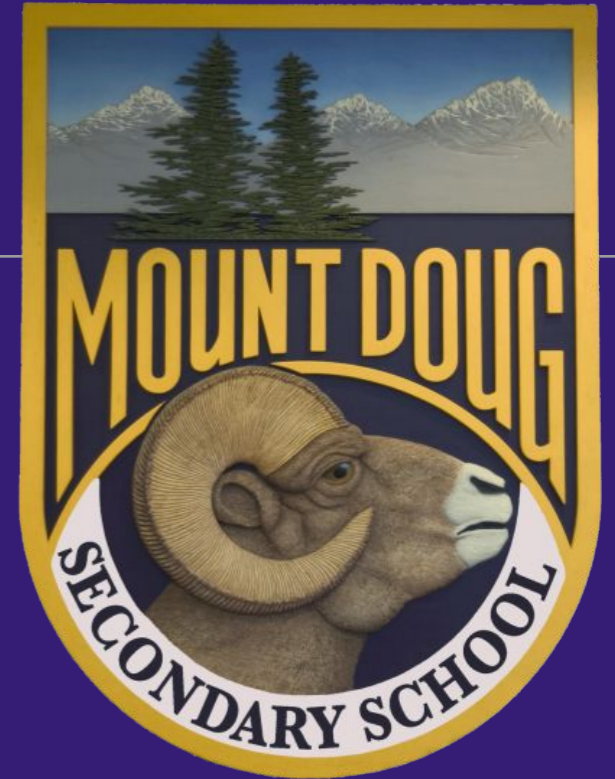


Mount Douglas Secondary School

Grade 9 and New Student Parent Meeting
September 7, 2023



- Welcome and Introductions
- About Mount Doug
- Schedule
- Emerging Issues
- Strategies for Success
- Supporting Success for Gr. 9 Students
- Communicating Student Progress
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Territory Acknowledgement

We gratefully recognize and acknowledge the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.



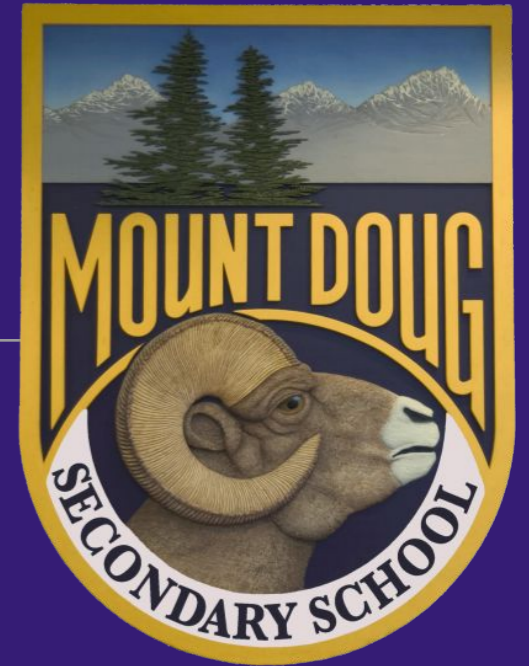
Introductions

Administration Team:

- Principal: Ms. Thompson (she/her)
- Vice Principals:
 - Ms. Brown (she/her) (A-K & ISP)
 - Ms. Elliot (she/her) (L-Z)

About Mount Douglas

- 950 students (includes 210+ International students)
- Strong academic reputation
- 70% of the student population comes from outside catchment area
- 60% of the population moves on to post-secondary
- District Challenge, Aviation Program & AP Courses
- Excellence in athletics, performing & fine arts and leadership



Schedule and Timetable

- 82 Minute Blocks (Monday-Thursday) with a 3:04 dismissal
- 65 Minutes Block (Friday) with a 1:45 dismissal

