

January 2021

Dear Grade 8 Parents/Guardians,

We are looking forward to welcoming our Spencer Grade 8s next year as they become Belmont grade 9s! The information and events below are intended to assist students with their Grade 9 course selection and transition to secondary school. Please note the dates and discuss the information with your child. Your input and guidance are very valuable during this process and transition.

Grade 9 Course Selection Booklet and Form

The Grade 9 Course Selection Booklet and Form are now available on the Belmont website, <u>click HERE</u>. The Course Selection Booklet provides a description of all of the courses and special programs available for grade 9s. We recommend that students and parents read the booklet prior to the February meeting. The Course Selection Form provides an overview of the selections that students will make electronically using MyEducationBC during the second February visit.

More information about the courses and their departments is available on the <u>Belmont website</u> under Programs, please explore these pages to learn more about what is offered. We also encourage you to check out the <u>Belmont Bulletin</u> (published biweekly) to read about all of the wonderful events and activities we have happening at Belmont.

February Grade 9 Student/Parent and Student Orientation Meetings

There will be three events in February to help support Grade 9 course selection.

- Grade 8 Student and Family Information Night February 3, MS Teams Live Event, more details to come.
- Belmont visits to Spencer Visit #1 Feb 8
 - Belmont counsellors will visit Grade 8 classes to provide students with a general overview of the Grade 9 program and the course selection procedures.
- Belmont visits to Spencer Visit #2 Feb 17-19
 - Belmont counsellors will assist students with completing their course selections. Students and families will have until Feb 24 to make changes.

With thanks for your support,

Belmont Secondary School Leadership Team