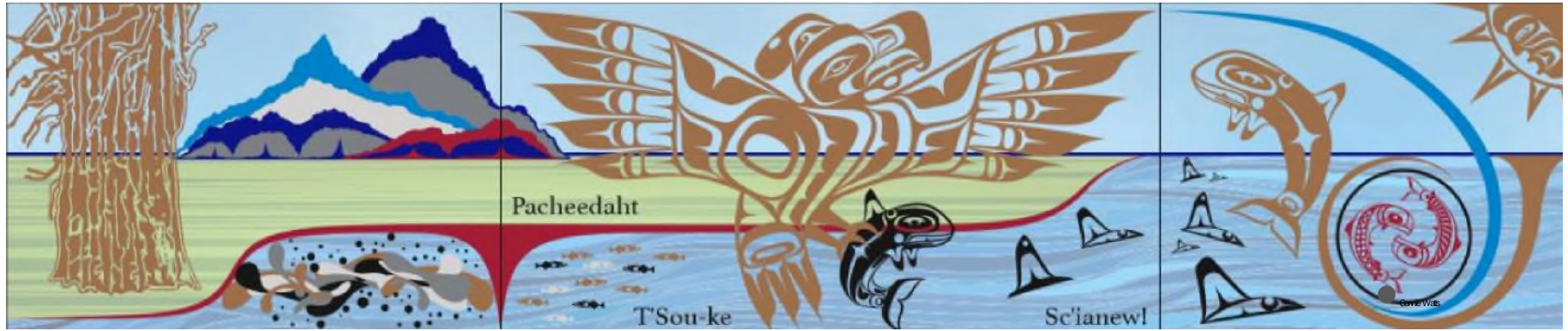


Grade 8 going into Grade 9.

Transition
planning and
course selection





With gratitude and respect, we acknowledge that we live, learn, and work on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish: T'Sou-ke Nation, SCÍĀNEW (Beecher Bay) Nation, and the Nuu-chah-nulth: Paaʔčiidʔath (Pacheedaht) Nation. We also recognize that some of our schools are located on the traditional territories of the MÁLEXEŁ (Malahat) Nation, and the Ləkʷəŋən peoples of Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

We thank them for sharing this beautiful land.

Hych'ka – Coast Salish Kleco Kleco – Nuu-chah-nulth

[Student Acknowledgement video](#)

All students need to have access to their MyEd Student Portal

For instructions and direct links go to the Belmont website, under “Students” tab, click “MyEd student portal”

or click here <http://belmont.web.sd62.bc.ca/students/myed-student-portal-information/>

Link to MyEd login page: <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>

If you are “locked out”, send an email to belmontmyedportalsupport@sd62.bc.ca

Today's agenda:

- Why do your course requests matter?
- Counsellors
- Belmont Timetable
- Semester System
- Grade 9 Requirements
- Choice Programs
- Elective Course Options



Why your course requests matter

- Collection of course data
- Numbers crunched
- Resources (rooms, teachers, blocks)
- Majority rules
- Alternate choices



Counsellors and VPs

Please get to know your counsellor and Vice-Principal, as they will assist you throughout your high school years.

Last name starts with:	Counsellor	Last name starts with:	Vice-Principal
A - E	Todd Robertson	A to Gh	Ms. Scott
F - L	Michele Keifert	Gi to N	Mr. Smith
M - P	Sheyla Beattie	O to Z	Mr. McHugh
Q - Z	Rachael Sandberg		

Semester System

Students will take 8 (or more) courses per year.

- Semester 1: Sept - Jan (4 courses)
- Semester 2: Feb - June (4 courses)
- There are also:
 - Linear (Year-long) courses
 - “Outside The Timetable” (OTT) courses (run before or after school)

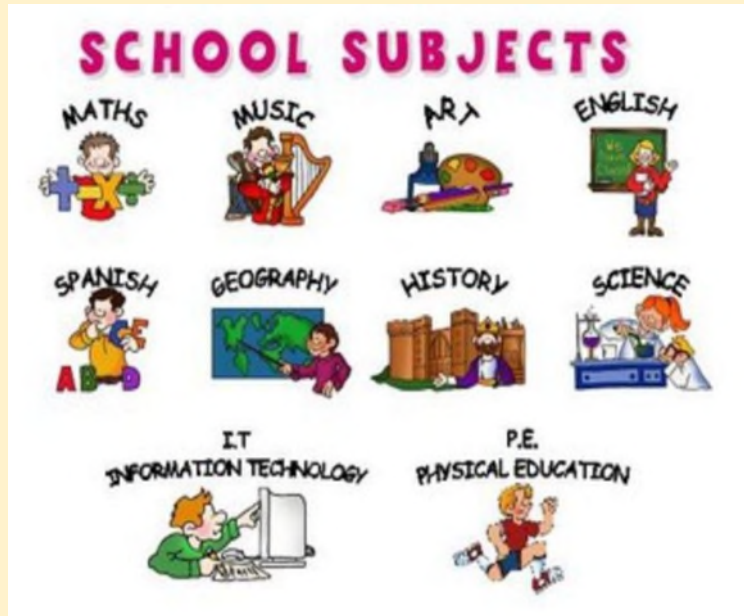


Bell Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 – 10:22 (82 mins) A	9:00 – 10:22 B	9:00 – 10:22 A	9:00 – 10:22 B	9:00-10:08 (68 mins) A
6 mins Class Change	6 mins Class Change	6 mins Class Change	6 mins Class Change	6 mins Class Change
10:28- 11:50 (82 mins) B	10:28- 11:50 A	10:28- 11:50 B	10:28- 11:50 A	10:14 - 11:22 (68 mins) B
11:50-12:30 (40 mins) Lunch	11:50-12:30 Lunch	11:50-12:30 Lunch	11:50-12:30 Lunch	11:22-12:02 Lunch
12:30- 1:52 (82 mins) C	12:30- 1:52 D	12:30- 1:52 C	12:30- 1:52 D	12:02 - 1:10 (68 mins) C
6 mins Class Change	6 mins Class Change	6 mins Class Change	6 mins Class Change	6 mins Class Change
1:58 – 3:20 (82 mins) D	1:58 – 3:20 C	1:58 – 3:20 D	1:58 – 3:20 C	1:16 – 2:24 (68 mins) D

