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Newsletter August 2016

SCHOOL OPENING INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

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PRINCIPAL'S OPENING MESSAGE

It is my pleasure to welcome all students, parents, and staff at the start of another school year. The coming year will be filled with promise and anticipation for a new group of grade eight students beginning their high school career, for junior students challenging themselves to greater achievement and excellence in the higher grades, for new arrivals to Canada getting ready to study and learn in a new environment, and for the graduating students of 2017 beginning the final chapter of their secondary school experience.

In welcoming new staff to Point Grey, I would recognize Mr. Foster who will be joining the Mathematics faculty. Also, Ms. Chen is returning temporarily in the Performing Arts department and Ms. Walker in our Modern Languages department. We will also have a new teacher in our Learning Support Program.

Included in this newsletter you will find important information relating to school opening procedures. Please note the contents carefully and do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or inquiries.

An important initiative that will continue this year is 20 minutes of daily tutorial time from 8:30 – 8:50 am. During this time teachers will be available in their classrooms to answer student questions, clarify lesson material and/or provide additional support to students. Please ensure that your son/daughter accesses this opportunity for extra help from their classroom teachers as needed.

Point Grey parents are actively engaged in the life of the school and we are very thankful for their countless hours of contribution in support of school programs and activities. These parents include the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC), Mini Service Society, the Point Grey Music Supporters Society and the Parent Graduation Committee. Families who are new to our school community are encouraged to attend the meetings organized by these parents. It is an excellent way to learn about the school and to network with other parents. The meeting schedules for these groups are included in this newsletter (meetings for the Parent Graduation Committee will be scheduled once the committee is established in the Fall).

All parents and guardians are invited to mark Thursday, September 29th, on their calendar for Parent Walkabout which is an opportunity to meet your children's teachers. On September 15th for Grade 8 parents there will also be a PAC-organized welcome back dinner at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria followed by a 7:15 pm meeting about the Grade 8 Retreat.

As the school year unfolds please visit our school website on a regular basis to check for updated information and/or announcements regarding school events, information items and our school calendars, and bell schedules.

At Point Grey our commitment to providing a broad-based and balanced approach to learning is embodied in the words of our mission statement ... "We are committed to supporting and teaching a diverse group of students to learn, to critically reflect, and to care for themselves and others as they prepare to find their place in the world". We look forward to further advancing this approach to learning as another school year begins. *Honor Ante Honores!*

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL FAMILIES

NO AUGUST MAILOUT
BY CANADA POST FOR
RETURNING STUDENTS

In our efforts to continue to “Go Green” we will no longer be having a mail out for returning students. Only **new** students will be receiving one by Canada Post.

For Returning Students:
All forms and school opening information will be distributed by your homeroom teacher

★ Timetables will be distributed during homeroom on the first day of school.

OPENING WEEK BELL SCHEDULE	Wednesday Sept. 7 Day 1	Thursday Sept. 8 Day 2	Friday Sept. 9 Day 1
Warning Bell	8:25		
Homeroom	8:30 – 8:50		
Warning Bell	9:00		
Period 1	9:05 – 10:15		
Break	10:15 – 10:30		
Warning Bell	10:25		
Period 2	10:30 – 11:39		
Lunch	11:39 – 12:34		
Warning Bell	12:29		
Period 3	12:34 – 1:49		
Period 4	1:54 – 3:08		



PHOTO DAY Friday, September 9th



Order envelopes will be handed out in homeroom class

The completed form and payment should be given directly to the photographer.

All students are required to have their photographs taken for their identification card. This ID card serves as a school library card. The photo will also be used in the school yearbook.

Retakes are on Thursday, October 6th, after lunch



Tuesday, September 6th

Grade 8's arrive at 1:00 pm
Go directly to the Auditorium

Grades 9 to 12
Start at 9:00 am



CHECK HOMEROOM CLASS

Some homerooms change due to staff/room changes. Student should check the homeroom lists that will be posted outside of the main office to verify homeroom & room #.

