

To: Parent/Guardians of Grade 8 Students  
From: Wendy Higenbottam, Counsellor taking all Grade 9's next year  
Re: Grade 8-9 Course Planning  
Date: January 20, 2020

This message is to parents/guardians of all **Grade 8 students**. Course planning for Grade 8's will take place in February. I will hold a session for all Grade 8 students on February 11 during their Humanities class (minis will be during Science) and will follow up with them in their Humanities classes two weeks later. Grade 8 students will be asked to complete all their course selections via the hard copy paper sheets that will be given out in class and which are also attached to this message. I will be doing all the data input into the MyEd system, there is no need to log in and select courses online (which may be the case for other grades). The PowerPoint presentation that the students will all be receiving will also be available on the school's course selection page for everyone to view after this process is complete.

Students are tasked with reviewing their course selection choices carefully with their families. ***Please find all course content related information in the Course Planning Guide which can be found on the school's website.*** Students will also be asked to provide **3** alternate choices in case their elective choices do not work with their chosen timetable. This can sometimes be the case, especially with grade 9 timetables.

If you or your child have any course content questions, please contact the teacher or department head teacher directly. If students have questions related to course planning, they can drop in my office during the day. I have a sign-up sheet on my office door for students and am available most lunch hours. If there is still further clarification necessary, please give me a call or email me at [whigenbott@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:whigenbott@vsb.bc.ca)

Sincerely,

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