

Welcome to Byrne Creek!



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Byrne Creek Community School is a school of approximately 1,100 students with a teaching staff of around 70. There are lots of different programs in the school – a chance for you to try different things and find out what’s best for you.

At Byrne Creek you will discover that we are dedicated to excellence in academic, athletic and artistic achievement.

The staff and administration at Byrne Creek believe in providing students with experiences that are relevant, challenging, inspiring, and personalized. Our vision is to help students become confident, flexible individuals able to meet the challenges of the future. We offer students a wide range of learning opportunities in a supportive and secure environment. The school is committed to learner-focused instruction, and strives to give students the support they need to achieve academically and to explore their own personal development.

BYRNE CREEK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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**At Byrne Creek
Community School
we have HEART!**

Honesty

Empathy

Achievement

Respect

Teamwork





Questions?

At any time, please feel free to contact your child's counsellor to discuss any concerns you may have. Phone the school directly at (604) 296-6885 and they will put you in contact with your child's counsellor.

Specific classroom concerns can be addressed directly to your child's subject teacher. Phone the main office and the office staff will notify the teacher with who you wish to consult. The teacher will contact you when they are able.

Byrne Creek's website is a great place to get specific information on our school and its programs:
<http://byrnecreek.burnabyschools.ca>.

Our school calendar is easily found on the website.



Like your child, you will get more out of the "high school experience" if you are involved. You are now a member of Byrne Creek's Community Council and are encouraged to attend monthly meetings.

Check our website or your email on file for meeting dates and times as well as dates of parent/teacher meeting opportunities in each semester.

WHERE DO I GO ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL?



The week before school starts, look forward to a phone call from one of our Leo Leadership students. The Byrne Creek Leos will reach out to all incoming grade 8s with information regarding your first day, and to answer any questions you may have about Byrne Creek.

On the first day of school, you will receive information about lockers, school fees, safety protocols, schedules, etc. An information letter will be sent to Grade 8 students' families explaining what to expect during the first week of September.

WHERE DO I KEEP MY THINGS?



Normally, all students have access to a locker. You will choose your own locker online at the end of August using [LockerGM](#). NEVER leave your valuables in your locker. The school cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items. Keep your combination a secret and your valuables at home. Lockers are school property and teachers or administrators can check your locker at any time.

English 8
Social Studies 8
Mathematics 8
Science 8
Physical & Health Education 8
French 8
Home Economics 8 / Technology 8
Band 8
(Band alternates days with PE throughout the year)
<i>*Choir and Jazz Band are additional course that can be taken outside the timetable.</i>

WHAT COURSES WILL I TAKE NEXT YEAR?

All students are required to take 8 courses each year. These are the courses you will take next year.



WHAT IS APPLIED DESIGN SKILLS & TECHNOLOGY: HOME ECONOMICS 8 / TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION 8?

ADST introduces you to the applied skills electives offered at Byrne Creek. Your class will receive instruction in Foods/Nutrition, Clothing /Textiles (Home Ec 8), Woodworking and Metalwork (Tech Ed 8). Home Ec 8 will run for one quarter and Tech Ed 9 will run for one quarter of the same semester.

WHAT IS FINE ARTS?

Grade 8 students choose one elective from the following:



ART 8



An introductory course in which students explore a variety of materials in two-dimensional and three-dimensional image making, develop basic drawing skills, and consider the work of selected artists.

DRAMA 8



An introductory course which encourages students to trust themselves and others, reflect on thoughts, feelings and beliefs; take risks within a dramatic context, and actively express themselves in body and voice.

DANCE 8



In this introductory course, students explore elements of movement, creation and composition, as well as dance in society. Dance 8 encourages students to trust themselves and others, reflect on thoughts and experience and express themselves through movement.

BAND 8



This course is an introductory course by which students are introduced to the maintenance, technique and rudiments of a selected band instrument.

CHOIR 8



This course offers an introduction to singing. Students will expand on physical concepts of singing that empower them to sing in pitch, with support and in tune.

Physical & Health Education strip is required for every class. You may wear any type of shorts, t-shirt (a change of shirt is recommended), socks, and running shoes.



**WHAT DO I HAVE
TO WEAR FOR PHE?**

WHERE DO I EAT LUNCH?



The Atrium has lots of seating for you to take your lunch to eat there. If you choose to purchase your lunch, the cafeteria offers a variety of menu items.

Food is available for purchase both at morning break and at lunch hour. Students can also eat their lunches in open classrooms and outside.



You will need the basic supplies like pens, pencils and lined notepaper. Most students use 3-ring binders for notes and assignments.

WHAT KIND OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES DO I NEED?

Each of your subject teachers will let you know if you need any additional supplies specific to their class.

WHAT ABOUT IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION?



At the beginning of the year, grade 8 students receive a handout containing important information for both students and parents.

