

# Belmont Grade 8 Student and Family Information Night

**Thank you for joining us, we will start at  
6pm**

Questions about the transition to Belmont?  
During the event, please enter your questions into the  
chat, and we will respond at the end of the  
presentation

# Welcome to Belmont

*Home of the Bulldogs*

## Grade 8 Student and Family Info Night

*Grad Class of 2025!*

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# Territorial Acknowledgement

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



# Our goals for tonight:

- Communicate our focus on relationships and learning
- Share course selection process
- Outline the Grad Program: Grades 10-12
- An opportunity for you to get to know our school



# 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



# Counselling Team

## Counsellor

Ms. Natalie Handy

Mr. Dan Taft

Ms. Lisa Ellis

## Students - last name

A to Gh

Gi to N

O to Z



# Aboriginal Education Team



There are three helpful people on the Aboriginal Education team who provide both academic and cultural support



Ms. Natasha Parrish,  
Elder Henry Chipps  
Ms. Katie Doyle

# Secondary School Timetable

Students take 8 courses in a year. Of the 8 courses for grade 9s, the following are mandatory: English Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Math, and Physical and Health Education.

Grade 9 students also select three electives.

Some courses are offered as linear, meaning all year (AVID & Band).





# Course Selection Process

Our Counselling Team will be connecting with Grade 8 students to help choose their courses for the 2021/22 school year. After the initial visit, we will be assisting the grade 8s with completing course selection via the MyEd student portal.

**February 8 – Counsellors and Admin remotely connect with Spencer Grade 8 students to share course information**

**February 17-18 - Counsellors and Admin remotely connect with Spencer to help complete course selection**

**February 24 – Course Selection window closes**



# Course Selection Process

Students and their families have access to our Grade 9 Course Selection book posted on our website. Grade 9 students will choose 3 elective subjects and 2 alternate electives.

Please choose your courses carefully. It is difficult to make changes once the timetable is built due to the complexity of our timetable.

We use the MyEducation Student/Family Portal for Report cards, attendance, & course selection.



# BC's Grad Program

B.C.'s Curriculum has been redesigned over the last few years and is now fully implemented.

Grade 10s write Numeracy & Literacy Grad Assessments, Grade 12s write a Literacy 12 Grad Assessment.

The Ministry of Education's [Grad Program](#).

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

**Graduation Requirements (Dogwood Diploma)**

Summary of Graduation Requirements: Dogwood Diploma			
	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
<b>Required: minimum 52 credits</b>			
<b>English Language Arts</b>	Choose two 2-credit courses: <input type="checkbox"/> Composition 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Literary Studies 10 <input type="checkbox"/> New Media 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Spoken Language 10 <input type="checkbox"/> EFP Writing 10 <input type="checkbox"/> EFP Literary Studies 10 <input type="checkbox"/> EFP New Media 10 <input type="checkbox"/> EFP Spoken Language 10	Choose one 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Composition 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Literary Studies 11 <input type="checkbox"/> New Media 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Spoken Language 11 <input type="checkbox"/> EFP Literary Studies and Writing 11 <input type="checkbox"/> EFP Literary Studies and New Media 11 <input type="checkbox"/> EFP Literary Studies and Spoken Language 11	Choose one 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> English Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> English First Peoples 12
<b>Mathematics</b>	Choose one 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Mathematics and Pre-calculus 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Mathematics 10	Choose one 4-credit course: (Grade 11 or Grade 12) <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Mathematics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-calculus 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Mathematics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> History of Mathematics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science 11	<input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Mathematics 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Apprenticeship Mathematics 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-calculus 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Calculus 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Statistics 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science 12
<b>Science</b>	Required 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Science 10	Choose one 4-credit course: (Grade 11 or Grade 12) <input type="checkbox"/> Physics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Life Sciences 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Earth Sciences 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Science for Citizens 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science 11	<input type="checkbox"/> Physics 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy and Physiology 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Geology 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Science 12
<b>Social Studies</b>	Required 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies 10	Choose one 4-credit course: (Grade 11 or Grade 12) <input type="checkbox"/> Explorations in Social Studies 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Francophone History and Culture 11	<input type="checkbox"/> B.C. First Peoples 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Comparative Cultures 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Comparative World Religions 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Theory 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Human Geography 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Geography 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century World History 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Genocide Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Political Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Law Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice 12

