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Welcome to Mount Doug!



MOUNT DOUGLAS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Principal's Message

Summer, 2009



Gord Mitchell, Vice Principal,
Rob House, Vice Principal &
John Fawcett, Principal

I hope you are having a great vacation and you are looking forward to the next school year. To our Grade 9 students and other students new to Mount Douglas – a special welcome to you! You will truly enjoy being here. You can find more information about your school by checking out the website at www.mtdoug.sd61.bc.ca.

Mount Douglas has a reputation for excellence in every aspect of school life. There is a deeply-rooted pride in our school, and its alumni depend on you to keep that record intact. To do this I encourage you to get involved right away because the years will pass very, very quickly.

Mount Douglas has an extremely active student body in clubs, sports, the arts, tech. ed. and academic pursuits. Just ask any teacher for information about your interests. Find a way to get involved in school life – you will be amazed at what you can do at your school and what Mount Douglas has to offer.

John Fawcett,
Principal

New Students

ARE YOU A NEW STUDENT TO MOUNT DOUG?

If so, guided tours of the school are being offered on **Thursday, September 3rd**. Drop in between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

School Start Times

GRADE 9 STUDENTS

Grade 9 students please go directly to the gym for an assembly at 9:00 a.m., **September 8th**. You will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 9th is a full day— 8:30 a.m. to 3:04 p.m.

GRADE 10/11/12 STUDENTS

Grade 10, 11 and 12 students please go to your homeroom at 12:00 noon on **September 8th**. You will be dismissed at 1:00 p.m. (Homerooms will be posted in foyer)

Wednesday, September 9th is a full day—8:30 a.m. to 3:04 p.m.

LEADERSHIP CLASSES

Students enrolled in the **Leadership Course** (9 - 12) will have their first class on **Thursday September 10th**, at 7:30 a.m. in the gym.

Grad Leadership will first meet **Tuesday, September 15th** in Room 121 at lunch.

Some fast facts about Mount Doug...

- THIS YEAR WE WELCOME OVER 230 GRADE 9 STUDENTS TO OUR SCHOOL.
- THERE ARE 85 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS JOINING US FROM OVER 10 COUNTRIES.
- APPROXIMATELY 1100 STUDENTS WILL ATTEND MOUNT DOUG IN SEPTEMBER.
- MOUNT DOUGLAS HAS TWO SISTER SCHOOLS-ONE IN AVIGNON, FRANCE AND THE OTHER IN MORIOKA, JAPAN.

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Parents/
Guardians

RAMPAC Meeting—6:30 p.m. Wed., September 16

(Get involved with your child's school-all parents/guardians welcome)

Grade 9 Parent/Guardian Welcome—7:00 p.m. Wed., Sept. 16

(come hear about opportunities and programs at Mount Douglas)

Study Skills Workshop—7:00 p.m. Wed., September 23—Library

(for grade 9-12 students and their parents/guardians)

Meet the Teacher Night—7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Thurs., October 1st

(all parents/guardians welcome—find out about the school and learn about your child's courses from his/her teachers)

Parent Teacher Interviews—Wednesday, October 21st

(appointments will be arranged beginning **October 5th** by emailing mtdouginfo@sd61.bc.ca or calling 250-477-6482 Ext 163

Please provide student name; parent/guardian name; teacher names; and contact phone #)



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Welcome to Mount Doug!

Course Changes

Course changes for returning Grade 10, 11 and 12 students were completed in the last two weeks of June. Course changes for incoming grade 9's, other students 'new to Mount Doug' and those necessary because of failures or summer school completion will be handled as follows:

Tuesday, September 1 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on a first-come basis	Incoming Grade 9 students with a valid educational reason requiring timetable adjustments may meet with counsellors in the counselling alcove – please bring timetable with parent/guardian approval signature.
Wednesday, September 2 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on a first-come basis	'New to Mount Douglas' grade 10, 11 and 12 students with a valid educational reason requiring timetable adjustments may meet with counsellors in the counselling alcove— please bring timetable with parent/guardian approval signature. In addition, students who have completed a summer school course or who have a course failure may meet with counsellors in the counseling alcove.
Wednesday, September 2 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on a first-come basis	ESL students may meet with the ESL coordinator in Room 207A regarding timetable concerns.

