

MOUNT DOUGLAS SECONDARY SCHOOL



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Welcome Back Message

We hope this summer finds you well. We are looking forward to the upcoming school year and school “start-up” on September 4th.

The summer has been busy; we’re excited about the work being done to help improve the efficiency, functionality, and aesthetics of our school. In addition to the paving, window replacement, and deep cleaning, we are eagerly awaiting the completion of our new gym floor. Because the gym floor is not yet complete, we will hold off on having our School – Wide Grade Assemblies until the second week of September. Please refer to “School Start Times” below. Timetables will be given to students at this time. Please note, Wednesday, September 5th is a full day of school from 8:30 am to 3:04 pm.

The 2018/2019 school year promises to be exciting; aside from engaging in academic pursuits, students are encouraged to get involved in a variety of extra-curricular activities in the arts, athletics and leadership. Refer to our website at <https://mountdoug.sd61.bc.ca> for more information. This introductory welcome could be pages long with all there is to tell you about this amazing place. Instead, let’s learn together when we are here together. We look forward to seeing all of you on September 4th.

School Start Times

GRADE 9 STUDENTS

September 4th

9:30 am

- **Grade 9 students** are to meet outside in front of the school at 9:30 am.
- They will be divided alphabetically and met by their homeroom teachers.
- After going over several pieces of information, students will go through a mini timetable rotation.
- Students will be dismissed at 11:30 am.

GRADE 10/11/12 STUDENTS

September 4th

12:00 pm

- **Grade 10, 11 & 12 students** please go directly to Homeroom at 12:00.
- Homeroom assignments will be posted in the foyer.
- Timetables, important forms and information will be distributed, and the Code of Conduct will be revisited.
- Students will be dismissed by 1:00 pm.

OUTSIDE THE TIMETABLE

Students enrolled in the following “outside the timetable courses” will have their first meetings at these times:

- **Grad Leadership**
⇒ Monday, Sept. 10th at lunch in Room 122
- **Environmental Leadership**
⇒ Friday, Sept. 7th at lunch in Room 119
- **Leadership 10-12**
⇒ Thursday Sept. 6th, at lunch in the Multi-purpose Room
- **Peer Tutoring**
⇒ Monday, Sept. 12th, at lunch in Room 201

Parents & Guardians



⇒ Grade 9 New Student Parent & Guardian Information Evening

Thursday, September 6th from 6:45 - 7:30 pm—MD Library
(all parents/guardians of students new to Mount Doug this year are invited)

⇒ RAMPAC Social

Thursday, September 6th begins at 7:30 pm —MD Careers Centre
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

Thursday, September 20th from 7:00 pm—8:30 pm
(all parents/guardians welcome—find out about the school and learn about your child’s courses from his/her teachers)

⇒ Parent/Teacher Interviews

Wednesday, October 16th from 2:30 pm—7:00 pm
(Parents/guardians will be given instructions on how to set up appointments at a later date.)



Summer, 2018

New Students

TAKE A TOUR...

Guided tours of the school are being offered on **Friday, August 31st**.

Drop in between **9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**



Fast Facts about Mount Doug...

- This year we welcome over 202 grade 9 students to our school, as well as many new Mount Doug students entering grades 10, 11 and 12.
- There are more than 150 international students joining us. Over 50 different countries are represented at Mount Doug.
- Approximately 1100 students will attend Mount Doug in September.
- Mount Doug has two sister schools—one in Avignon, France and the other in Morioka, Japan.
- The Challenge Program for Gifted Learners has over 200 students from Grades 9 to 12.
- There are over 14 different clubs to join.
- There are extensive opportunities in Community, Athletic and Environmental Leadership.
- In athletics, an excess of 450 students participate on sports teams.
- Several opportunities are offered to students in the realm of Fine Arts.

Check out our website
<https://mountdoug.sd61.bc.ca/>

Athletics

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

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.



Rambo!

Fall (Sept. to Nov.)

- 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.



Back to School—
See you Tuesday,
September 4th

Coaches are still needed for the 2018/2019 school year. Please contact Athletic Director, Derek Horton at dhorton@sd61.bc.ca or call 250-477-6977 If you are interested in joining our team.



Lockers assigned in
Homeroom Thursday

Timetables given out
first day of school



Mount Doug offers many extra-curricular activities including the 30-Hour Famine, Chess, Eco Club, Food Drive, Free the Children, Improv Team, Multicultural Week, Recycling, Sports, Talent Shows, Youth for Change & Inclusion and more!

Mount Douglas Motto:

Nulla Praemia Sine Opera -->No Reward without Effort

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 with vegetarian options.
- Rambucks is also open daily at lunch selling beverages, granola bars, bagels, soup etc.



School Information



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 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 disciplinary consequences. 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 —>"Off and Away"

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 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 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 6th 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!

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 (\$45). For Grade 12's only there is a Grad Fee (\$65) which includes the recognition ceremony, reception and grad gown.



Please make all payments with SchoolCashOnline using Visa, Mastercard or the new eCheck (chequing and/or savings). It is convenient and easy! For parents, guardians, and students wishing to make payments using cash, please come to the Accounts window the first week of school .

NOTE:

Expenses must not be 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. No one will be denied the opportunity to attend the Graduation Recognition Ceremony due to economic hardship. 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, T. Sherstobitoff @ Mount Douglas Secondary 250-477-6977.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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).



Enjoy the rest of the summer!