

Peter Skene Ogden Secondary School

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Dear Gr 8 Families,

We are very excited to welcome your learner to the PSO learning community this year. With the transition to high school, there are many changes for learners and their families. We are happy to begin connecting with you and hope to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

We would like to invite your Gr 8 learner to a welcome to Gr 8 event on Wednesday Aug 28th. Students will get a chance to go over their schedules, tour the school, and participate in some team building activities with their peers. Families are welcome at the event and lunch will be provided. Please see the attached poster for more information.

Student schedules will be available at the welcome event and also on Myeducation this same day. Generally speaking, Gr 8s remain with their same cohort for core academic classes for the year. Students also get to experience the elective explorations rotation in A block throughout the year and sample what elective opportunities they can choose in their future years at PSO. We believe that exposure to new learning opportunities and learning environments is good for all learners. Each rotation is approximately 5 weeks in length and classes range from the fine arts to applied skills. As Gr 8 students are thoughtfully programmed to reduce some of the stresses of transition from elementary school, we do not foresee that course changes will be needed. However, if you do have concerns about your student's schedule or learning pathway at PSO please do not hesitate to reach out.

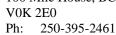
If you need assistance with your myed parent portal, we would be happy to help you out. We will have a table set up at our gr 8 welcome event to assist. Parents can also contact our office at 250-395-2461 to request support with set up.

More information on first day and first week expectations for gr 8s as well as our older students will be included in our PSO family update this week.

Yours in education,

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Gr 8 Sample Schedule:

A block	ELECTIVE ROTATION (5 week courses)
8:50-10:15	
B block	HUMANITIES 8 (year long)
10:20-11:40	
C block	MATH/SCI 8 (year long)
12:30-1:50	
D block	PE/CAREERS (year long)
1:55-3:15	