**PARENTS & GUARDIANS
 OF GRADE 9
 STUDENTS
 A SPECIAL WELCOME
 MEETING IS SCHEDULED
 FOR YOU!
 WEDNESDAY,
 SEPTEMBER 16
 7:00 P.M.**

Athletics



The Rams Athletics program provides a wide variety of sporting opportunities for the students of Mount Doug. With 3 distinct seasons of play (Fall, Winter & Spring) students have the chance to participate in numerous sports across the school year.

We continually attract outstanding coaches with the focus on teaching fundamentals to the junior teams and progress to higher level tactics and training with our senior teams. Mount Doug sends many teams to Island and B.C. Championships and works hard to maintain its reputation as one of the top sports schools in the province.

Mount Doug Girls' Basketball



This summer, the coaches of our junior and senior girls' basketball teams are providing two weeks of 'free' instruction and scrimmaging (**July 13-17 and August 17-21**). This opportunity is for any girls who may be interested in playing school basketball this coming year. For more information, please contact **Rick Griffin**: rgriffin@sd61.bc.ca



SCHOOL TEAMS:

Fall (Sept. to Nov.)

- Cross Country - Jr./Sr.
- Field Hockey (Girls) - Jr./Sr.
- Football - Jr. & Sr.
- Rowing - Jr./Sr.
- Soccer (Boys) - Jr. & Sr.
- Swimming - Jr./Sr.
- Volleyball (Boys) - Jr. & Sr.
- Volleyball (Girls) - Jr. & Sr.



Winter (Dec. to Feb.)

- Badminton - Jr. & Sr.
- Basketball (Boys) - Jr. & Sr.
- Basketball (Girls) - Jr. & Sr.
- Curling (Boys & Girls)-Jr./Sr.



Spring (March to May)

- Golf - Jr./Sr.
- Soccer (Girls) - Jr. & Sr.
- Tennis - Jr./Sr.
- Track and Field - Jr./Sr.
- Water Polo (Coed) - Jr./Sr.

*** Coaches are still needed in volleyball, soccer & cross country for the 2009/2010 school year. Please contact Athletic Director, Bernie Kidd at bjkidd@sd61.bc.ca or 250-477-6977 if you are interested in joining our team.

School Information

Attendance

Teachers and students certainly know the demands of the semester system. Absences and lates create immediate problems. All students are urged to consider their attendance a most serious matter. Parents will be contacted when students are absent from class. There is simply no way of successfully completing semestered courses if you miss many classes. Developing a positive attitude towards full attendance may be the most important decision you make during your secondary school career.

School Neighbours

Students are expected to conduct themselves as responsible members of the neighborhood within which the school is located. Students must be courteous to the families living in the school neighborhood and respectful of their property. Students who engage in conduct which disturbs, disrupts or damages the persons or property of the school neighbourhood may be subject to discipline.

Study Periods and Hallways

Please consider your fellow students and staff members if you need to be in the halls during class time. The acoustics of our hallways make every sound a distraction for those working in the classes. Please limit your use of the hallways to the break between periods; everyone will appreciate your consideration. Don't forget that, should you not have a class, the library and the resource rooms are the places to do your work. The study hall (Room 222) is available as a work place for students during their study period.

Electronic Equipment

It is strongly recommended that students NOT bring iPods and other Mp3 players to school. The school cannot be held responsible for the loss, damage or theft of personal equipment. Cell phone use during instructional time is not permitted.

