



FLEETWOOD PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

RE: GRADE 8 RETREAT 2026

From **September 22 to September 24**, your child is invited to take part in the 24th annual Grade 8 Retreat – a longstanding Fleetwood Park tradition aimed at making connections and building positive school culture. Your child will spend one day/night at *Camp McLean* in South Langley where they will participate in numerous activities designed to address the concepts of social responsibility in the school and community; this is not the same as grade 7 camp. The day/night your child stays over will be communicated to you in a letter sent home next week.

The cost for each student is **\$75** and includes catered food, activities and transportation. Please make an online payment to **School Cash Online by Friday, September 11**. Timing is incredibly tight this year, so we appreciate your swiftness.

While at *Camp McLean*, your child will be provided with a fully catered lunch, dinner, and hot breakfast along with snacks via the Rotary Kitchen. Vegetarian options will be provided. Students will sleep indoors in preassigned cabins and lodges and will have access to private restrooms (sinks/toilets; not showers). Chaperoning staff will be on site.

The staff at Fleetwood Park is very excited about this annual event. It has the potential to make your child's high school experience more enjoyable and successful. A second letter will be on its way soon outlining what to bring, sleeping arrangements, personal expectations, and the specific date your child will attend the camp.

Please contact Nicki Smeltzer via email for any questions smeltzer_n@surreyschools.ca

Sincerely,

Grade 8 Retreat Committee

For updates and answers to your frequently asked questions, please go to:
www.fpssgrade8retreat.weebly.com

Specifically, the Retreat will focus on the Ministry of Education's Core Competencies including: communicating, collaborating, personal awareness and responsibility, positive personal and cultural identity, social awareness and responsibility, creative, critical and reflective thinking skills.

Essentially, this experience will give your child the chance to connect with other new students, share in the experience of being new to high school and learn about the school tone and climate we wish to create at Fleetwood Park this year.

FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM

Student Name (Print First & Last)	
Student #	
Personal Health Number (Care Card)	
Humanities Teacher	

MEDICAL INFORMATION & PERMISSION

Emergency Contact Name (Print First & Last)	
Print BEST Emergency Contact Phone Number Sept 22-24	
Indicate Serious Medical Concerns or Dietary Restrictions beyond vegetarian	

2026 RETREAT

Date of trip: Sept 22-Sept 23 / Sept 23-24	Cost per Student: \$75.00
Destination: Camp McLean	Teacher Sponsor: FPSS
Purpose of Trip: Gr. 8 Retreat	
Time of Departure: 10:30am (be at school 10:00am)	Time of Return: Noon, the next day
Means of Transportation: School Bus	Return signed form and pay by: Friday: Sept 11th



INFORMED CONSENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY To Be Completed For High Risk Activities

Grade 8 Retreat 2026

(Describe Activity)

(the "Activity")

To: The Board of Education of School District No. 36 (Surrey) and its officials, employees, teachers and agents (collectively and individually, the "Board")

STUDENT:

In consideration of the Board permitting me to participate in the Activity,

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I _____ (the "Student") state as follows:

1. I have discussed with my parent(s)/guardian their expectations, and the Board's expectations, of my behaviour during the Activity.
2. I understand and agree to abide by the School's Code of Conduct and any other rules that are set out for this Activity.
3. I agree to cooperate with, and follow the directions given to me by, any of the Activity's supervisors for the entire duration of the Activity.
4. I have discussed with my parent(s)/guardian the significance of the declaration I am making by signing below.

Student

Date

Sept. 2026

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PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN:

I _____ (the "Parent(s)/Guardian") am the parent(s)/guardian of the Student. In consideration of the Board permitting the Student to participate in the Activity, I agree as follows:

1. I have read and understand the materials provided to me by the Board outlining the Activity and agree the Activity is appropriate for the Student. I hereby give my consent for the Student to participate in the Activity.
2. I represent to the Board that the Student is medically fit to participate in the Activity. I have informed the Student not to participate further if he/she feels anything to be unsafe.
3. I hereby agree that I shall pay any and all financial obligations, loss or claims for compensation that the Board may suffer or incur in any way as a result of the Student's participation in the Activity.
4. I hereby waive any and all legal rights that I may have now or in the future and release from liability and agree not to sue the Board for any loss or damage that I may suffer as a result of the Student's participation in the Activity.
5. I recognize releasing the Board from liability prevents me from claiming for money from the Board.
6. I represent that I have discussed with the Student my expectations, the Board's expectations, and the risks and consequences of injury. I accept and assume all these risks and the consequences and freely choose to permit the Student to participate in the Activity regardless.
7. I hereby agree that it is my responsibility to arrange insurance to cover any loss or damage the Student may suffer, or liability I may incur, as a result of the Student's participation in the Activity.

Parent(s)/Guardian

Date

Sept. 2026

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