



# PARKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

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April 7, 2017

To the parents/guardians of Parkland Secondary students;

Re: Proposed new bell schedule for the 2017/18 school year onwards.

Parkland would like to move to a new bell schedule beginning September 2017.

Our current schedule is the following:

<u>Monday-Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
A 8:25-9:47	A 8:25-9:33
break 9:47-10:02	B 9:38-10:46
B 10:07-11:29	lunch 10:46-11:16
lunch 11:30-12:10	C 11:21-12:29
C 12:14-1:36	D 12:34-1:42
D 1:41-3:03	

Our Proposed new schedule is the following:

<u>Monday/Tuesday/Thursday</u>	<u>Wednesday/Friday</u>
<b>A 8:25-9:50</b>	<b>A 8:25-9:35</b>
<b>break 9:50-10:00</b>	<b>B 9:40-10:55</b>
<b>B 10:05-11:30</b>	<b>lunch 10:55-11:30</b>
<b>lunch 11:30-12:10</b>	<b>C 11:35-12:45</b>
<b>C 12:15-1:40</b>	<b>D 12:50-2:00</b>
<b>D 1:45-3:10</b>	

The proposed new schedule does the following:

- adds 6 minutes per week to the instructional minutes (bringing us into compliance with Ministry standards).
- provides staff an opportunity after school on Wednesdays to attend department meetings, staff meetings, and allow for teacher collaboration—this is particularly important as we have a new BC curriculum to familiarize ourselves with.
- provides International Baccalaureate (IB) teachers an opportunity to work together. Parkland is very excited to be offering this internationally accredited program starting September 2018.
- “makes even” the start and end times of classes (easier to remember the bell schedule)
- aligns our bell schedule with Stelly's and Claremont and allows for cross district collaborative meetings.

For students:

- allows for an earlier start to after school tutorial on Wednesdays.
- provides more time on a Wednesday afternoon for homework, sports teams, clubs, volunteer work, part time jobs.
- school buses will depart at the same time every day (3:15-3:30) but BC Transit will be alerted to our new schedule and will most likely adjust their bus times to coincide with our bell schedule.

Please email me, Lizanne Chicanot, ([lchicanot@sd63.bc.ca](mailto:lchicanot@sd63.bc.ca)) with any questions, concerns, feedback by April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you

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