In the handout you will find:

- Important dates for the year (i.e. non-instructional days, last day of term, report card day, etc.)
- Bell schedule and a space to write your own schedule so you don't forget where you're going
- Names of key people (counsellor, VP, etc.)
- Byrne Creek Student Expectations
- Awards & Recognition **+ more!**

Byrne Creek operates on a semester system with each class being approximately 70 minutes long. Most often you will have a different teacher for every course and you will have to move to different classrooms for each subject and take your materials with you.

HOW IS SECONDARY SCHOOL DIFFERENT FROM ELEMENTARY?

WHAT IS A SEMESTER SYSTEM?

Schools on a semester system are divided into 2 parts. Students take half (4) of their courses from September to January, and the other half (4) from February to June. For example, if you are assigned to Science 8 in September, you will have Science every day until the end of January.

Then you will not have Science again until Grade 9. The following is an example of a Grade 8 timetable:



Semester 1 (Sept. to Jan.)

Period 1 - Science 8

Period 2 - PHE 8

Period 3 - French 8

Period 4 - Social Studies 8



Semester 2 (Feb. to June)

Period 5 - Math 8

Period 6 - Art 8

Period 7 - ADST 8

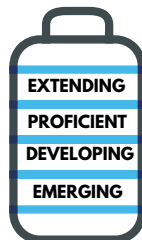
Period 8 - English 8

***You will be able to access your schedule Labour Day weekend on MyEducation.**

WHEN DO I GET A LEARNING UPDATE?

Learning updates are available online quarterly. Final reports are available online in February and June at the end of the semesters. As well, you may receive classroom interim reports between formal reporting periods.

Sometimes teachers issue an "IE" report meaning that you are missing assignments or have work that is incomplete. The "IE" report gives you an opportunity to make up some or all of what is missing.



Since there is so much work covered in only a few months, you must regularly schedule time to complete homework and projects, review notes, and study for test.

HOW MUCH HOMEWORK SHOULD I BE DOING?

WHAT IF I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO MY HOMEWORK?

If you don't understand your homework, the first person to see is your teacher. In addition to this, **SUCCESS!** offers extra help to students after school, Monday to Thursday from 3:15 to 4:00 in the A209.

WHO CAN I TURN TO IF I WANT SOME HELP?



- Any of your subject teachers, coaches, or the administration
- Your counsellor is available to help you make decisions about school or coursework and to help cope with problems with school, friends, or family
- Inclusive Education teachers are available to help with study skills, organization, time management, reading, writing and math skills
- Safe School Specialist
- Indigenous Youth & Family Support Worker - supporting Indigenous students and their families
- Community Coordinator

MAY I BRING A CELL PHONE TO SCHOOL?

Students are allowed to bring their cell phone to school however, they are only to be used during lunch and break. Students are responsible for the care of their own devices. They should not be left in an unlocked locker or bag during PE class.

WHAT IF I AM LATE OR ABSENT?



If you are late for class or between classes, you may be required by your subject teacher to make up the missed time. As well, if you are late repeatedly, your subject teacher will phone your home.

If you are absent from school, your parent/guardian contacts the school in the morning to notify the school of your absence. When you return to school you should see each of your teachers.

If your absence extends for longer than 3 or 4 days, your parent/guardian can request in the morning phone call, that teachers, if possible, provide homework to the office for pick up by friends/family at the end of the school day.

SO, WHAT ELSE IS OFFERED AT BYRNE CREEK?



Fall Season

Girls Volleyball (8-12)
Boys Volleyball (10-12)
Cross Country
Boys Soccer
Boys Rugby (8)
Aquatics (8-12)
Girls Field Hockey

Winter Season

Basketball
Wrestling

Spring Season

Girls Netball
Boys & Girls Rugby
Track & Field
Badminton

Clubs & Organizations

Global Issues Club	Student Government
Chess Club	Robotics Club
Senior Council	
Leo Club	SPORTS OFFICIALS:
E-Sports Club	Timers
Gardening Club	Score-keepers
GSA	Referees



HOW DO I JOIN?

**GET INVOLVED AND YOU WILL GET MORE
OUT OF YOUR SCHOOL EXPERIENCE!**

“Clubs Day” happens in September. Check out the info tables to find out what each club offers. Information will be included in the daily student bulletin, which is posted outside the office, on the school website and on the TV monitors in the hallways.

The Student Government at Byrne Creek is very active and organizes lots of fun activities: Bulldog Bash, noon hour activities and special activities at holidays.



PARENT INFORMATION

Most students entering secondary school enroll in the regular academic program. There is flexibility, however, to adjust or enrich work, depending on the needs of the student.



Inclusive Education Support

If your child currently has an IEP, a case manager will be assigned to them. The case manager will reach out to you in the Fall.



English Language Learning Program

ELL courses support English Language Learners in Grade 8 - 12 in acquiring social and academic language skills.

- Social Language Skills: important for daily communication with teachers, peers and community members
- Academic Language Skills: important for reading, writing, comprehending, expressing and interacting with content-specific materials

Language acquisition is a journey and our ELL teachers aim to support our students to build strong language foundations in order to transition into academic courses.