**MOUNT DOUGLAS SECONDARY SCHOOL
TIMETABLE**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 - 9:52	A	B	A	B	8:30 – 9:37 A
Break	9:52 - 10:00	9:52 - 10:00	9:52 - 10:00	9:52 - 10:00	9:37 – 9:45
10:00-11:22	B	A	B	A	9:45 – 10:53 B
Lunch	11:22 – 12:12	11:22 – 12:12	11:22 – 12:12	11:22 – 12:12	10:53 – 11:23
12:12-1:34	C	D	C	D	11:23 – 12:30 C
Break	1:34-1:42	1:34-1:42	1:34-1:42	1:34-1:42	12:30 - 12:38
1:42-3:04	D	C	D	C	12:38 - 1:45 D

Collaboration Days

- Each month (8x per school year)
- Occurs on Tuesdays (8:30 – 9:52 am)
- Students welcome to the school

Collaboration Bell Schedule

8:30 – 10:00 Staff Collaboration

10:00 – 11:00 Period 2

11:08 – 12:08 Period 1

12:08 – 12:58 Lunch

12:58 – 1:57 Period 4

2:05 – 3:05 Period 3

Emerging Issues

- Electronic Devices “Off & Away”
- Student Mental Health
- Social Pitfalls
- Vaping & Smoking

Counselling Team



Ms. Jory (A-B, Q-Z & ISP)



Ms. Lindsay (C-P)

Tammy Reid- Youth and Family Counsellor

(photo not available)

Inclusive Education



Ms. Ebrahim, Ms. Perry, & Mr. Watson (no photo)

Several Education Assistants

Career Centre Team & Peer Tutors



- Career Centre (Mr. Verhagen & Ms. Dawson)

- Peer Tutors (Mr. Dickson)



Strategies for Success...

Students:

- Arrive on time
- Be at every class
- Come to class prepared
- Decide to get involved in school activities



Strategies for Success...

Parents:

- Limit/monitor device and social media use
- Set high expectations
- Get involved in homework and studies
- Contact teachers
- Limit outside work hours
- Ask questions
- Encourage proper sleep and nutrition (lunch)

Get Involved: Athletics

- Fall sports are starting up quickly
 - Listen for announcements
 - Get the handout in homeroom
 - Posters on wall outside the gym with details for each team



Get Involved: Clubs

Chess	Mr. Meldrum	Tuesdays at lunch	Room 207B
Debate	Mr. Bell	Thursday after school	Annex 7
GSA (Gender and Sexuality Alliance)	Ms. McCullough, Mr. Mallet	Mondays at lunch The GSA is a student-run club that brings together LGBTQ and straight students to support each other and provide a safe place to socialize. The GSA may also create a platform for activism to educate our community about homophobia and ensure our school is safe, welcoming and a positive place for all students.	Room 207B
Math	Mr. Johnson	Wednesdays at lunch	Room 226



Lockers

Sign up on Student
Connect

(use your district login
details)



Communicating Student Progress

Semester 1

- Sept 21 - Meet the Teacher Night (7-8:30)
- Nov. 2 - Parent / Teacher Interviews (3:30 - 6:30)
- Nov 24 - Term 1 Reports Cards
- Jan 31 - Last Day of Semester 1 Classes
- Feb 9 - Semester 1 Final Report Card

Photo Day

Friday September 8



International Student Program



Connect your family to the world!

BECOME A HOST FAMILY

Why host?

- Have an intercultural learning experience for your family and the community
- Build lasting friendships
- Help a student between 12 to 18 years be successful studying and living in Victoria
- A \$975 monthly fee will be provided to support a student in your home
- 24/7 assistance provided by the Homestay Department of Victoria International Education



Families of all Greater Victoria communities are welcome to apply to our Homestay Program.

*Thank you for
your interest.*

"It was wonderful to introduce our students to Canadian culture and also learn about their home country and culture. It's so warming how quickly you become a 'family' supporting one another."
- Renee R.

Questions?

Speak with one of our
Homestay Program Staff at 250-592-6871 or
email homestay@sd61.bc.ca
Visit our website for more information on hosting:
www.studyinvictoria.com



RAMPAC

- Meetings third Wednesday of the month
- Support school programs
- First meeting: Wednesday September 20, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Library Learning Commons

RAMPAC President: Kaveh Sarmast

RAMPAC Email: rampac@vcpac.ca

Q & A

- Email: mountdouginfo@sd61.bc.ca
- Phone: (250) 477-6977

