



R.E. MOUNTAIN SECONDARY

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Dear Eagle Families,

We are very excited to welcome our students back to R.E. Mountain. The coming school year holds many opportunities for our students, and we're excited to begin a new school year full of promise together.

We as a staff are looking forward to delivering a first-class experience for each of our students. We have hired numerous new staff, while others are returning from leaves. We encourage you to go to our website for all the latest staffing changes and other pertinent information about our school.

The education of young people is a joint venture and undertaken primarily by families and the school system. I encourage families to work together with the school and staff to ensure our students are reaching their potential and getting involved in the many activities and events provided by the school. Involve yourself in your learner's education: ask them questions about what they are learning and attend PAC meetings in order to best know what is happening at the school and how best to support. Together, we can make this an outstanding year for all our students.

It is very important that you ensure we have your current email address in order that we keep you up-to-date on important information. ***Please login to MyEdBC to ensure your information (address etc) are correct OR send your updated contact information along with your student's name and date of birth to msstudentrecords@sd35.bc.ca***. This address can also be used for MyEd BC password changes.

Below are some key dates to be aware of. Updates will be emailed and will also be available on our website (<https://remss.sd35.bc.ca/>), and Instagram (@remountaineagles).

Attendance on Tuesday, September 5

Grade 9 students and **new students (Gr. 10-12)** will be invited to attend school on Tuesday, September 5. Grade 10-12 students who have previously been at RE Mountain will join us on Wednesday, September 6.

- All grade 9 students will be sent an invitation to our Grade 9 orientation next week. This event will be taking place on Tuesday, September 5, either as part of our morning cohort, or afternoon cohort. These First Day of School Activities are extremely important to ensure our Grade 9's have an excellent start to their year.
- Grade 10-12 new students will be invited into an orientation from 10am to 12pm on Tuesday, September 5. More information about this opportunity will be sent out to our new students and we highly recommend students attend.

ALL STUDENTS ATTEND school Wednesday, September 6

Classes begin at 8:55 a.m. with a welcome bell at 8:50 a.m.

Please ensure your student(s) arrive well before the welcome bell in order to get to class on time. Dismissal is at 3:05 p.m. Block rotation on Wednesday is Day 2 (A,B,C,D)

OPENING WEEK SCHEDULE

Tuesday September 5th Grade 9s and New Student Orientation	
<p>Wednesday September 6th Student lists are posted in the foyer/Learning Commons windows</p> <p>Day 2</p> <p>8:50am Welcoming Bell 8:55-10:05am Block A 10:10-10:45am Focused Flex 10:50-12:00pm. Block B 12:00-12:35pm LUNCH 12:40-1:50pm Block C 1:55-3:05pm Block D</p>	<p>Thursday September 7th Student lists are posted in the foyer/Learning Commons windows</p> <p>Day 2 – PHOTO DAY</p> <p>8:50am Welcoming Bell 8:55-10:05am Block A 10:10-10:45am Focused Flex 10:50-12:00pm. Block B 12:00-12:35pm LUNCH 12:40-1:50pm Block C 1:55-3:05pm Block D</p>
<p>Friday September 8th Please note the day 1 change</p> <p>Day 1</p> <p>8:50am Welcoming Bell 8:55-10:05am Block A 10:10-10:45am Focused Flex 10:50-12:00pm. Block B 12:00-12:35pm LUNCH 12:40-1:50pm Block C 1:55-3:05pm Block D</p>	<p>Monday September 11th Please note the day 1 change</p> <p>Day 1</p> <p>8:50am Welcoming Bell 8:55-10:05am Block A 10:10-10:45am Focused Flex (Grade 9 Assembly) 10:50-12:00pm. Block B 12:00-12:35pm LUNCH 12:40-1:50pm Block C 1:55-3:05pm Block D</p>
<p>Tuesday September 12th</p> <p>Day 2</p> <p>8:50am Welcoming Bell 8:55-10:05am Block B 10:10-10:45am Focused Flex (Grade 10 Assembly) 10:50-12:00pm. Block A 12:00-12:35pm LUNCH 12:40-1:50pm Block D 1:55-3:05pm Block C</p>	<p>Other Info:</p> <p>Photo Day: Sept 7</p> <p>Photo Retakes: TBD</p> <p>Grad Photos: Tues Oct 24-Fri Nov 10</p> <p>Grad Retake Days – Nov 30th and Dec 1st</p> <p>Oct 2 – School Not in Session – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation</p> <p>Oct 6 – School Improvement Day – students not in session</p>