Students will be able to make appointments to make adjustments to their schedules directly following homeroom.

Course Change Requests:

The following cannot be satisfied:

- ★ time of day for a particular course or study block
- ★ being in class with particular peers
- ★ having a specific teacher for a given course

Deadline for Course Changes:
Monday, October 3rd

TIMETABLE INFORMATION FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Your child's timetable for the new school year will be distributed on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 6th during homeroom.

Counsellors will be contacting students in late August to address timetable concerns, including incomplete timetables, or changes due to remedial or completion summer school courses.

NEW Students Only

Appointments will be made by grade administrators at the time of registration

Wednesday, August 31, 2016, 9:00 - 11:30 AM

The Grade Counsellors for 2016 - 2017

Grade 12..... Mr. Baxter ibaxter@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 11..... Ms. Sim..... jsim@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 10..... Mr. Cordoni..... ccordoni@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 9..... Ms. Agius..... lagius@vsb.bc.ca

Grade 8..... Ms. Agius, Mr. Cordoni, Ms. Sim

INSTRUCTIONS ON MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE COUNSELLOR

**DROP IN APPOINTMENTS
WILL NOT BE ACCOMMODATED**

Starting on Tuesday, September 6th

Grades 10, 11, 12

- Students must complete the "Request for Course Change Form"
- Forms are available from the homeroom teacher and parent volunteers in the cafeteria
- Return completed form to parent volunteers in the cafeteria.

Grades 8 and 9

- Students must go to the cafeteria to make an appointment with the parent volunteers.

Please

Keep in touch!

Ensure you contact the school office anytime during the school year if any information has changed:

- mailing address
- email
- telephone number(s) or
- emergency contact information

It is very important the school has the most up-to-date information to be able to contact you.



School
Calendar

Bell
Schedules

Day 1 / 2
Calendar

are located at the
back of this newsletter and
on our website
(under the main page in the
Publications section

**THANK
YOU**



PAC website:
<http://www.pointgreyparents.com/>

Meeting Dates
7:00 pm, Staffroom
(Room 202/203)

- Tuesday, October 18
- Tuesday, November 15
- Tuesday, January 17
- Tuesday, February 21
- Tuesday, April 25
- Tuesday, May 16 (AGM)



Music department website:
<http://www.pointgreymusic.com/>

Meeting Dates
7:00 pm, Staffroom
(Room 202/203)

- Monday, September 26
- Monday, November 28
- Monday, February 27
- Monday, April 10
- Monday, May 15 (AGM)



PG Mini website:
<http://pgmini.org/>

Meeting Dates
7:00 pm, Staffroom
(Room 202/203)

- Tuesday, September 13
- Tuesday, October 11
- Tuesday, November 8
- Tuesday, January 10
- Tuesday, February 28
- Tuesday, April 11
- Tuesday, May 9 (AGM)
- Tuesday, June 13

Home Ec Brings . . .



Once again, the Home Economics department will be stewards of the **BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program**. The aim of the program is to serve BC grown fruits and vegetables which not only helps students maintain a healthy lifestyle, but it also enhances the market for locally produced food products, contributes to the sustainability of BC communities and economies and raises awareness of the importance of maintaining local agriculture as a source of food. Approximately, once a month every person in the school will be the recipient of a fresh serving of various fruits and vegetables. Last year some of the highlights were the baby cucumbers, organic apples and gem tomatoes.

If your child has severe allergies to fruits or vegetables, they should inform their classroom teacher. A complete list of foods will be available in September. Please have your child check the list in the main office.

If there is produce remaining, the foods classes utilize the fruits and vegetables in our classes. We will use the produce and transform them into various delicious products and we also teach the students about preservation - freezing, dehydrating and canning. Last year the Community Foods students made Red Pepper Jelly, Kiwi Chutney and Cucumber Relish. Some of these items were sold in our Farmer's Market to staff and students. Proceeds of these sales are put back into our foods program and some are diverted to various charities throughout the year. Last year, donations were made to Belkin House (Salvation Army) and to the people of Fort McMurray.

