



Byrne Creek Community School

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Welcome Grads of 2028!

We are looking forward to having you join our school community. In its 18 years of existence, Byrne Creek has excelled in providing our students first class academic, athletic, fine arts, and leadership programs. We have been recognized internationally for our dedication to our students and we look forward to continuing this tradition with you.

We are hoping you will take full advantage of the many opportunities this school has to offer. During the first few weeks, you will have an opportunity to learn about our teams, clubs, committees, community partnerships, and programs. To make your high school experience the best it can be I highly encourage you to get involved, try new things, and immerse yourself in the Byrne Creek experience.

We hope you are looking forward to the start of Grade 8.

Here are some things you can do to get ready for the school year:

Choose a locker for the year using the online locker system:

1. [LockerGM](#) Login using your student number as the user id and password. Make note of your locker number and your combination for the first day!
2. Gather the following school supplies. Bring these with you to your first classes on Wednesday 6th Sept. The quantities below will be enough to get you started.
 - One binder (1.5-2 inch)
 - Five dividers
 - One package of lined, 3-hole punched paper
 - A pencil case (consider one that can go in your binder)
 - 5 pencils
 - 3-5 pens (blue or black)
 - One eraser
 - One highlighter

Consider also whether you will use a **paper agenda/planner**. Inexpensive versions are available. Some students will prefer to use a binder page or a phone app to track their homework instead. We will discuss options during the first week of classes!

As you meet your teachers, they may ask for other supplies related to a particular class or subject. You can collect these extra items after the first week.

3. Get familiar with the school schedule, and figure out your timing so that you can arrive at school on time.

2023-2024 BELL SCHEDULE

M-Th times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Fri times
7:22-8:37	X-Block					7:22-8:37
8:37-9:05	Flexible Student Support Time (FLEX)					8:37-9:25
9:05-10:20	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	9:25-10:35
10:20-10:35	Break					10:35-10:50
10:35-11:50	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	10:50-12:00
11:50-12:35	Lunch					12:00-12:45
12:35-1:45	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	12:45-1:50
1:50-3:00	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	1:55-3:00
3:05-4:30	Y-Block					3:05-4:30

4. Take a Tech Time-Out!

We all have trouble managing our phone use at times, and our students have shared that they'd like our help. Putting phones away helps us to be more present in our classes, so that we can connect with one another and with our learning. Each teacher will have their own policies around tech use, but this year expect more Grade 8 teachers to have limited phone use in their classrooms. In many classes, this will look like:

- Phones in a backpack or out of sight during class (if this isn't working, the teacher may designate a place for the phone)
- Use your device only when your teacher invites you to (ex: to look something up online, to play a class-related game, or during designated break times)
- Remove earbuds so that you can hear what's going on

Parents and caregivers – this means that your child may not be able to respond to your messages until break time or the end of the day. If you need to reach your child urgently, you can do so by calling the main office.

5. If you have a phone and are able, please download the Microsoft Teams and Outlook Mail apps. We will use these regularly for communication, and we can help you set them up at school.

Tuesday, 5th September (10:00-11:30)

1. Bring something to write with, something to write on.
2. **Meet in the atrium between 9:45 - 10:00 am.** Find your name on the list to identify your Period 1 teacher and room number, then find your group in the atrium.
3. From the atrium, leadership students will take you on a tour of the building
4. Your group will then
 - meet your Period 1 teacher for homeroom updates
 - get a Grade 8 Handbook
 - get a Mini Handbook

- pick up your timetable (class schedule) - if you have an incomplete timetable please see your counsellor
- access Office 365, join the SD41 wi-fi network, and set up your MyEd BC login
- find/open the locker you chose
- locate your semester 1 classrooms

Wednesday, 6th September

- FLEX starts at 8:37. There are no scheduled FLEX activities today!
Use this time to find your way around the building
- Classes start at 9:05. Be in your Period 1 class before the bell rings!
- Bring your school supplies
- **It's school photo day!** What will you wear?

Thursday, 7th September

- Regular schedule today
- Today you can **pay your school fees.**
- Payment can be made by cheque payable to Byrne Creek Community School or online at <https://burnaby.schoolcashonline.com/>
 - Student Activity Fee - \$20.00 (Supports intramurals, school teams, clubs, and many other events for students).
 - Yearbook (optional) - \$40.00 if purchased before February 1st. After Feb. 1st, \$50.
 - Certain classes may have fees for optional activities - collected at a later date.

Friday, 8th September:

FLEX TIME SESSION: 8:37 start time!

- For the month of September, we will run sessions for Grade 8 students in FLEX time. These sessions will help our grade 8s get to know one another, and will introduce a few skills that should make life in high school a bit easier. Period 1 teachers will let students know where to meet.
- While students can typically choose how to use their FLEX time, attendance at Friday FLEX will be mandatory for all Grade 8s on Sept 8th, Sept 15th, and Sept 29th.
- Bring your BARC permission form! Hand it in at our FLEX session.

If your plans have changed and you will not be attending Byrne Creek Community School, please call the school at 604-296-6885 to let us know.

We look forward to meeting you. Enjoy the rest of your summer vacation.

Yours truly,

Mr. Laurent Scaligine
Vice Principal