BELL SCHEDULE 2023-2024

Regular Bell Schedule		M	T	W	THUR	F
Welcome	8:50					
Period 1	8:55 – 10:05	A	B	T	C	D
Focused Flex	10:10 – 10:45	A	B	U	C	D
Period 2	10:50 – 12:00	B	A	M	D	C
Lunch	12:00 – 12:35			B		
Period 3	12:40 – 1:50	C	D	L	A	B
Period 4	1:55 – 3:05	D	C	E	B	A

We highly recommend students and parents to download the MySchoolDay App which details information about each day's block order and includes the option of notifications about important events.

[iOS Version](#)

[Android Version](#)

CALENDAR

The school calendar will be online at <https://remss.sd35.bc.ca/>. In addition, there is an announcement area on the website. Look for important information there, too. If you would like to have access to our rotating block schedule, please download and subscribe to our block schedule at [My School Day App](#). Follow us on Instagram (@remountaineagles).

STUDENT LOCKERS

We have over 2300 students and only 650 lockers available for students. Most students find that they do not need lockers. However, if you would like one, please fill out this form - <https://forms.office.com/r/yVXJXf3t97>. The information from the form will get your information added to the locker system (it does not guarantee you a locker). The form will close on Wednesday August 30 at 9am.

Please access the form on the assigned day (or any day after their assigned day).

Grade 12s - August 31

Grade 11s – Sept 1

Grade 10s – Sept 2

Grade 9s – Sept 3

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

All students should bring basic supplies to school beginning on the first day including loose leaf paper, binders, pens, and pencils. Classroom teachers will specify supplies needed for their specific courses.

TIMETABLES & COURSE CHANGES

Timetables will be available on the MyEdBC portal on Thursday, August 24th

<https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>

If you are unable to login to the MyEd portal, please email your student's name, date of birth, and family's name to sstrelau@sd35.bc.ca

Course changes are only for post-secondary requirements, missing academic courses or missing courses in a schedule. Due to the increase in enrollment, course availability is limited and not all changes may be accommodated. Please see our online course changes forms for additional information.

- Grade 9 Course Change Form - Opens Monday August 28th at 9 am, closes Tuesday August 29th at 11 am.
Link here: <https://forms.office.com/r/QYrrGHwifM>
- Grade 12 Course Change Form - Open Tuesday, August 29th at 9 am, closes Wednesday, August 30th at 11 am.
Link here: <https://forms.office.com/r/6HB1BNuUtG>
- Grade 11 Course Change Form - Open Wednesday, August 30st at 9 am, closes Thursday, August 31st at 11 am.
Link here: <https://forms.office.com/r/V2Dy4kPTNG>
- Grade 10 Course Change Form - Open Thursday, August 31st at 9 am, closes Friday, September 1st at 11 am.
Link here: <https://forms.office.com/r/frBuHE6aWp>

Counsellor alpha by student's last name:

Jermaine Kemp - A-C
Lauren Barirani – D-J
Jerica Glassco – K-Mc

Tera Springenatic – Me to Sh
Janice Babalos - Si-Z
George Costopoulos - All IB and Pre-IB students

Counsellors will begin booking regular counselling appointments starting September 11.