Summary of Graduation Requirements: Dogwood Diploma			
	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
<b>Arts Education/ADST</b>	Choose 4 credits at either Grade 10, Grade 11, or Grade 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Arts Education (see Table on page 28) <input type="checkbox"/> Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies (ADST) (see Table on page 29)		
<b>Career Education</b>	Required 8 credits in Career Education (Grade 10, Grade 11, or Grade 12) <input type="checkbox"/> Career-Life Education <input type="checkbox"/> Career-Life Connections (including 30 hours of work experience or career-life exploration)		
<b>Physical and Health Education (PHE)</b>	Required 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Physical and Health Education 10		
<b>Electives: minimum 28 credits</b>			
Depending on the school's offerings and student's choice, the number of electives in each Grade level will vary. The 28 elective credits in Grades 10-12 can come from the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry-developed or Ministry-approved courses</li> <li>• Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) courses</li> <li>• External Credentials</li> <li>• Post-Secondary ("dual") credit</li> <li>• Independent Directed Studies (IDS)</li> </ul>			
<b>Elective Courses</b>	Grade 10: 2-5 electives • _____ • _____ • _____ • _____ • _____	Grade 11: 3-5 electives • _____ • _____ • _____ • _____ • _____	Grade 12: 6-8 electives* • _____ • _____ • _____ • _____ • _____
<b>Total: 80 credits required for graduation</b>			
* at least 16 credits must be at the Grade 12 level, including a required Grade 12 Language Arts course.			
<b>Graduation Program Assessments</b>			
<b>Required for Graduation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade 10 Numeracy <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 10 Literacy		<input type="checkbox"/> Grade 12 Literacy Beginning in the 2021/22 school year.



# Communication

Healthy communication is essential for student success.

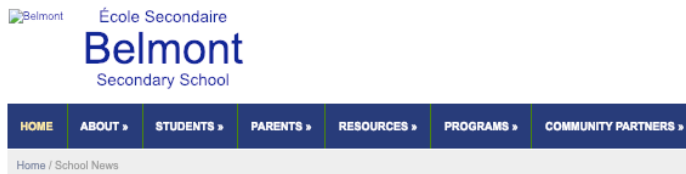
If a parent or guardian has any questions, please contact your child's teacher or case manager via email (school website), phone, virtual meetings, face to face meetings, or during Student Learning Conferences.

Contact your child's Counsellor for timetable info and social-emotional support.

Contact your child's Vice Principal regarding any other questions or concerns.



# Communication



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District Website

**DO IT YOUR WAY.**  
Get your important updates via app notifications, emails, or text messages.

**STAY UP-TO-DATE.**  
Information from school websites, social media, and much more in ONE place.

**STAY ORGANIZED.**  
Personalized calendar, block schedule, and a homework organizer with daily reminders.

**TAKE IT WITH YOU.**  
Important phone numbers, school info, and websites in one place on your phone.

**GET THE APP!**

**GET STARTED!!**

**iPhone/iPad/iPod Touch/Android:**

- Tap the menu button ("☰")
- In the menu, tap "Sign In", have one. Otherwise: If you have an account, tap "Sign Up" for a new account.
- Tap "Classes" in the menu, classes.
- Tap "Groups" in the menu, clubs, teams, and other groups.
- In the menu, tap the "⊕" to pick how you want to receive updates.

**Windows/Mac:**

- Type "belmont.appazur.com" into your Chrome/Firefox/Safari/Edge browser.

Appazur Solutions | appazur.com

## The Belmont Bulletin

Ecole Belmont Secondary School's Bi-monthly Newsletter/Blog

Contact 2018/19 Calendar Home Parent/Family Resources



## Keep Calm & Finish Strong!



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January 18, 2019  
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### Important Dates

- January 18 – Copernican Bell Schedule A/C
- January 20 – Dance Show Tech Rehearsal
- January 21 – Copernican Bell Schedule B/D
- January 22/23 – Teachers may offer "11" days for students to catch up
- January 22/23 – Numeracy Assessment

### BELMONT TWITTER

Tweets by @BelmontSD62

**Belmont Secondary**  
@BelmontSD62

The University of King's College has an Info Session in Victoria on Feb. 5. Learn about King's programs, campus life, clubs, athletics, and Halifax. Gr. 12 students who attend can apply to King's for free in Feb. RSVP [ukings.ca/events/brish](https://ukings.ca/events/brish)

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# In loco parentis

Definition - *Latin for "in the place of a parent" refers to the **legal** responsibility of a person or organization to take on the functions and responsibilities of a parent...*

The social emotional health of our youth; attachment theory.

