



August 21, 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian:

RE: School Opening, Tuesday, September 5, 2017

As the summer holiday comes to a close, we look forward to welcoming you back to École Alpha Secondary School for another school year. We work hard to provide academic excellence in a respectful, caring environment and to keep you involved and informed. This letter includes some general information about the school as well as some more detailed information about the first week of classes for the 2017/2018 school year.

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

School resumes on Tuesday, September 5, 2017. Homeroom lists for students **in grades 9-12** will be posted on the external doors and outside the main office. Students will report to their assigned homeroom at **10:00 am** and will be dismissed by **10:30 am**. In the homeroom class, students will receive their timetable and other important opening week information.

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

This will be the first day of regularly scheduled classes. If your son or daughter did not pick up their timetable on the first day of school, they can report to the office to get a copy of the timetable and be assigned a locker. Our bell schedule for the coming year has changed slightly.

Regular Bell Schedule beginning Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Warning Bell 8:35	Time	
Block 1		8:40 - 9:58
<i>Nutrition Break</i>	<i>9:58 - 10:12</i>	
Block 2		10:12 - 11:34
<i>Lunch</i>	<i>11:34 - 12:17</i>	
Block 3		12:17 - 1:35
Block 4		1:42 - 3:00

Fees

All students pay a \$25 student activity fee. This fee covers items such as student council, Go Cards, and support for clubs, intramurals and activities. The additional fee for Physical Education classes (\$25 for PE 9, \$50 for PE 10, \$75 for PE 11/12) covers participation in PE field trips throughout the year. Yearbooks may be purchased for a cost of \$55: students are encouraged to purchase the yearbook early in the year as the cost will increase to \$65 after December 31, 2017.

Fee Payment

The Burnaby School District uses a secure online payment program for fees collection. Parents are encouraged to register for the School Cash Online program to pay school fees. The School Cash Online link is found on Alpha's website <http://alpha.sd41.bc.ca> in the Quick Links. Once registered, you will be notified by email when the school fees are available for payment. Fees can also be paid by cash or cheque (no debit or credit) during the first week of school through the school bookkeeper in the office. Make cheques payable to Alpha Secondary School.



Daily Physical Activity in Grades 11 and 12

Students are encouraged to track their Daily Physical Activity using the online tracking system. Grade 12 students are required to complete their DPA logs for the graduation requirement Grad Transitions 12. Information can be found on our website, under the Students top tab.

School Communication

Regular school communication is done via email. To be added to our listserve database, please send an email to jacqueline.duff@sd41.bc.ca with your child's full name in the subject heading. Throughout the year we will send reminders to parents via e-mail regarding school events, report cards and parent evenings. Please consult the **Alpha Parent Handbook and Calendar** on our website at <http://alpha.sd41.bc.ca> for further information about the school. The handbook includes important dates and times for events such as the Parent Advisory Council meetings, parent/teacher evenings, report card distribution and policy information such as the Burnaby School District Code of Conduct. The calendar on the website is your best source for important dates pertaining to activities and events at Alpha. You can also follow us on Twitter @AlphaSD41. Parents are able to contact teachers through the email addresses for school staff found on the website.

Alpha Parent Advisory Council - PAC

Parent Advisory Council meetings are scheduled for 6:00 pm on the first Monday of each month. This year's first meeting is on Monday, September 11th. Following this PAC meeting there will be a Grade 8 Orientation at 7:00 pm, and we welcome all Grade 8 Parents and Guardians.

Following the October Parent Advisory Council meeting, there will be information session related to the grade 12 graduation year. This is an important meeting for the parents of grade 12 students to attend.

We hope you will be able to join us for these meetings throughout the year.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 604-296-6864. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Mr. K. Brandt
Principal

Mr. B. Paré
Vice-Principal
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Dr. M. Frank
Vice-Principal
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