

# Welcome to Belmont Secondary School!

## Grad Class of 2025



# Belmont Grade 9 Course Selection



2021/2022 School Year

We would like to acknowledge the traditional territories of the Coast Salish, specifically Esquimalt Nation and Songhees Nation on which the school is built; and the nations SD62 works with Beecher Bay, Scia'new Nation, T'Sou-ke Nation, and Nuu-chah-nulth Pacheedaht Nation to the west. We recognize the territory and nation. We thank them for sharing this beautiful land.

Hych'ka – Coast Salish

Kleco Kleco – Nuu-chah-nulth



# Leadership Team

## Students - last name

Vice Principal – Ms. Melissa Horner	A to Gh
Vice Principal – Mr. Ryan Dubé	Gi to N
Vice Principal – Mr. Stephen McHugh	O to Z
Principal – Mr. Jim Lamond	

# Transition to Belmont Overview

- January - Email home to families, Grade 9 Course Selection Booklet and Form on Belmont Website
- Feb 3 - Student and Family Information Night - Virtual meeting
- Feb 4/5 - Introductory video
- Feb 8 - Visit #1 - Belmont info
- Feb 17-18 - Visit #2 - Course selection using MyEducationBC
- Feb 24 - Course selection closes

# Presentation Overview

- Importance of course requests
- Counsellors
- Aboriginal Education Team
- Semesters/Timetetable
- Grade 9 Required Courses
- Electives
- Course Selection Process

# Importance of course requests

- Timetable is built based on the number of students requesting particular electives
- It is not possible to change your request once the timetable is built



# Counsellors

- Get to know your counsellor as they will assist you throughout your high school years!
- A-Gh Ms. Handy
- Gi-N Mr. Taft
- O-Z Ms. Ellis





# Aboriginal Education Team



- There are three helpful people on the team who do academic and cultural support!



- Ms. Parrish, Ms. Doyle and Elder Henry

# Semester System

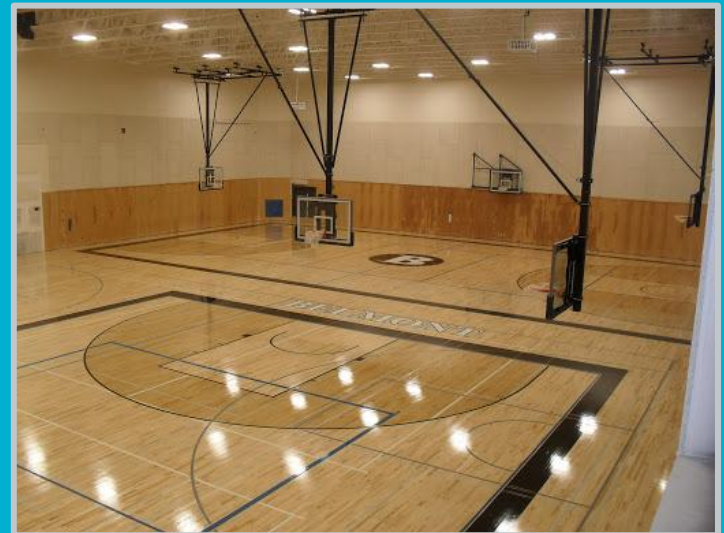
*Students have 8 courses a year.*

In a typical year:

- 4 courses: September until January
- 4 courses: February until June
- Balance your academic load
  - \*Year-long courses
  - \*Courses 'outside the timetable'

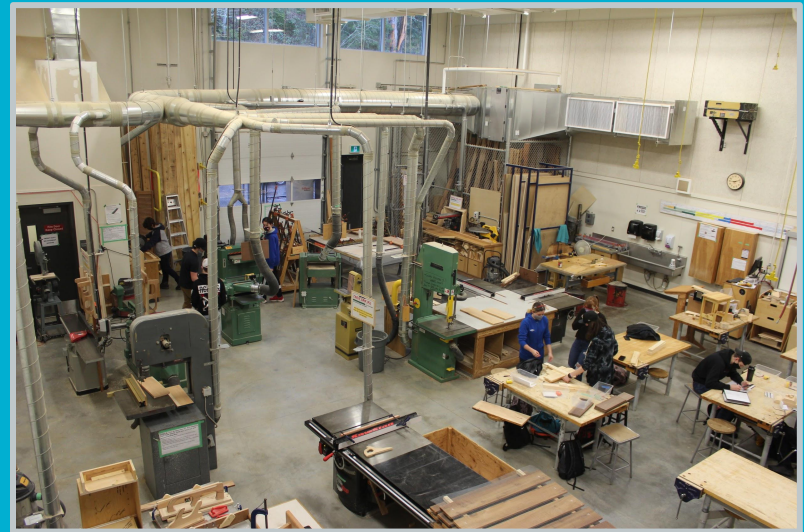
# Timetable

- Generally, 4 blocks per day
- Start time 9:00 am
- Lunch time 40 minutes
- End of day 3:20pm (Friday 2:15pm)



