



# POINT GREY SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the Point Grey Secondary staff team, we welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year! We look forward to creating engaging educational opportunities for students during this time of uncertainty.

We especially look forward to welcoming our new Grade 8 group to *HOUNDS* culture and tradition! We also welcome two new staff members: Ms. Ip (Music) and Ms. Tilston (LSP).

As you know, we're implementing new COVID-19 safety procedures and practices that will allow us to conduct school in a safe manner.

The following information should answer questions you have about the next few weeks.

Sincerely,

Mr. Akrap (Principal)

Mr. Humphries (Vice Principal)

Point Grey Secondary School

*P.S. We know that there's a lot to digest in the following document!  
We'll do our best to clarify any points during the first few days of school. 😊*

## ***Is there school for students on Tuesday, September 8 and Wednesday, September 9?***

No. These days are for school staff only (staff organization and safety orientation). Students start school on Thursday, September 10.

## ***What is the school schedule for Thursday, September 10?***

LALS and Lifeskills students classes begin (regular full-day schedule)

**Grade 9** – line up (physically distant) at the north entrance (parking lot)

Pick up individual timetable, printed Student Agenda and forms

9:00 am Last Name A – C  
9:10 am Last Name D – G  
9:20 am Last Name H – K  
9:30 am Last Name L – N  
9:40 am Last Name O – S  
9:50 am Last Name T – Z

All students will have access to the new Point Grey App that includes an electronic Agenda

**Grade 10** – line up (physically distant) at the west entrance (rainbow stairs)

Pick up individual timetable and forms

10:00 am Last Name A – C

10:10 am Last Name D – G

10:20 am Last Name H – K

10:30 am Last Name L – N

10:40 am Last Name O – S

10:50 am Last Name T – Z

All students will have access to the new Point Grey App that includes an electronic Agenda

For those Grade 10s who requested a printed copy of the Student Agenda,  
it will be available for pick-up from the office starting Sept 14

**Grade 11** – line up (physically distant) at the north entrance (parking lot)

Pick up individual timetable and forms

11:00 am Last Name A – C

11:10 am Last Name D – G

11:20 am Last Name H – K

11:30 am Last Name L – N

11:40 am Last Name O – S

11:50 am Last Name T – Z

All students will have access to the new Point Grey App that includes an electronic Agenda

For those Grade 11s who requested a printed copy of the Student Agenda,  
it will be available for pick-up from the office starting Sept 14

**Grade 12** – line up (physically distant) at the north entrance (parking lot)

Pick up individual timetable and forms

12:00 pm Last Name A – C

12:10 pm Last Name D – G

12:20 pm Last Name H – K

12:30 pm Last Name L – N

12:40 pm Last Name O – S

12:50 pm Last Name T – Z

All students will have access to the new Point Grey App that includes an electronic Agenda

For those Grade 12s who requested a printed copy of the Student Agenda,  
it will be available for pick-up from the office starting Sept 14

**Grade 8**

Welcome and orientation

Your Period 1.1 teacher will contact you on September 9 to provide their name  
and room number, and your cohort (A or B)

Distribution of individual timetables, printed Student Agenda and forms

1:15 – 2:00 pm Period 1.1 Cohort **A** students

Use west entrance (rainbow stairs) of the main building

2:15 – 3:00 pm Period 1.1 Cohort **B** students

Use west entrance (rainbow stairs) of the main building

All students will have access to the new Point Grey App that includes an electronic Agenda

## ***What is the school schedule for Friday, September 11?***

LALS and Lifeskills students (regular full-day schedule)

9:00 – 10:15 am

All grades, all students in Period 1.1 (Cohort A only)

School start-up information, safety orientation, photo day

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

All students without a 1.1 course in the timetable

Meet in the auditorium

School start-up information, safety orientation, photo day

1:15 – 2:30 pm

All grades, all students in Period 1.1 (Cohort B only)

School start-up information, safety orientation, photo day

## ***What does the school schedule for 2020-2021 look like?***

Point Grey Secondary (along with most of the Province) is moving to a Quarterly System for 2020-2021. Our timetable will still have 8 blocks but the year will be divided into 4 quarters. Students will take only 2 courses during each quarter.

