



Byrne Creek Community School

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August 26th, 2026

Dear Byrne Creek Families,

RE: School Opening & Important Information

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! We are excited to welcome returning and new families to the Byrne Creek Community. We hope everyone had a wonderful summer, and we look forward to a year of learning, growth, and connection. This letter includes important information about school start up, schedules, student supports, key dates and ongoing communication.

Meet the Administration Team:

Students and families are supported by Administrators according to their last name and/or program:

Ms. B. Paré	Ben.Pare@burnabyschools.ca	Access & Pre-Employment Students
Mr. A. Tsang	Allen.Tsang@burnabyschools.ca	Last names A to L & Indigenous Students
Ms. M. Gargiulo	Mirella.Gargiulo@burnabyschools.ca	Last names M to Z & Internationals

Tuesday, September 8th 2026 - Opening Day:

Grade 8: We are excited to welcome our newest Bulldogs! The 1st day schedule for Grade 8s is as follows:

10:00 - 10:30am	Grade 8 Assembly (Large Gym)
10:30 - 11:30am	Period 1 Orientation and School Tour
11:30 - 12:30pm	Grade 8 Welcome BBQ (Atrium)

**Grade 8 Students will be dismissed at the end of the BBQ*

Grades 9 to 12: Students will attend Grade Assemblies. The schedule on the 1st day is as follows:

1:00 - 1:30pm	Grades 11 & 12 Assembly in the Large Gym
2:00 - 2:00pm	Grades 9 & 10 Assembly in the Large Gym

**Please note that students in Grades 9 to 12 will be dismissed at the end of each assembly*

Wednesday, September 9th, 2026 (full day for all):

- **Regular Classes Begin for ALL students**
- School hours: **8:34 am** to **3:00 pm** every day
- **School Photo Day:** Artona Studios will be on site for individual school photos. Photos are required for student ID cards and yearbooks.
- Cafeteria service, breakfast program (free), community room snacks at break (free), and hot lunch program (referral from counsellor) are available daily beginning today.

Reporting an Absence:

- Students are expected to attend classes regularly and arrive on time for each class.
- If your child is absent from any class, parents should notify the school by phone, 604.296.6885 or email, ByrneCreek.Info@burnabyschools.ca, please include the student's full name, grade, and reason for absence. If no notification has been received, the absence will be recorded as unexcused, and an automated email will be sent home.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM Block 7:19 – 8:34				
Period 1/5 8:34 – 9:55	Period 1/5 8:34 – 9:55	Period 1/5 8:34 – 9:40	Period 1/5 8:34 – 9:55	Period 1/5 8:34 – 9:55
Break 9:55 – 10:10	Break 9:55 – 10:10	Flex 9:40 – 10:40	Break 9:55 – 10:10	Break 9:55 – 10:10
Period 2/6 10:10 – 11:30	Period 2/6 10:10 – 11:30	Period 2/6 10:55 – 12:00	Period 2/6 10:10 – 11:30	Period 2/6 10:10 – 11:30
Lunch 11:30 – 12:15	Lunch 11:30 – 12:15	Lunch 12:00 – 12:45	Lunch 11:30 – 12:15	Lunch 11:30 – 12:15
Period 3/7 12:15 – 1:35	Period 3/7 12:15 – 1:35	Period 3/7 12:45 – 1:50	Period 3/7 12:15 – 1:35	Period 3/7 12:15 – 1:35
Period 4/8 1:40 – 3:00	Period 4/8 1:40 – 3:00	Period 4/8 1:55 – 3:00	Period 4/8 1:40 – 3:00	Period 4/8 1:40 – 3:00
PM Block 3:05 – 4:20				

Student Support:

We encourage students to take advantage of the many supports available at Byrne Creek.

- **Flex Time - Wednesdays: 9:40-10:40am | Sign up for Room**
Beginning *Wednesday, September 16th*, students will have a weekly Flex period for academic support, enrichment, and self-directed learning. Students can sign up for a room of their choice.
- **Connect - Monday to Thursday: 3:00-4:00pm | Room A209**
During this optional time, students can receive additional academic support from a learning support teacher or work on assignments independently.

Student Schedules: Available on MyEd beginning Friday, September 4 at 9:00 am

- Student schedules will be available through the [MyEducation](#) portal
- Students must log in using their own accounts to access their schedules prior to first day
- Counsellors will be available for drop-in support: **Thursday, September 3 | 1:00–3:00 pm**
- Any course changes can be requested until **September 11, 2026 at 3:00 pm** using the online [Course Correction Form](#)

Counselling Team:

Counsellors are available for assistance with wellness, attendance, social-emotional concerns, post-secondary planning, and school engagement. Counsellors are assigned to students by last names, according to the following:

Ms. J. Haywood Janisha.Haywood@burnabyschools.ca	A to C, and Indigenous Learners
Ms. N. Gillam Nicola.Gillam@burnabyschools.ca	D to K, and Access Students
Ms. M. LePoole Michelle.LePoole@burnabyschools.ca	L to R
Ms. S. James Siyamala.James@burnabyschools.ca	S to Z, and Pre-Employment Students

School Supplies:

Most students can begin the year with the following items. Teachers will advise students of any course-specific supplies required.

- One binder (1.5 to 2 inch)
- 6 Pencils and an eraser
- 1 Highlighter
- Dividers
- 3 Pens (blue or black ink)
- 1 package lined paper

School Fees:

School fees can be paid online through [SchoolCash Online](#) or in person at the school office. Some common school fees can be found in the chart below. A complete list of fees for special programs & athletic teams is available at: <https://byrnecreek.burnabyschools.ca/school-info/school-fees/>

Student Activity Fee (all students)	\$35
PHE Grades 8 to 10 Activity Fee	\$20
Yearbook (optional)	\$50 early bird price (\$60 after February 5, 2027)
Graduation Fees (Gr 12s only):	
School Leaving Ceremony	\$105
Graduation Dinner/Dance	\$160

Additional information:

- **Scooters and Bicycles**
Scooters and bicycles must be kept locked in the bike rack located at the front of the school. Legally, E-scooter riders must be 16 years of age or older. To protect your scooter or bicycle, it is highly recommended that you use a high-quality lock and wear a helmet.
- **Lockers**
Beginning **Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026**, students may select their lockers through the [LockerGM](#) app. The User id is their student number & password is their birthdate (yyyy-mm-dd).
- **Cell Phones**
Personal digital devices must be stored on silent mode and kept out of sight during instructional time unless authorized by a teacher for educational purposes or required for accessibility.
- **Student Accident Insurance (Optional)**
Families may choose to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance provided by Industrial Alliance. This voluntary plan provides coverage for students against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness. Details are available on our [school website](#).

Community Council

We strongly encourage parents/guardians to attend our monthly Community Council meetings. These meetings provide opportunities to learn about school initiatives, ask questions, share feedback, and connect with staff, community members, and other families.

First Meeting: Monday, September 14th, 2026 | 7:00pm | School Library

Stay Connected: Regular Communication

Families are encouraged to regularly visit the [Byrne Creek School Website](#), and check their email on a regular basis for communication from school and teachers. School newsletters, important reminders, emergency notifications, learning updates, and event information will be shared electronically throughout the year. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 604.296.6885.

We look forward to partnering with you and supporting your child for a successful school year.

Yours truly,

Mr. Ben Paré
Principal

Mr. Allen Tsang
Vice-Principal

Ms. Mirella Gargiulo
Vice-Principal