Grade 9 Requirements

- English 9
- Math 9
- Science 9
- Social Studies 9
- Physical Health Education 9
- Plus 3 Electives (your choice)
- Career Education 9 (done within other courses)



“Choice” Programs

- Academies:
 - Hockey, Baseball/Softball, Rock climbing, Mountain Biking
 - All academies require an online application and have additional fees
- Dance company
 - requires an audition, and has additional fees

Applications are found on the Belmont website under ‘Programs’ tab.



AVID

- a post-secondary preparation program
- Learn 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, paired with English.



Elective Courses - check website for full course list each year



- Active Living (alternative to PHE9)
- Athlete Training
- Ceramics and Sculpture
- Mixed Media Arts
- Visual Arts
- Photography
- Concert Band
- Introduction to Guitar
- Introduction to Piano
- Drumline
- Concert Choir
- Cosmetology (Hairstyling)
- Dance Technique
- Hip Hop and Conditioning
- Drafting
- Food Studies
- Leadership
- Information Technology (Computers)
- Metalwork
- Woodwork
- French
- Japanese
- Spanish
- Outdoor Education
- Sustainability
- Textiles (sewing/fashion)
- Sports Performance: Basketball
- Sports Performance: Football
- Sports Performance: Rugby
- Sports Performance: Volleyball
- Sports Performance: Soccer
- Theatre Company: Production
- Stagecraft
- Drama
- Film Making

Year-long Music Performance groups:

■ Concert Band

- This class runs all year, alternating with a linear PE class.
- Each linear course counts as one elective choice



Yearlong elective options outside the timetable:

- Concert Choir
- Leadership
- Athlete Training
- Theatre Company

***Classes typically meet before or after school
twice a week.**

How to be Successful

- Attend Class:

- Attendance -> Knowledge -> Achievement

- Be Positive:

- Make your class time count
- Do your homework
- Hand assignments in on time
- Ask for help if you need it.
- Be kind and courteous
- Make new friends
- Join Extra-Curricular Activities (teams, clubs, groups)

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*The expert in anything
was once a beginner*



Extra-Curricular Clubs and Teams



Clubs:

Queer Club
Culture Club
Model UN
Clay Club
Book Club
Craft Club
BIPOC
BEES
Business
Chess
Warhammer
Math
Taylor Swift
Mahjong
D & D

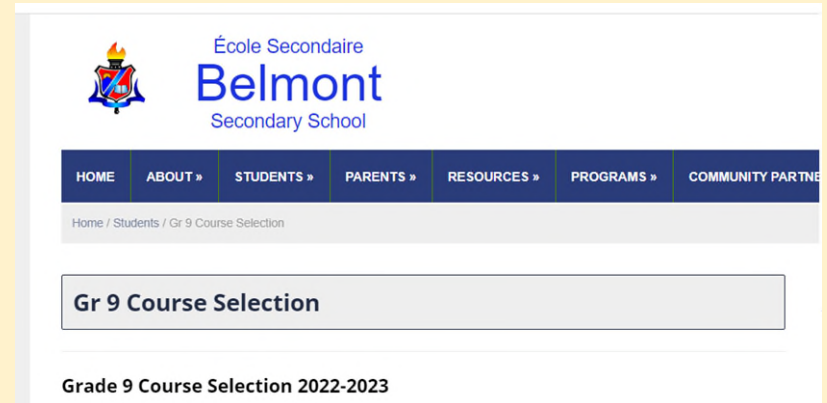
Teams:

Volleyball
Football
Cross country running
Swimming
Soccer
Soccer
Girls Basketball
Boys Basketball
Ultimate Frisbee
Badminton
Track and Field
Boys Rugby
Girls Rugby
Golf

Course Selection Process

Review the Grade 9 Course Selection Booklet on the Belmont website under the “Students” tab.

- Think about your choices carefully
- Discuss plans with parents/teachers
- Think about your strengths and interests



The school schedule is built on your requests

- Select your courses carefully
 - DON'T pick classes just to be with friends
 - DO pick classes that interest you, and/or may be needed in the future
- Read the course descriptions carefully
- Talk to your teachers and counsellor if you need advice or have questions
- Changes in September are VERY difficult to make, and will be considered only in special situations

Disclaimer – while we try our best to get you the classes you request, we can't guarantee you will get all (or any) of your 'first choice' requests.

The Belmont Counsellors will be
visiting your school to help you
make your course selections
online.

In preparation for **OUR** next visit:

- **Select 5 electives**
 - 3 top picks + 2 alternate choices (list them in order of preference).
 - You may not always get your first choice.
- **Bring your completed Gr 9 Course Selection form back to school for our next visit.**
- **Have your Login and password ready!**



Finally...

Grade 9 course selection forms can be found on our Belmont website. <https://belmont.web.sd62.bc.ca/students/gr-9-course-selection-booklet/>

- NOTE: things can/will change over the summer, so always check your schedule the night before the first day of school in September.

Any questions or concerns?



○Any questions:

➤ **Check in with your school counselor**

<https://belmont.web.sd62.bc.ca/resources/counselling/>

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Have a successful rest of
your school year!

STAY STRONG