Always anchoring our actions and vision for learning with what's best for all students; inclusive of their voice and perspective as well as their families.



# First, foremost, and always, relationships...

Positive relationships are foundational to healthy communities.

Maya Angelou: *“People forget what you say, people forget what you do, but they never forget how you make them feel.”*



# VIHA Belmont Wellness Centre

We're very fortunate to be one of the only Secondary Schools in BC to have a Wellness Centre for students.

The VIHA drop in clinic is for students and community children to access for their health needs. It is open 4 days a week through the school day and is operated by VIHA staff including Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Doctors, and Counsellors.





# Choice

Belmont is home to many unique and engaging elective programs; choice, outside the timetable, and recreation.

Examples include: AVID, Automotive, Drama, Dance, Music, District Academies (Baseball, Softball, Hockey) Art, Culinary program, and more!

Please be aware elective programs will, at times, limit scheduling.





Make the road to  
post-secondary  
easier...



Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is a post-secondary preparation program for middle of the road academic learners (A/B to C). In AVID, we teach content-specific strategies for reading, writing, thinking, and speaking. As well, we look to create post-secondary and career-ready students by focusing on the “soft skills.”

*Namely:* Teamwork & collaboration, Leadership, Problem solving & critical thinking, Work ethic & persistence, Organizational skills, Creativity, Interpersonal communication, Relationship skills (e.g. conflict resolution)

# Choice

Please visit the Belmont website and look under Programs for more information, videos, and Frequently Asked Questions about our departments and courses.

[belmont.web.sd62.bc.ca/](http://belmont.web.sd62.bc.ca/)

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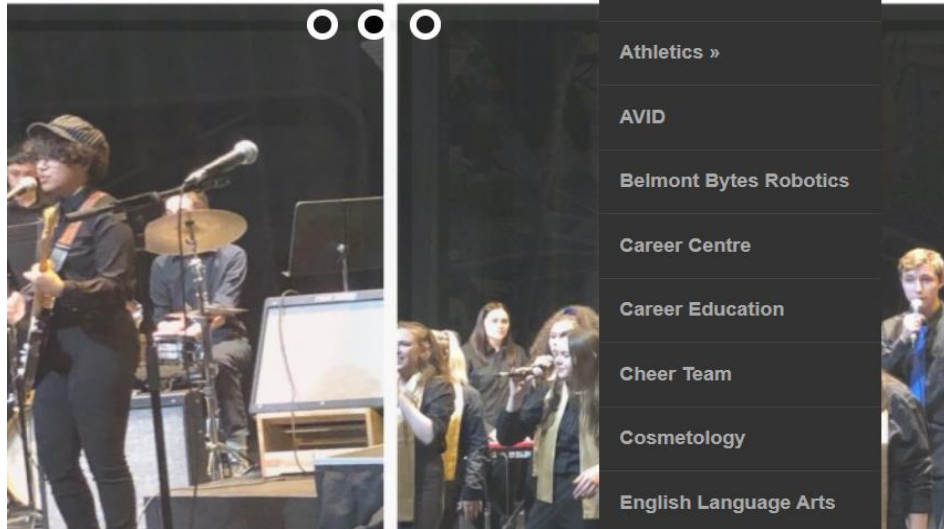
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English Language Arts



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# SD62 District Academies

SD62 currently has 1200 students District wide enrolled in 17 Academies.

Belmont hosts the following Academies for Gr. 9-12: Softball, Baseball, & Hockey

Our District also hosts an Equine Skills & Golf Skills programs available to Belmont Students

Partnership Programs include Pacific Soccer, Pacific Coast Hockey, and Rugby & Golf Canada

More information is on the District Academies website.  
or call 250-391-9006



# PACE Musical Academy

The PACE Musical Theatre Academy is open to any interested students (K-12) who possess a passion and enthusiasm for performing, and who are willing to work on their skill development in Acting, Singing and Dancing. No prior experience is necessary, and students are not required to audition.

\*\*\*Available to all K-12 Students\*\*\*

More information is on the District PACE website.



# Bursary Info

If financial support is required, the following community bursaries are available:

KidSport – Victoria chapter can provide up to \$400 per child

Jumpstart – Victoria chapter can provide up to \$300 per child

Sport Assist – Provides Langford kids with support



Thank you for sharing time with us  
tonight and welcome to Belmont!



**Please join our Belmont Music  
Department for a 7pm info session  
tonight!**

<http://bit.ly/bmdinfonight>

