

# Welcome to Mount Doug!

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MOUNT DOUGLAS SECONDARY SCHOOL

## Principal's Message

Summer, 2016



*I hope this summer finds you well and looking forward to the upcoming school year. We are busy making plans for school start-up on September 6th.*

*In beginning the new year, we welcome our new grade 9 students and those students joining Mount Douglas for the first time. Aside from engaging in academic pursuits, please join our already very active student body by getting involved in a variety of extra-curricular activities in the arts, athletics and leadership. Refer to our school website at <https://mountdoug.sd61.bc.ca> for more information.*

*The 2016/2017 school year promises to be exciting. We encourage all students to find a way to get involved in our school and to share your talents and abilities.*

*See you in September!*

*Shawn Boulding,  
Principal*

## School Start Times

### GRADE 9 STUDENTS

Grade 9 students please go directly to the gym for an assembly at 9:30 a.m., September 6th. You will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 9th is a full day—8:30 a.m. to 3:04 p.m.

### GRADE 10/11/12 STUDENTS

Grade 10, 11 students please go to the gym at 12:00 noon on September 6th. Grade 12 go to Homeroom at 12:00. You will be dismissed at 1:00 p.m. (Homerooms will be posted in foyer)

Wednesday, September 7th is a full day for all students—8:30 a.m. to 3:04 p.m.

### LEADERSHIP/PEER TUTORING

Students enrolled in the Leadership Course (Grade 10 - 12) are scheduled to have their first class meeting on Tues. Sept. 8th, at 11:00 am in the multi-purpose room.

Grad Leadership will first meet Mon., Sept. 14th at lunch in room 122 and Peer Tutoring on Mon., Sept. 14th in room 201.

### New Students

### TAKE A TOUR...

Guided tours of the school are being offered on Thursday, September 1. Drop in between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

## Some fast facts about Mount Doug...

- THIS YEAR WE WELCOME OVER 240 GRADE 9 STUDENTS TO OUR SCHOOL AS WELL AS MANY NEW MOUNT DOUG STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 10, 11 AND 12.
- THERE ARE MORE THAN 150 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS JOINING US. OVER 50 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES ARE REPRESENTED HERE AT MOUNT DOUG.
- APPROXIMATELY 1050 STUDENTS WILL ATTEND MOUNT DOUG IN SEPTEMBER.
- MOUNT DOUG HAS TWO SISTER SCHOOLS—ONE IN AVIGNON, FRANCE AND THE OTHER IN MORIOKA, JAPAN.

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Parents/  
Guardians

Grade 9 & New Student Parent/Guardian  
Information Evening—6:45 - 7:30 p.m., Thurs., September 8th  
(all parents/guardians of students new to Mount Doug this year are invited)

RAMPAC Social —7:30 p.m. Thurs., September 8th—MD Library  
This will follow the Grade 9 & New Parent Information meeting  
(Get involved with your child's school—all parents/guardians welcome)

Meet the Teacher Night—7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Thurs., September 22th  
(all parents/guardians welcome—find out about the school and learn about your child's courses from his/her teachers)



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## Course Changes

Students in grades 9—12 will be provided their timetables on the first day of school.

For those students requiring changes to their timetables, they will be called down to the counseling alcove during the first week of school. These students will need to provide parent consent to any proposed changes to their timetables.

Please understand that changes in student timetables are considered for unique needs and only considered in extra-ordinary circumstances. We have very limited flexibility in our schedule to make changes at this point in the school year.

NEW STUDENT TOURS  
JOIN US THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 1ST FOR A GUIDED  
TOUR. DROP IN BETWEEN  
9:00 AND 11:00 A.M.  
LEADERSHIP STUDENT GUIDES  
WILL BE ABLE TO SHOW  
YOU AROUND THE SCHOOL.

TOURS WILL TAKE ABOUT  
15—20 MINUTES.



## Athletics

The Rams Athletics program provides a wide variety of sporting opportunities for the students of Mount Doug. With three distinct seasons of play (Fall, Winter & Spring) students have the chance to participate in numerous sports across the school year.

We continually attract outstanding coaches with the focus on teaching fundamentals to the junior teams and progress to higher level tactics and training with our senior teams. Mount Doug sends many teams to Island and B.C. Championships and works hard to maintain its reputation as one of the top sports schools in the province.

### SCHOOL TEAMS:

- Fall (Sept. to Nov.)
- Cheerleading (Coed) - Jr./Sr.
- Cross Country - Jr./Sr.
- Field Hockey (Girls) - Jr./Sr.
- Football - Jr. & Sr.
- Rowing - Jr./Sr.
- Soccer (Boys) - Jr. & Sr.
- Swimming - Jr./Sr.
- Volleyball (Boys) - Jr. & Sr.
- Volleyball (Girls) - Jr. & Sr.



- Winter (Dec. to Feb.)
- Basketball (Boys) - Jr. & Sr.
- Basketball (Girls) - Jr. & Sr.
- Curling (Boys & Girls) - Jr./Sr.
- Wrestling (Co-ed) - Jr./Sr.