# Grade 9 Required Courses

- English 9
- Math 9
- PHE 9
- Science 9
- Social Studies 9
- 3 Elective course choices
- 2 Alternate Electives



# Choice Programs - Sports Academies

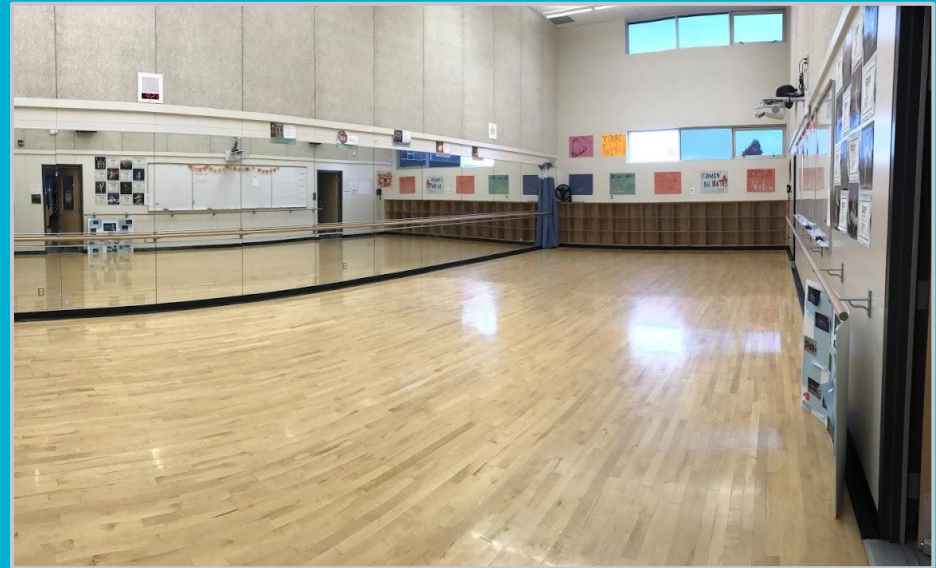
- Belmont currently hosts Hockey and Baseball/Softball Sports Academies
- Information on Belmont website under Programs
- Requires an online application
- All academies have a fee

# Choice Programs - AVID

- Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is a post-secondary preparation program
- In AVID, we teach content-specific strategies for reading, writing, thinking, and speaking.
- Focus on: Teamwork & collaboration, Leadership, Problem solving & critical thinking, Work ethic & persistence, Organizational skills, Creativity, Interpersonal communication, Relationship skills (e.g. conflict resolution)
- AVID is a linear (all year) program.

# Choice Programs - Advanced Dance

- Year-long dance course for students with previous dance experience.
- Feb 28 is the audition application deadline
- Auditions take place in March
- Information on Belmont website under Programs -> Fine Arts



# Elective Options

- Concert Choir, Concert Band, Piano, Guitar, Electronic Music & Composition
- Cosmetology
- Computer Technology
- Dance, Hip Hop & Conditioning
- Drama, Film Making
- Foods Studies
- Textiles 9
- Sports Performance- BB, VB, RB FB
- Athlete Training



# Elective Choices cont'd

- Languages: French, Japanese, Spanish
- Lifesaving
- Outdoor Education
- Sustainability
- Visual Arts, Ceramics & Sculpture, Mixed Media Arts
- Yearbook
- Woodwork, Metalwork

# Unique schedules

## Year-long Music Performance groups:

- Concert Band
  - Choir
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- These classes run all year, alternating with a linear PE class.
  - Count as one elective

# Yearlong Electives outside the Timetable

These classes typically meet  
before and/or after school:

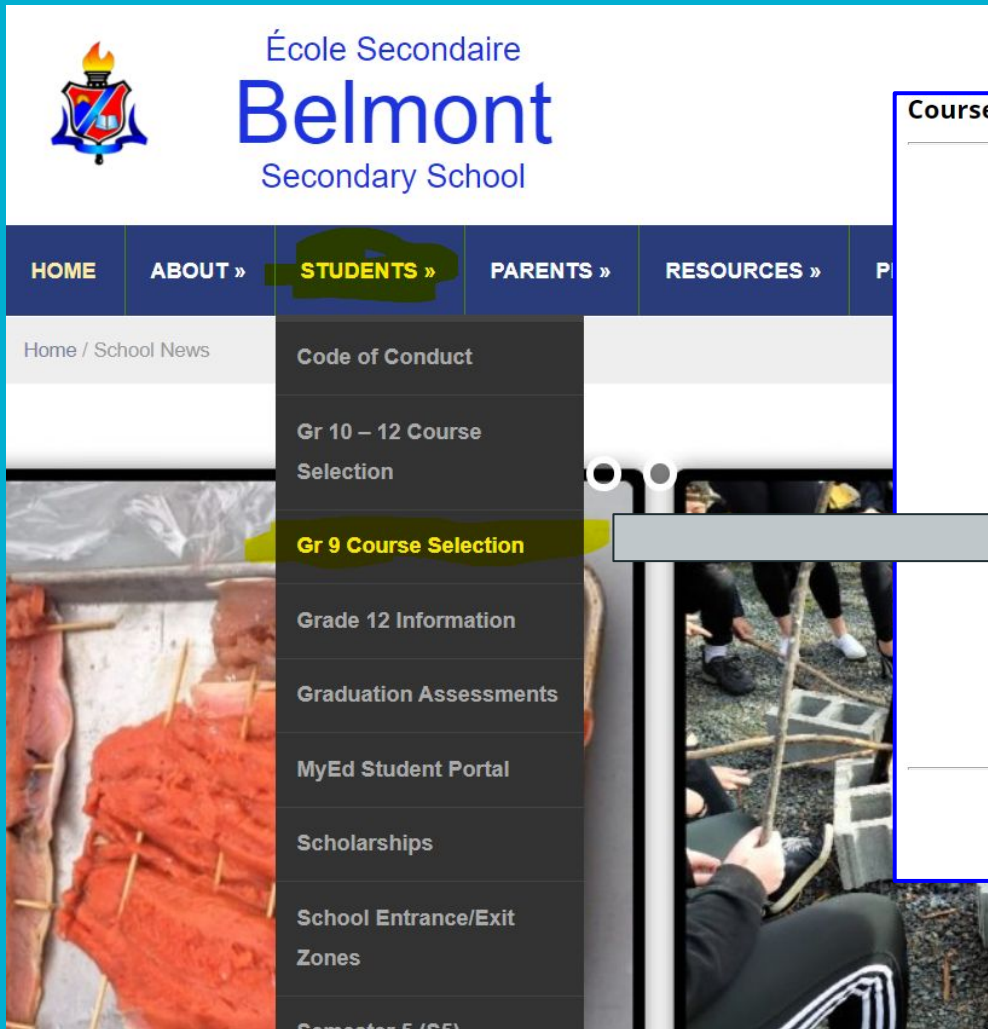
- Drumline
- Leadership

# Course Selection Process

- Review the Grade 9 Course Selection Booklet on the Belmont website:  
<http://belmont.web.sd62.bc.ca/students/gr-9-course-selection-booklet/>
- Think about your choices carefully

# Belmont Website

<http://belmont.web.sd62.bc.ca/>



The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu. At the top left is the school's logo, a shield with a torch and a book. To its right, the text reads "École Secondaire Belmont Secondary School". Below this is a dark blue horizontal menu with white text for "HOME", "ABOUT »", "STUDENTS »", "PARENTS »", "RESOURCES »", and "P...". The "STUDENTS »" menu item is highlighted with a green brush. A vertical sidebar menu is open below it, listing various student resources. The "Gr 9 Course Selection" item is highlighted with a green brush. A grey arrow points from this item to the right, towards a preview of the course selection booklet.

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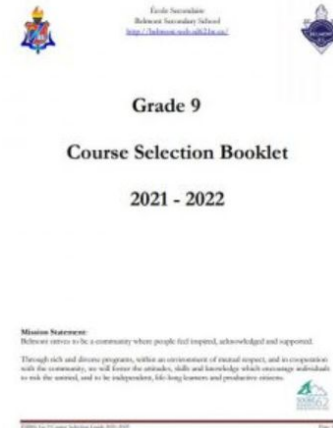
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Home / School News

- Code of Conduct
- Gr 10 – 12 Course Selection
- Gr 9 Course Selection**
- Grade 12 Information
- Graduation Assessments
- MyEd Student Portal
- Scholarships
- School Entrance/Exit Zones
- Semester 5 (S5)

## Course Selection Tools:

[Grade 9 Course Selection Booklet 2021-2022\(PDF\)](#)



[Gr 9 Course Selection Form\(PDF\)](#)

# To prepare for course selection

- Select 5 electives (3 + 2 alternate choices)
- You could bring a completed Gr 9 Course Selection Form to school for our next visit.
- Have your Log-in and password ready!



# Finally...

- Draft Schedules: TBA in June
- Counsellor availability: last week of August.
- First Day of School in September is for new Grade 9's