Parent/Guardian Email Communication

News updates, other notices from the school and RAMPAC and in some cases correspondence from teachers may be sent out to email addresses provided. If you do not have an email address there will be some paper copies of news updates and notices available for pickup in the office. We have found email to be an excellent way to keep our parents/guardians informed so if you have an address available and are not already receiving emails from the school please consider filling out the required information on the form to be distributed on the first day of school or email the school at mtdouginfo@sd61.bc.ca providing the following information:

Parent/Guardian name; **Student name(s)** and **grade(s)** as of September 2009
email address(s) for distribution list (please indicate whose email it is (i.e. mom/dad/guardian)

RAMPAC (Mount Douglas Parent Advisory Council)

The Rampac meets in the Mount Doug library on the third Wednesday of each month. The first meeting of this school year will take place on **Wednesday, September 16th at 6:30 p.m.** (This is prior to the Grade 9 Parent Evening which begins at 7:00 p.m.) All parents and guardians of Mount Doug students are invited and encouraged to attend!

School Fees

A School Fee Sheet will be distributed on the first day of school.

Fees must not become a barrier to student participation in educational programs. No student will be denied participation in an educational program because of an inability to pay fees. Fee waivers are available

where there is financial hardship. Requests for fee waivers will be kept strictly confidential. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the principal, **John Fawcett**, Mount Douglas Secondary **250-477-6977 Ext. 159.**

The accounts office will be open **Monday, August 31st**

to **Thursday, September 3rd** if you wish to pay your fees during that time. (**Mrs. Van Laar 250-477-6482 Ext. 162**) Payment is by cash or cheque. If payment is by cheque, it should be payable to Mount Douglas Secondary.

Lockers will be signed out in homerooms after the fee payments (or waivers) have been submitted.



MAKE YOUR TIME
MEMORABLE AT MOUNT
DOUG BY GETTING
INVOLVED IN THE MANY
ACTIVITIES AND
OPPORTUNITIES
AVAILABLE TO YOU!



STUDY SKILLS
WORKSHOP
GRADE 9—12 STUDENTS
AND THEIR
PARENT/GUARDIANS ARE
INVITED TO ATTEND A
STUDY SKILLS
WORKSHOP BEING HELD
IN THE MOUNT
DOUGLAS LIBRARY
WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 23RD AT
7:00 P.M.

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Students - Please bring pencils/pens and lined paper to school. Individual teachers will let you know about other additional school supplies for their classes (if applicable).

Mount Douglas Secondary School Schedule for 2009-10

Please note new dismissal times—3:04 p.m.
Monday—Thursday and 8-minute class breaks



ENJOY THE REST OF THE SUMMER!

We're on the web
www.mtdoug.sd61.bc.ca

New

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:30 - 9:52	1 A/E	2 B/F	1 A/E	2 B/F	8:30-9:37 1 A/E BREAK 9:37-9:45
	B R E A K 9:52 - 10:00				9:45-10:53
10:00 - 11:22	2 B/F	1 A/E	2 B/F	1 A/E	2 B/F LUNCH B R E A K 10:53-11:23 11:23-12:30
	LUNCH 11:22 - 12:12				3 C/G BREAK 12:30-12:38 12:38-1:45
12:12 - 1:34	3 C/G	4 D/H	3 C/G	4 D/H	4 D/H
	B R E A K 1:34 - 1:42				
1:42 - 3:04	4 D/H	3 C/G	4 D/H	3 C/G	

Back to School-See you Tues., Sept. 8th

YouthPass PHOTO SHOOT

ONE DAY ONLY!

Mt. Doug Secondary School
Thursday, September 17
8:30am - 10:30am



The YouthPass is a photo bus pass for youth, aged 6 to 18 years, offering unlimited travel throughout the transit region. For added convenience to students and families, BC Transit will take YouthPass photos at your school for one day only.

For the school photo shoot, the student **must** bring:

- a cheque for **\$252.00** made out to BC Transit
- **valid ID**, that shows the student's date of birth
- a **completed application form** (attached to your September newsletter). The form must be **signed** by a parent or guardian.

YouthPasses will be distributed by the school office at the end of September.

This YouthPass is valid from October 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. Visit www.bctransit.com for details about other YouthPass options.



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