

## Welcome Back, Parents and Families!

We're thrilled to welcome you and your children back to Shoreline for another exciting school year! As we return from summer break, we look forward to reconnecting and continuing our partnership to support your child's academic and personal growth.

This year, we're especially focused on encouraging students to take an active role in our school community. Whether it's joining clubs, participating in sports, or engaging in leadership opportunities, being involved helps students build confidence, form lasting friendships, and develop a strong sense of belonging.

Please see the information below regarding school start-up on **Tuesday, September 2nd**.

Thank you for your continued support—let's make this a year full of growth, connection, and success!

## School Start Schedule for **Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

<p><b>Grade 6</b></p> <p><b>Students attend 9:30 am to 11:30 am</b></p>	<p>We invite our grade 6 students to come to the upper back parking lot of the school where the pink bike racks are at 9:30 am. Staff will be welcoming students and putting students into <u>temporary</u> classroom groups on the field with teachers.</p> <p>Teachers will take this time to take attendance, introduce our students to the school, review school policies/protocols and answer questions.</p> <p>Students will be dismissed at 11:30 am.</p>
<p><b>Grade 7 &amp; 8</b></p> <p><b>Students attend 9:45 am to 11:30 am</b></p>	<p>We invite our grade 7 &amp; 8 students to come to the lower back parking lot of the school at 9:45 am. Staff will be welcoming students and putting students into <u>temporary</u> classroom groups on the field with teachers.</p> <p>Teachers will take this time to take attendance, introduce our students to the school, review school policies/protocols and answer questions.</p> <p>Students will be dismissed at 11:30 am.</p>

**Please be advised that due to fluctuating enrollment, students will begin the year in a temporary group and will be placed in permanent classes as soon as possible (hopefully by the end of the week). This time in temporary classes allows students to make multiple connections with a variety of staff and students.**

**Please note: Regular school days start at 8:35am with dismissal at 2:50pm. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week are all regular school days.**

## **Additional Information**

**Bussing** – Buses will **NOT** be running on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. For those students using district school busses, the service will begin on the morning of Wednesday, September 3<sup>th</sup>.

**Paperwork** – During the first two weeks of school, students will be bringing home important paperwork regarding student demographic information. We thank parents in advance for completing and returning this paperwork as promptly as possible. Several systems in our school depend on the information being provided.

**PAC** – As a parent of a Shoreline student you are welcome and encouraged to join our Parent Advisory Council (PAC). Our PAC meetings will occur monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month; specific information about these upcoming dates will be shared on our website and newsletter. **Our first PAC meeting will be Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

**Newsletter** – In an effort to support your child's learning, it is important that we have ongoing communication with families. We encourage you to read our weekly newsletter and access our school website for general information. The Shoreline Newsletter will be emailed to you every Friday. For matters more specific to your child's program, you are encouraged to contact your child's advisory teacher directly or call the Principal or Vice Principal at 250-386-8367.

**Ice Cream Social** – We are pleased to welcome our entire community of learners to our Ice Cream Social on **Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm – 7:30pm**. At this time, you will have an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and ask any questions you may have about the school year.

We are all looking forward to a successful school year. The staff at Shoreline Middle School are committed to providing the best education possible for your children.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks for your continued support of our students, staff, and Shoreline community. We look forward to a great year ahead! If you have any questions, please contact us by phone or e-mail.

Sincerely,

Your SMS Admin Team

Alissa Moore (Principal) & Michelle Newman-Bennett (Vice-Principal)