ADMINISTRATION CONTACTS

With expanded growth in the number of students at REMSS, we are fortunate to have four Vice Principals supporting our staff and students this year. We encourage students and parents to connect with their teachers as much as possible when issues arise, but when administration support is needed, please feel free to connect with your child's Vice Principal. Here is a list of our Vice Principal's assigned by student's last name:

Tina Costopoulos, Grades 9-12 (A – F)
Jessica Bain, Grades 9-12 (G – LEE)
Aaron Gollub, Grades 9-12 (LEF– R)
Jeff Keen, Grades 9-12 (S-Z)

SAFE ARRIVAL APP

R.E. Mountain Secondary utilizes an automated attendance management system called SafeArrival, offered through School Messenger, the system that hosts our parent notification system. Accessible at: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. SchoolMessenger App - Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
2. SafeArrival Website - Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
3. Toll-Free Phone - Call the toll-free number 1-833-294-4837 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

When signing up for an account, you must sign up using the parent / guardian e-mail that is on file with the school. If you are calling the toll-free number, you must call from the parent / guardian phone number on file with the school. These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. We ask that daily absences are reported before 3 p.m. on the day of the absence, this includes late arrivals and early departures. Future absences can be reported at any time. If absences are not reported before the cut-off time, the parent / guardian may still receive an automatic notification in the evening to inform of an absence. Absences are only to be reported by parents / guardians on file with the school. Students are not to report their own absences.

We are a very large school with a high volume of calls. Please use the 3 options above to report absences as the school office will not be able to accept calls regarding attendance. Parents / guardians will need to report via the app, website, or toll- free number in a timely manner.

If you have children attending other schools, please continue to report absences using the existing procedures for those schools.

PE STRIP FOR GRADE 9 & 10

At R.E. Mountain, PE gym strip is mandatory for all students. Students can wear their own gym attire and non-marking shoes or families can purchase RE Mountain branded gym strip using this link: <https://sd35.schoolcashonline.com/>

PAC DONATIONS

Donations to the REMSS Parent Advisory Council (PAC) can be made through SchoolCash Online. These funds support programs such as the school-wide/no-barrier Breakfast Program, Tough Eagle/Pep Rally events, and other opportunities for student support. Thank you for supporting our REMSS community.

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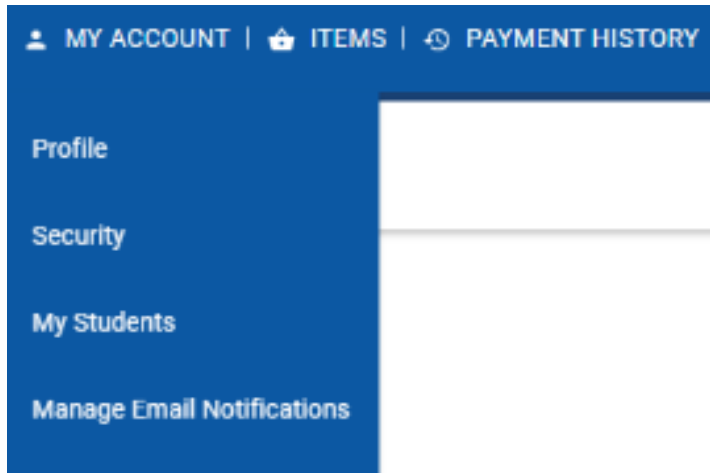
SCHOOLCASH ONLINE

R.E. Mountain uses [SchoolCash Online](#), an online payment system that gives families a convenient and secure option to pay for items such as field trips, program fees, and other school-related expenses.

NEW FAMILIES: If you still need to, please register for the [SchoolCash Online](#) account using the following instructions. [School Cash Online Parent and Student Instruction Sheet](#)

EXISTING FAMILIES: If you have a SchoolCash Online account, please ensure you receive notifications. To get a notification when new items are posted.

- a) Log in to [SchoolCash Online](#)
- b) Select **My Account** top tab
- c) Select Manage Email Notifications
- d) Check "I want to receive email notifications. . . ."
- e) Select Preferred Language
- f) Click **Change**



Change Email Notifications

I want to receive email notifications for new fees assigned to my student and updates on school-related activities.

Preferred Language for E-mails *

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Lastly, I would like to invite our parents to keep the following dates in mind for our Parent Nights.

Tuesday, Sept 19th Grade 9 parent night starting at 6 pm in the gym
Grade 12 parent night starting at 7 pm in the gym

If you have any questions about the upcoming year, feel free to contact any of the support or administrative staff. We look forward to working with you during the coming year.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Trattle
Principal
RE Mountain Secondary School