Your children are the grads of 2030!









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 Counsellors



Ms. Kirkpatrick
A – E



Mr. Orso
F – K &
International



Ms. Vairo
L – R



Ms. Spencer
S – Z

Work with administration and the 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 a 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 Years

- 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, and 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 2025

Please see our new [Learning Guide](#) to highlight the amazing opportunities for student learning that each one of our departments has to offer!



IT Digital Literacy 8 (Module)

Want to improve your computer skills as you learn about Digital Literacy? Technology is continually changing in our fast-paced world. Start your high school years by exploring some of the tools available to your! Topics will include: MS Office 365, Coding, Keyboarding and our School Computer Systems.

Information Technology Department

Caf Culinary Arts 12

The cafeteria program is an introduction to commercial food preparation. Its primary aim is to give students practice experience and a sound background in the basic theories of quantity food preparation and production. The hands-on approach is designed to familiarize the student with the use of hand tools, equipment and machinery with an emphasis on safety, sanitation and the operational flow of a business. Students will receive instruction in making stocks, soups, sauces and desserts; and in roasting, deep frying, vegetable preparation, short order

SCIENCE

North Surrey Secondary PE

Our Physical and Health Education (PHE) curricula develop a personalized understanding of what health is. In line with the BC Curriculum, classes are designed to have the knowledge, skills, and understandings they, healthy citizens throughout their lives.

At North Surrey we offer the following courses:

- Physical and Health Education (grade 8-10)
- Physical Education Recreational and Health Lead
- Physical and Health Education Active Living 11/12
- Physical and Health Education Fitness and Conditioning 11/12

Business Education

The Pythagorean Theorem

Careers 8 & 9

Careers 8 and 9 courses are embedded within all students' schedules. Students will explore Career activities through myBlueprint and Teams.

Senior Woodwork sample

Arts Electives 10-12

English Language Arts

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 5th

**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
- Performing Arts
- Clubs (on Website/Clubs Day)



Athletics

- Soccer
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Badminton
- Ball Hockey
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Track and Field
- Table Tennis
- Ice Hockey
- Cricket?
- Flag Football







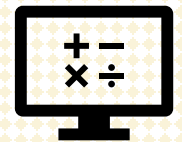
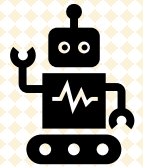
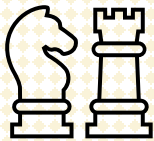
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Clubs

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	





North Surrey Secondary

Home of the Spartans

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Capes for Courage

Focused on developing a strong sense of community while developing and creating care packages (Kourage Kits) for children in hospitals. The club's goal is to bring comfort, joy, and a sense of empowerment to young patients.

How to sign up

Join us at any meeting, or Microsoft Teams channel: jnblhoj

Meetings

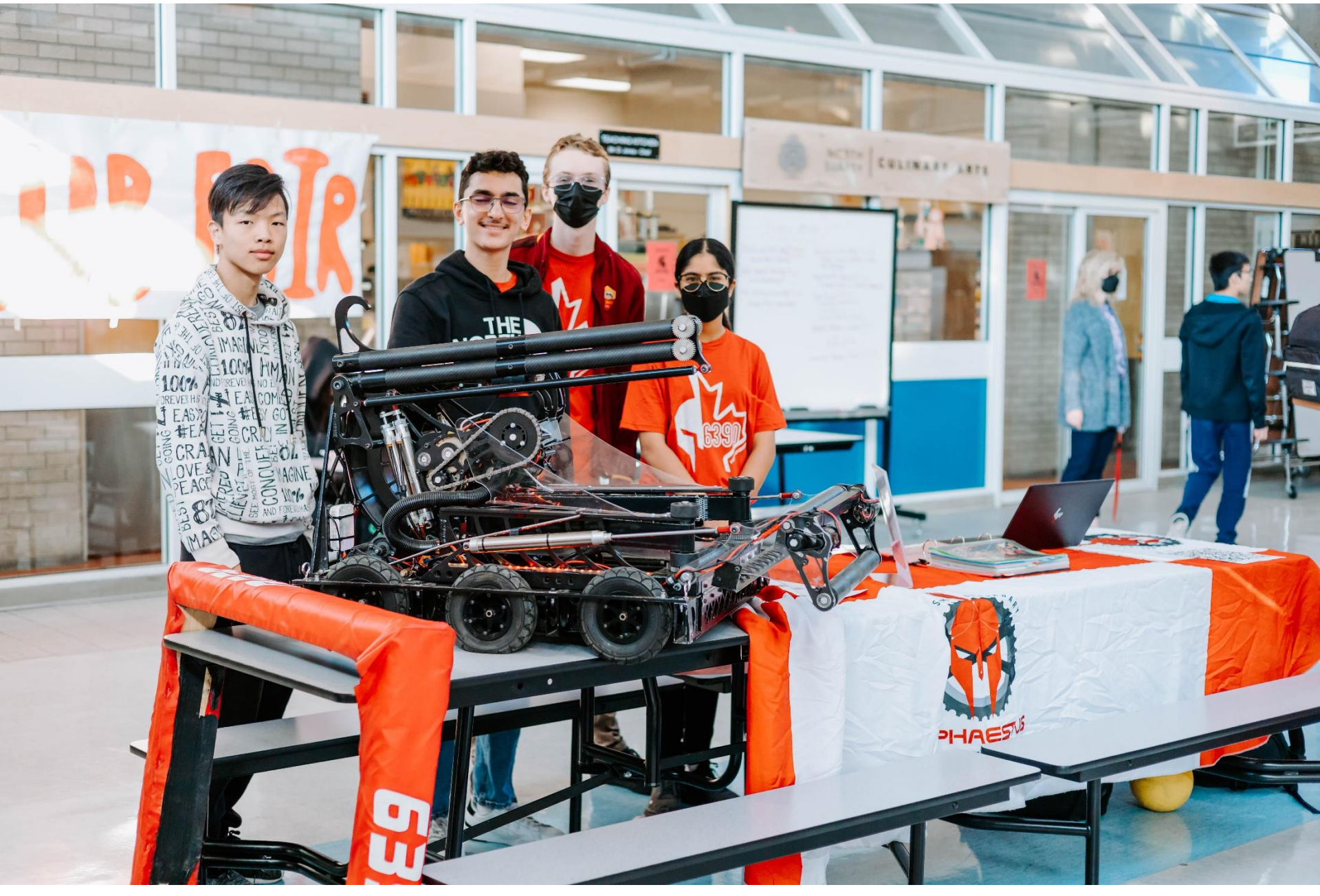
Start Date: September 25

Location: Room 111

Day/Time: Wednesdays at Lunch

Teacher/Staff Sponsor: Ms. Oliver





Parents and Students Staying Connected

A top-down view of a desk with a laptop, a pair of glasses, a pen, a smartphone, and a coffee cup. The laptop is open, and the glasses are resting on the keyboard. The pen is lying vertically next to the laptop. The smartphone is in the top left corner. The coffee cup is in the bottom right corner.

- ▶ 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

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
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- ▶ July 2 -11
 - ▶ 8:30 am - 12:30 pm each day
 - ▶ Ask your grade 7 teacher for a referral

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SPARTANS

Questions?