Bantam Boys Basketball



Point Grey Secondary is forming a Grade 8 Boys Basketball team for the preseason RBL league. If you are interested, please see Mr. Tanabe (Room 301) during the first week of school and listen to the announcements and read the daily bulletin for updated information. There will be an open gym to meet the coach and go over any information, time is TBA. Please note, if you join this team, this **does not mean** you are already selected for the Bantam Boys team, you will be required to tryout like everyone else. This is more as a way to refresh your basketball skills, meet potential teammates and new friends! See you in September!

ATTENDANCE - WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT?

Studies show that students who are late or absent from school earn lower grades.

School Connects Messaging System

Regular attendance is required for all students. If students are marked absent for one or more classes, the system will call or send an email home. This is a computerized system used to advise parents of students' daily attendance.

Please do not call the school to report an absence unless it is on the 4th day

Absences

- Students are encouraged to make appointments (doctor, dentists, driving lessons, etc.) after school hours whenever possible.
- Attendance and punctuality are recorded and reported for each subject class.
- Students returning to school after an absence must present a note dated and signed by their parent or guardian. The note must state: student's first and last name, student #, date of absence and reason for absence. After the note is presented and signed by all teachers whose classes were missed, it must be put in the box in the main office.
- If an absence is on the 4th day, parents or guardians are encouraged to contact the grade counsellor who will then contact all teachers involved and may arrange for missed work to be assigned.
- Students wishing to go on field trips must obtain prior approval from the subject teachers whose classes they will miss. The teacher responsible for the field trip will provide students with a permission form to be signed by the subject teachers affected by the absence.
- Athletic early dismissal slips should be given to the subject teacher at the beginning of the class. It should be noted these early dismissals are a privilege not a right and may be refused if the student does not deserve to have that privilege.
- Teachers are not obligated to assist students in making up missed work due to an unexplained absence. Missed quizzes and tests due to such absences may result in a mark of "0".

Tardiness

Arriving late to class demonstrates a lack of consideration to teachers and fellow students. Students are expected to be in class when the second bell rings. Should a student have unexplained lates to class, the following steps will be followed:

- The subject teacher may refer the student to the grade counsellor. If tardiness continues, the counsellor may refer the student to the grade administrator.
- Parents and guardians may be contacted at any time in the process.

Extended Vacations for Students

Extended holidays are not acceptable as excused absences. Teachers should not be expected to provide work nor given extra time for assignments. The loss of marks is a logical consequence of such absences. Evaluation of a student's learning is based on the work of the whole year. Tests, quizzes, and assignment scores are cumulative and contribute to the decision regarding grading at the end of the year. All work counts!! Marks lost for extended vacations may affect the final letter grade. Therefore, vacation plans for students should be made outside of the time that school is in session. Exams and assignments missed due to extended vacations may result in a mark of "0".

PARKING / DROPPING STUDENTS OFF

Our signs indicate quite clearly there is no entry to the school parking lot, during school hours, for students and parents. Parents should drop students off anywhere along E. Boulevard or 37th Avenue.

Students parking their cars in the school lot risk having their cars towed away at their expense.

As good neighbours, we ask students with cars **NOT** to park on the north side of 37th Avenue.

Respect our neighbours, **DO NOT**:

- ★ make u-turns
- ★ litter
- ★ cause a disturbance

EDUCATIONAL ETHICS POLICY

We aspire to develop honest, ethical, and accomplished students capable of being responsible citizens. As a result, Point Grey does not tolerate cheating. Examples include: plagiarizing, copying from another student's test paper, allowing another student to copy from your paper, submitting copied assignments, using unauthorized notes and/or electronic devices. Consequences will be determined by the school administration after consultation with the supervising teacher, on a case-by-case basis.

ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND WEAPONS

The Board policy regarding the use and possession of drugs and alcohol states clearly that students are **NOT PERMITTED** to either possess or consume alcohol or narcotics at school, or at school functions nor to be at school or school functions when under the influence of these substances. Any infraction will be considered serious and will result in the implementation of school and Board policies dealing with student discipline.

LOCKERS

Students are assigned a locker during homeroom class on Tuesday, September 6th.

Students who have physical education or play on school programs should have a second lock for the changing room lockers. We strongly advise students to purchase school Dudley locks.

Please note:

- Lockers always remain the property of the school. School officials may search lockers at anytime and without prior notice to ensure the safety of the school and its students, in compliance with the school regulations.
- Students are responsible for the locker that is assigned to them.
- No money or valuables should be left in lockers.
- No illegal substances, weapons or other prohibited or offensive material may be placed in school lockers.
- Never share locker combination with others.
- Locker is to be kept clean and food removed on a regular basis.
- Students are responsible for cleaning and removing all materials from their locker at the end of the school year.
- Neither the school nor the Vancouver School Board has insurance to cover loss by theft or damage to a student's property.

Point Grey Secondary School 2016 – 2017

DESIGNATION	DETAIL
SCHOOL OPERATION OVERVIEW	
Number of Days in Session	187
Number of Days of Instruction	179
Hours of Instruction in a School year	949
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	7 Non Instructional Days; 1 Administrative Day (Friday, June 30)
Important Dates	
School Opening Day	Tuesday, September 6, 2016
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 10, 2016
Remembrance Day Holiday	Friday, November 11, 2016
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 16, 2016
Winter Vacation Period	Monday, December 19, 2016 – Monday, January 2, 2017
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Tuesday, January 3, 2017
Family Day	Monday, February 13, 2017
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 10, 2017
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 13, 2017 – Friday, March 24, 2017
School Re-Opens after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 27, 2017
Good Friday	Friday, April 14, 2017
Easter Monday	Monday, April 17, 2017
Victoria Day	Monday, May 22, 2017
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 29, 2017
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 30, 2017
Non Instructional Days (School Not in Session)	Professional Development Focus
Friday, September 30, 2016	School Based
Friday, October 21, 2016	Provincial Based
Thursday, November 10, 2016	Ministry Curriculum Day
Monday, December 5, 2016	School Based
Monday, January 30, 2017	School Based
Friday, February 24, 2017	District Based
Friday, May 5, 2017	School Based
Parent Teacher Conference Dates	
Thursday, December 15, 2016	Early Dismissal 2:08 pm
Collaborative Planning Dates	
Thursday, September 15, 2016	Early Dismissal 2:08 pm
Tuesday, October 25, 2016	Late Start 9:30 am
Wednesday, November 30, 2016	Early Dismissal 2:08 pm
Friday, December 16, 2016	Late Start 9:30 am
Wednesday, January 25, 2017	Early Dismissal 2:08 pm
Tuesday, February 28, 2017	Late Start 9:30 am
Friday, March 31, 2017	Early Dismissal 2:08 pm
Thursday, April 27, 2017	Late Start 9:30 am
Wednesday, May 31, 2017	Early Dismissal 2:08 pm
Wednesday, June 14, 2017	Late Start 9:30 am

Day 1	D1	POINT GREY DAY 1/2											
Day 2	D2	2016-2017											
Holidays.....	X	Rotation 1						Rotation 2					
District Closure	★	September 7 - January 27						January 31 - June 21					
Pro D's	●	Tutorial 8:30-8:50						Tutorial 8:30-8:50					
(Sep 30, Oct 21, Dec 5, Jan 30, Feb 24, May 5)		Period 1..... 8:55-10:10						Period 2..... 8:55-10:10					
Please note Oct. 21 & Feb 24 dates are Day 0		Period 2 10:25-11:39						Period 1..... 10:25-11:39					
Curriculum Implementation	□	Period 3 12:34-1:49						Period 4..... 12:34-1:49					
CPD (Late Start)	□	Period 4 1:54-3:08						Period 3..... 1:54-3:08					
CPD (Early Dismissal)	□□												

