



**GRADE 7 PARENT
INFORMATION EVENING**

February 3, 2021

6:00 pm

Welcome Parents and Grads of 2026

Mr. JB Mahli
Principal

Introductions

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

Transition to Secondary

Counsellors at North Surrey

Ms. Kirkpatrick: Last Names A-F

Mr. Orso: Last Names G-K + International

Ms. Vairo: Last Names L-R

Ms. McLeod: Last Names S-Z

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

Purpose of Grade 7 Transition is to:

- Build relationships
- Decrease worries or concerns of what high school is going to be like for students and parents
- Ensure we have a good understanding of the needs of our new students

Transition to Secondary

Three Key Components:

1. Counsellors visit elementary schools
2. Parent Evening
3. Grade 7 virtual 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
- Average of 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)
- Gifted Coordinator
- Aboriginal Support
- Youth Care Workers
- Extra help after school
- Library Learning Commons
- Counselling

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 in Grade 8

- ▶ **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)
 - ▶ Foods, Textiles, Woodwork, Metalwork, IT/Web Design, Power Tech

Learning Guide 2021

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

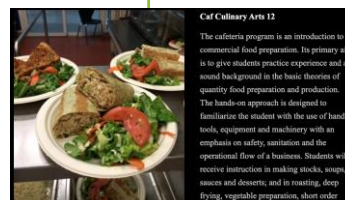


IT Digital Literacy 8 (Module)

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 you! 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 soups, sauces and desserts; and in roasting, deep frying, vegetable preparation, short order



North Surrey Secondary PE

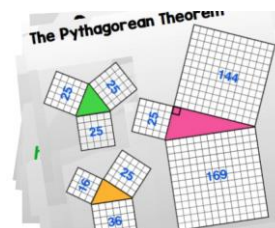
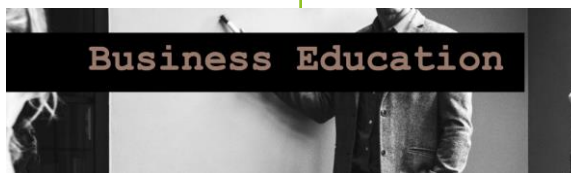


Our Physical and Health Education (PHE) curriculum develops a personalized understanding of what health is. In line with the BC Curriculum, classes are designed to have the knowledge, skills, and understandings they need to live healthy citizens throughout their lives.

At North Surrey we offer the following courses:

- Physical and Health Education (grade 9-10)
- 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

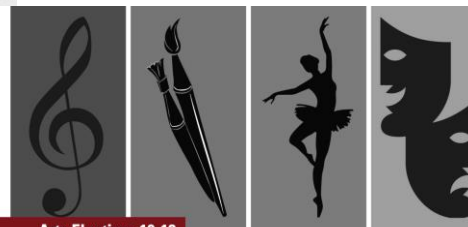


Careers 8 & 9

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



A typical Grade 8 schedule looks like:

Two semesters – four classes at a time

	Semester 1		Semester 2
A	Phys. Health Ed		French
B	Science		Humanities
C	Design Module		Arts Module
D	Math		Humanities

****During Covid Health protocols students would only have two courses at a time for a quarter.**

A Band student's schedule looks like:

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

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Beyond the Classroom

Get Involved in Extra-Curricular Activities!

- Athletics
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Performing Arts
- Student Council
- Other Clubs (on Website/ announcements)

Student Expectations

RESPECT

- Each other—be kind to others
- Environment—clean up after yourself
- Staff/Teachers—they are here to support you
- Learning—explore your passion and attend all classes
- Yourself—make good choices and seek help

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 Twitter [@northsurreysec](#)
- ▶ MyEdBC Parent Portal– Report Cards, Schedules, Attendance
- ▶ Student Calendar App: [NSSpartans](#)
- ▶ Teams on Office 365
- ▶ School Sign
- ▶ Make sure your email contact and phone number is current at your elementary school

School App

Download the School App:

- Go to the App Store or Google Play and download the **NSSpartans** App
- For the computer version, go to **nsspartans.appazur.com**



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► Thank you!