1st Quarter (Q1)

Sept. 14 - Nov. 17

Day 1 Period 1 course and Day 1 Period 2 course

2nd Quarter (Q2)

Nov. 18 - Feb. 3

Day 2 Period 1 course and Day 2 Period 2 course

3rd Quarter (Q3)

Feb. 4 - Apr. 23

Day 1 Period 3 course and Day 1 Period 4 course

4th Quarter (Q4)

Apr. 27 - June 29

Day 2 Period 3 course and Day 2 Period 4 course

## ***What does the daily schedule look like?***

1st Quarter (Q1) Sept. 14 - Nov. 17

First Rotation (Sept. 14 - 18)

Day 1 Period 1 course and Day 1 Period 2 course

8:40 - 10:25 am (105 minutes)

### **Morning face-to-face instruction at Point Grey Secondary**

Course 1.1 Cohort A (up to 15 students)

- Grade 8 arrival time: 8:30 am - use west entrance (rainbow stairs) for main building
- Grade 9 arrival time: 8:30 am - use north entrance (parking lot) for main building
- Grade 10 arrival time: 8:35 am - use west entrance (rainbow stairs) for main building
- Grade 11 arrival time: 8:35 am - use north entrance (parking lot) for main building
- Grade 12 arrival time: 8:35 am - use north entrance (parking lot) for main building

10:30 - 11:30 am (60 minutes)

### **Morning Flex Time**

- Teachers connect remotely with students who are unable to attend Course 1.1 face-to-face (Cohort A and/or B) to provide abbreviated instruction
  - Students who are immunocompromised
  - Students with family members who are immunocompromised
  - Students who are exhibiting cold or flu signs/symptoms
- Select teachers conduct class scheduled during Flex Time (Skills, CLC, AP Calc, AP Psych)
- Teachers and support workers provide one-to-one or small group tutorials (at the request of student or teacher)

12:15 - 1:15 pm (60 minutes)

### **Afternoon Flex Time**

- Teachers conduct asynchronous (flexible time frame) and/or synchronous (live) online class for Course 1.2 (students at school in the library or cafeteria, or at home)
- Teachers and support workers provide one-to-one or small group tutorials (at the request of student or teacher)

1:18 - 3:03 pm (105 minutes)

### **Afternoon face-to-face instruction at Point Grey Secondary**

Course 1.1 Cohort B (up to 15 students)

- Grade 8 arrival time: 1:08 pm - use west entrance (rainbow stairs) for main building
- Grade 9 arrival time: 1:08 pm - use north entrance (parking lot) for main building
- Grade 10 arrival time: 1:13 pm - use west entrance (rainbow stairs) for main building
- Grade 11 arrival time: 1:13 pm - use north entrance (parking lot) for main building
- Grade 12 arrival time: 1:13 pm - use north entrance (parking lot) for main building

1st Quarter (Q1) Sept. 14 - Nov. 17

Second Rotation (Sept. 21 - 25 and Sept. 28 - Oct. 2)

Day 1 Period 2 course and Day 1 Period 1 course

- Same idea as above but Course 1.1 is now taught online during afternoon flex, and Course 1.2 is taught face-to-face

### ***How do I know when the courses within a quarter rotate?***

We will send out a 2020-2021 Calendar showing face-to-face and remote instruction rotations in the coming days.

### ***Will school be safe?***

Yes, we believe that Point Grey Secondary will be a safe place to learn. In addition to safety measures implemented by the Ministry of Education and the VSB, Point Grey Secondary has...

- Directional arrows (always stay to the right)
- One-way staircases (up staircases on the north side of the building, down staircases on the south side of the building)
- New spring-loaded faucets in every washroom
- Touchless hand sanitizer available at entrances
- A requirement of students and staff to wear non-medical masks in high traffic areas such as hallways, or anytime outside of their Learning Cohort whenever physical distancing cannot be maintained.

### ***Will families be notified of COVID-19 cases or people who are ill or unwell in the school community?***

- If a staff or student in a school is tested and confirmed by public health as positive for COVID-19, public health will directly notify contacts who have potentially been exposed as well as work with the District and school administrator to determine what actions, if any, are needed.
- "Schools must not provide notification to staff or students' families if a staff member or student becomes ill at home or at school, including if they display symptoms of COVID-19, unless directed to by public health." (BC Centre for Disease Control)

### ***Why is attending school in person important (when possible)?***

#### **Face-to-face Instruction**

- The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted our (centuries old) delivery model of education. Although we can point to some beneficial aspects of on-line instruction, many key qualities of education are best delivered by teachers in face-to-face settings.