- Spring (March to May)
- Badminton - Jr. & Sr.
- Cycling (Co-ed) Jr./Sr.
- Golf - Jr./Sr.
- Rugby—Boys/Girls
- Soccer (Girls) - Jr. & Sr.
- Tennis - Jr./Sr.
- Track and Field - Jr./Sr.



\*\*\* Coaches are still needed for the 2016/2017 school year. Please contact Athletic Director, Bernie Kidd at [bjkidd@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:bjkidd@sd61.bc.ca) or call 250 477-6977 if you are interested in joining our team.

# School Information

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## Attendance

Teachers and students certainly know the demands of the semester system. Absences and lates create immediate problems. All students and parents are urged to consider attendance seriously. Developing a positive attitude and routine towards full attendance may be the most important decision made during your secondary school career. If a student is going to miss classes for a valid reason (for example: illness or a medical appointment) parents are asked to contact the school to excuse the absence. The email address to contact is [mtdougattendance@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:mtdougattendance@sd61.bc.ca) or if you don't use email, please call 250 477-5329.

## Our Neighbours

We ask students to be responsible members of the neighborhood. Students need to be courteous to the families living around our school and be respectful of their property. Students who engage in conduct which disturbs, disrupts or damages the persons or property of the school neighbourhood may be subject to discipline. Like other schools, our goal is to reduce, recycle and reuse where possible. Please ensure that any waste is placed in the appropriate container both at our school and around our neighbourhood.

## Electronic Equipment

It is strongly recommended that students NOT bring electronic devices to school. The school cannot be held responsible for the loss, damage or theft of personal equipment. Cell phone use during instructional time is not permitted.

## Parent/Guardian Communication

Daily announcements, events and news items will be posted on our website. Important updates, attendance information, other notices from the school, RAMPAC and teachers will be sent out to email addresses provided. We have found email to be an excellent way to keep our parents/guardians informed so if you have an address available and are not already receiving emails from the school please consider filling out the required information on the form to be distributed on the first day of school or email the school at [mtdouginfo@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:mtdouginfo@sd61.bc.ca) providing the following information: Parent/Guardian name; relationship to student (i.e. mom, dad, guardian etc.); student name(s). We are able to record ONE email address per parent/guardian contact.

## RAMPAC (Mount Douglas Parent Advisory Council)

Traditionally, the Rampac generally meets in the Mount Doug library on the third Wednesday of each month. The first meeting of this school year, however, will take place on Thursday, September 8th at 7:30 p.m. (This is just after the Grade 9 and New Parent Information meeting) All parents and guardians of Mount Doug students are invited and encouraged to attend. Please drop in and say hello!

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## School Expenses

A School Deposits & Cost Sheet will be distributed on the first day of school. Each year we ask students to pay an optional student activity expense (\$35). New students are to pay a one-time refundable text deposit (\$25) and yearbooks are available for purchase (\$38).

**For Grade 12's only there is a Grad Fee (\$65) which includes the recognition ceremony, reception and grad gown.\***

\*No one will be denied the opportunity to attend the ceremony due to economic hardship.

### NOTE:

Expenses must not become a barrier to student participation in educational programs. No student will be denied participation in an educational program because of an inability to pay expenses.

Expense waivers are available where there is an inability to pay costs/deposits. Requests for waivers will be kept strictly confidential.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the principal, Shawn Boulding, Mount Douglas Secondary 250-477-6977 Ext. 159 or [sboulding@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:sboulding@sd61.bc.ca).

Payment is by cash or cheque. Cheques should be payable to Mount Douglas Secondary.

Lockers will be signed out in homerooms.



MAKE YOUR TIME MEMORABLE AT MOUNT DOUG BY GETTING INVOLVED IN THE MANY ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO YOU!



MOUNT DOUG OFFERS MANY EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES INCLUDING THE 30-HOUR FAMINE, CHESS, CHERLEADING, ECO CLUB, FOOD DRIVE, FREE THE CHILDREN, IMPROV TEAM, MULTICULTURAL WEEK, RECYCLING, SPORTS, TALENT SHOW, YOUTH FOR CHANGE & INCLUSION AND MORE!




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SCHOOL SUPPLIES Students - Please bring pencils/pens and lined paper to school. Individual teachers will let you know about other additional suggested school supplies for their classes (if applicable).



Fair Change Notice: YouthPASS  
Discontinued effective April 1, 2016.

Please check the Mount Douglas  
Website for more information.

<https://moundoug.sd61.bc.ca/wp-login.php>



ENJOY THE REST OF THE  
SUMMER!

Mount Doug Healthy Foods at Lunchtime

To help with lunch options during the year, various groups in the school provide food for purchase at lunchtime. While some can be pre-ordered for the semester, there is always food for sale on any given day.

First semester choices will be announced when available, always with vegetarian options.

(Rambucks is also open daily at lunch selling beverages, granola bars, bagels, soup etc.)