Report Cards Issued	Interim Week for Teachers (due to Grade Counsellors)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 8, 2:55 pm March 9, 2:55 pm June 29, time tba 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optional: Week of Jan 31 - Feb 3 Optional: Week of May 15 - 19
Quiet Weeks (2 weeks before term ends in Terms 1 & 2)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 21 - December 2 February 20 - March 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 24 - 28 (Gr. 11 & 12 only) June 14 - 20
Parent Teacher Conferences:	
Thursday, December 15 (early dismissal 2:08)	
Term Dates:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 1: Wed, September 7 - Fri, December 2.....(58 days) Term 2: Tuesday, December 6 - Friday, March 3.....(50 days) Term 3: Monday, March 6 - Wednesday, June 21.....(64 days) 	

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SEP 18 days						5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16
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OCT 19 days	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21
	D1	D2	D1	D2	D1	X00	D2	D1	D2	D1	D2	D1	D2	D1	●00
NOV 20 days		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18
		D2	D1	D2	D1	D2	D1	D2	●01	X00	D2	D1	D2	D1	D2
DEC 11 days						5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16
						●01	D2	D1	D2	D1	D2	D1	D2	D1	D2
JAN 20 days	2	3	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20
	X00	D1	D2	D1	D2	D1	D2	D1	D2	D1	D2	D1	D2	D1	D2
FEB 18 days						6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17
						D1	D2	D1	D2	D1	X00	D2	D1	D2	D1
MAR 13 days						6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17
						D1	D2	D1	D2	D1	X00	D2	D1	D2	D1
APR 18 days	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21
	D1	D2	D1	D2	D1	D2	D1	D2	D1	D2	X00	D2	D1	D2	D1
MAY 21 days	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19
	D1	D2	D1	D2	●01	D2	D1	D2	D1	D2	D1	D2	D1	D2	D1
JUN 15 days						5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16
						D1	D2	D1	D2	D1	D2	D1	D2	D1	D2

2016-2017 REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE

ROTATION 1 September 7, 2016 – January 27, 2017		ROTATION 2 January 31, 2017 – June 21, 2017	
Period	Time	Period	Time
Warning Bell	7:20	Warning Bell	7:20
Early Morning	7:25– 8:25	Early Morning	7:25 – 8:25
Warning Bell	8:25	Warning Bell	8:25
Daily Tutorial	8:30 – 8:50	Daily Tutorial	8:30 – 8:50
Warning Bell	8:50	Warning Bell	8:50
Period ①	8:55 – 10:10	Period ②	8:55 – 10:10
Break	10:10 – 10:25	Break	10:10 – 10:25
Warning Bell	10:20	Warning Bell	10:20
Period ②	10:25 - 11:39	Period ①	10:25 - 11:39
Lunch	11:39 – 12:34	Lunch	11:39 – 12:34
Warning Bell	12:29	Warning Bell	12:29
Period ③	12:34 – 1:49	Period ④	12:34 – 1:49
Period ④	1:54 – 3:08	Period ③	1:54 – 3:08

COLLABORATIVE DAY BELL SCHEDULE (CPD)

Late Start (9:30 am)		Early Dismissal (2:08 pm)	
Tuesday, October 25 Friday, December 16 Tuesday, February 28 Thursday, April 27 Wednesday, June 14		Thursday, September 15 Wednesday, November 30 Wednesday, January 25 Friday, March 31 Wednesday, May 31	
9:30 – 9:50	Tutorial	8:30 – 8:50	Tutorial
9:55 – 10:40	Class	8:55 – 10:10	Class
10:40 – 10:55	Break	10:10 – 10:25	Break
10:55 – 11:39	Class	10:25 – 11:39	Class
11:39 – 12:34	Lunch	11:39 – 12:34	Lunch
12:34 – 1:49	Class	12:34 – 1:19	Class
1:54 – 3:08	Class	1:24 – 2:08	Class