

Welcome Back, Parents and Families!

We're so excited to welcome our students and families back to Shoreline for another school year! The start of a new year is a chance to reconnect, meet new people, try new things, and find your place in our school community. At Shoreline, we want every student to feel like they belong here, to be known, supported, and valued for who they are and for the strengths, interests, cultures, experiences, and ideas they bring with them.

As we begin this year together, we invite you to join us in the canoe and embark on the journey ahead. In a canoe, everyone has a place, every paddle matters, and we move forward by working together. There will be calm waters and probably a few waves along the way, but we'll navigate them together, students, staff, families, and community.

We encourage students to jump in and get involved! Join a team, try a club, drum, paddle, create, perform, take on a leadership role, or try something completely new. Middle school is a great time to discover what you enjoy, build new relationships, and find new ways to contribute.

Families are an important part of this journey too. We value what you know about your children and look forward to learning from and working alongside you throughout the year.

Please see the information below about school start-up on Tuesday, September 8th.
We can't wait to welcome everyone back, pick up our paddles, and see where this year takes us!

School Start Schedule for **Tuesday, September 8th**

Grade 6 Students attend 9:30 am to 11:30 am	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 placing students into <u>temporary</u> classroom groups on the field with teachers. Teachers will spend this time welcoming students, helping them get to know their new school, touring the building and grounds, answering questions, and making sure everyone feels comfortable and ready for the year ahead! Students will be dismissed at 11:30 am.
Grade 7 & 8 Students attend 9:45 am to 11:30 am	We invite our grade 7 & 8 students to come to the lower back parking lot of the school at 9:45 am. Staff will be welcoming students and placing students into <u>temporary</u> classroom groups on the field with teachers. Teachers will spend this time welcoming students, answering questions, and making sure everyone feels comfortable and ready for the year ahead! Students will be dismissed at 11:30 am.

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. 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

Buses - Will NOT be running on Tuesday, September 8th. For those students using district school buses, the service will begin on the morning of **Wednesday, September 9th**.

Paperwork – During the first two weeks of school, students will be bringing home some important paperwork for families to review and complete. **We really appreciate you taking a few minutes to check that the information is accurate and return the forms as soon as possible.** Having up-to-date information helps us keep students safe, stay connected with families, and make sure our school systems and supports are ready to go. Thank you for helping us get the year off to a smooth start!

PAC – As a parent of a Shoreline student you are welcome and encouraged to join our Parent Advisory Council (PAC). Our PAC meetings occur monthly and specific information about these upcoming dates will be shared on our website and in the newsletter. Our first PAC meeting will be on Monday, **September 14th, 2026, at 6:30pm**.

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 email Alissa Moore (amoore@sd61.bc.ca) (Principal) or Michelle Newman-Bennett (mnewmanbennett@sd61.bc.ca) (Vice Principal) directly.

Ice Cream Social – We are pleased to welcome our entire community of learners to our Ice Cream Social on Thursday, September 17th from 6:00pm – 7:00pm. 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're looking forward to another year of learning, growing, and building community together at Shoreline.

Sincerely,

Alissa Moore & Michelle Newman-Bennett