#### **Reliable Routines**

- Routines are the best way to ensure that critical needs get met. They are good for everyone, including teenagers. A reliable daily schedule with designated time for learning, leisure, physical activity and sleep promotes overall well-being.

#### **Time With Other Caring Adults**

- It is important for adolescents to establish independence and take guidance from both parents and other caring adults. Thankfully, adolescents will accept advice from a teacher or mentor, sometimes more readily than from parents. Working with other adults helps students build their capacity to interact with the wider world.

#### **Safe Way For Students To See Friends**

- The healthy adolescent trajectory toward independence involves strengthening ties to peers. This transition almost certainly happens best when teenagers can get together in person. School allows for these interactions to occur in a safe space.

### ***How do I obtain my individual timetable?***

Students will receive a printed copy of their timetable on Thursday, September 10 (see above). Students can also obtain a copy of their timetable by logging onto their MyEd account starting on Wednesday, September 9 at 9:00 am.

### ***How do I login to my MyEd account?***

- Go to: <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>
- Login using your Login ID (student number) and Password.

### ***What if I forgot my MyEd password?***

- Select "I forgot my password"
- Enter the Login ID (student number) and Primary email
- A temporary password will be sent to the Primary email

Note: If this doesn't work, and you're locked out of your account, you will receive a printed copy of your timetable on Thursday, September 10. Please do not contact the school office for help resetting your account at this time.

For students who are out of the country, or will not be attending school in person, please email [PointGrey@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:PointGrey@vsb.bc.ca) for assistance. You must provide your first and last name, student #, and a brief description of the problem. A response will be as timely as possible, but not instantaneous.

### ***Who is my counsellor?***

Grade 8 (last name A – L): Mr. Cordoni [ccordoni@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:ccordoni@vsb.bc.ca)

Grade 8 (last name M – Z): Ms. Sim [jsim@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jsim@vsb.bc.ca)

Grade 9: Ms. Aguis [lagius@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:lagius@vsb.bc.ca)

Grade 10: Mr. Cordoni [ccordoni@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:ccordoni@vsb.bc.ca)

Grade 11: Ms. Sim [jsim@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jsim@vsb.bc.ca)

Grade 12: Mr. Baxter [ibaxter@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:ibaxter@vsb.bc.ca)

### ***Who is my grade administrator?***

Grade 8: Mr. Akrap (Principal) [akrap@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:akrap@vsb.bc.ca)

Grade 9: Mr. Humphries (Vice Principal) [ahumphries@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:ahumphries@vsb.bc.ca)

Grade 10: Mr. Humphries (Vice Principal) [ahumphries@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:ahumphries@vsb.bc.ca)

Grade 11: Mr. Humphries (Vice Principal) [ahumphries@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:ahumphries@vsb.bc.ca)

Grade 12: Mr. Akrap (Principal) [akrap@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:akrap@vsb.bc.ca)

### ***What should I do if I'm unable to attend school?***

This applies to students...

- who are immunocompromised
- with family members who are immunocompromised
- who are exhibiting cold or flu signs/symptoms

Contact your counsellor (see above for contact info). Your counsellor will contact your classroom teachers to let them know. The student and teacher will connect during morning Flex Time to discuss course content, timelines and assessment.

### ***What do I do if I want to change one of my courses?***

All students will be sent a grade specific Microsoft Form link. Using this electronic form you will be able to send a course change request to your grade counsellor. Course changes (if possible) will only be permitted during the first few days of the school year because we're on a quarterly system. Further information will be sent to students and families on Wednesday, September 9.

***Will there be a Student Council this year?***

Absolutely, yes. Student voice and representation is of critical importance at Point Grey Secondary. We will proceed with a nomination, campaign, and election process once the dust settles (after the first couple of weeks of school).

***Will there be a Parent Advisory Council (PAC) this year?***

Yes, the Point Grey PAC is vital to the operation of our school. Meetings will proceed using the Zoom platform.

***Will the cafeteria be open for food service?***

No.

***Are parents permitted to enter the building?***

Access by parents is by appointment only, approved directly by the school administrator and for essential school business or on an emergency basis only.

***How will locker distribution work?***

In an effort to reduce hallway interactions, students will not be assigned lockers this year. All lockers have been bolted closed. Students with extenuating circumstances may be assigned a locker. Please contact your grade administrator.