8 January 2024

Welcome Grade 8 Students, Parents/Guardians,

Belmont is excited to have you join us in September 2025 as our newest Bulldogs! Shared below is general information about what you can expect as part of our Grade 9 course selection process and your transition to secondary school. Please note the dates and discuss the information together, as family input and guidance are valuable during this process and transition.

**Grade 9 Course Selection**

Your Grade 9 *Course Selection Booklet* and *Form* are now available on [Belmont’s website](https://belmont.web.sd62.bc.ca/students/gr-9-course-selection-booklet/). This booklet lists and describes the courses and programs available to Grade 9 students. We recommend that students and parents read the booklet prior to our information night which will be held on **Tuesday January 28th**. Additionally, the Course Selection Form outlines the selections that students will make electronically via MyEducationBC at their Middle School in February*.*This can be a helpful reference for students to bring on their course selection day.

**Belmont’s Programs and Bulletin**

More information about Belmont’s programs and courses offered is shared under the Programs tab of our [website](https://belmont.web.sd62.bc.ca/).

We also encourage you to check out our bi-weekly post, the [Belmont Bulletin](https://belmontbulletin.blog/), to keep up-to-date on the latest school news, events and offerings.

***Please refer to the next page for all Grade 9 course selection dates***

**February Transition Events and Dates**

**Middle School Visit #1**

**Date(s):** Monday 27th January- Spencer/ Centre Mountain Lellum

**What to expect:** In-person visit from Belmont counsellor and VP introducing Grade 9 courses and elective options. Bring the questions that arise from this visit to the family night!

**Grade 8 Student and Family Information Night**

**Date:** Tuesday, 28th January

**Time:** 6 – 7:30 PM **Location:** Belmont Secondary School Gym

**What to expect:** A 30-40 minute introduction to our school, staff and programs followed by presentations from the District Careers and Academies departments. The second half of the evening will allow time for connecting with the leadership team, some staff, and self-guided tours of the school.

**Grade 9 Course Selection Window Opens in MyEd:** Thursday 6th February 2024

**Middle School Visit #2**

**Date(s):** Spencer (10- 11th); Centre Mountain Lellum (6th – 7th);

**What to expect:** In-person visit from Belmont counsellors to help students complete their Grade 9 course selections.

*Belmont staff will return to the middle schools to catch students who did not select courses at a later date.*

**Grade 9 Course Selection Window Closes:** Thursday 20th February 2024

We understand that this can be a time of excitement and uncertainty and wish to assure you that your Belmont family is ready to help at every step along the way.

In anticipation of Grade 8 celebrations and Grade 9 success,

Your Belmont Team