



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.

As a staff we 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 so that we can keep you up-to-date on important information. **Please login to [MyEdBC](#) to ensure your information (address, etc.) is correct OR send your updated contact information along with your student's name and date of birth to mssstudentrecords@sd35.bc.ca.** This address can also be used for MyEdBC 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 3

Grade 9 students and **new students (Gr. 10-12)** will be invited to attend school on Tuesday, September 3. Grade 10-12 students who have previously been at R.E. Mountain will join us on Wednesday, September 4.

- All Grade 9 students will receive an invitation next week to attend our Grade 9 orientation that will be held on September 3. Students will attend either a morning or afternoon orientation session. 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 students who are new to REMSS will be invited to an orientation from 10am to 12pm on Tuesday, September 3. 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 4

Classes on September 4 begin at 9:12am

Due to traffic challenges at drop off, please ensure your student(s) arrive early. Dismissal is at 3:15 p.m. Block rotation on Wednesday, September 4, is Day 1 (A,B,C,D)

OPENING WEEK SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 4 - Day 1 9:12 – 10:32 Block A 10:36 – 11:56 Block B 11:56 – 12:26 Lunch 12:31 – 1:51 Block C 1:55 – 3:15 Block D	Thursday, September 5 – Day 1 9:12 – 9:22 Homeroom – Block 1A 9:27 – 10:19 Block B 10:19 – 10:44 B Flex 10:49 – 11:56 Block A 11:56 – 12:26 Lunch 12:31 – 1:38 Block D 1:38 – 2:03 D Flex 2:08 – 3:15 Block C
Friday, September 6 - Day 2 8:00 – 9:07 Early Class 9:12 – 9:22 Homeroom – Block 1A 9:27 – 10:19 Block D 10:19 – 10:44 D Flex 10:49 – 11:56 Block C 11:56 – 12:26 Lunch 12:31 – 1:38 Block B 1:43 – 2:08 A Flex 2:08 – 3:15 Block A	Monday, September 9 - Day 1 9:12 – 10:19 Block A 10:19 - 10:44 A Flex 10:49 – 11:56 Block B 11:56 – 12:26 Lunch 12:31 – 1:38 Block C 1:38 – 2:03 C Flex 2:03 – 3:15 Block D

Other Important Dates

- Sept 10 – Photo Day
- Sept 12 – Grade 12 & Grade 11 Assemblies
- Sept 13 – Grade 10 & Grade 9 Assemblies
- Sept 17 – Grade 9 and 12 Parent Night (6pm for Grade 9, 7pm for Grade 12)
- Sept 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)
- Oct 4 – School Improvement Day (No Students)
- Oct 11 – Picture Retakes

BELL SCHEDULE 2024-2025

Over the past five years, we have seen a great deal of growth and development in our community. While there are plans for a new Secondary school in the Willoughby area in the future, and plans for a future expansion of REMSS, there are pressures around enrollment in our area now so we have adjusted our bell schedule for September 2024 to ensure that students will continue to have access to as many course opportunities as possible.

As we noted in the Spring, we have developed a new block schedule for the 2024-25 school year that will enable us to provide even more classroom spaces for students. This schedule is not vastly different from our previous one and offers the following:

- A set schedule for each day of the week.
- Continued inclusion of flex on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
- More early morning linear classes for grade 11 and 12 students to ensure they can take more than one class before school, should they wish.
- Reduced traffic issues around pick up and drop off times.

Students in grades 9 and 10, and any students in complex resource, will all start at 9:12am and end at 3:15pm, unless they are taking music or high-performance classes. Students in grades 11 and 12 will be scheduled between 8am and 3:15pm to ensure they have full access to all our course opportunities.

This is the bell schedule for the 2024-25 school year. Scheduled 8:00am classes are year long on day 2, Tuesday, Friday and alternating Wednesdays. These are noted as 'EC' and are shown in blue on the schedule below.

2024-25 REMSS Bell Schedule

Time	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
8:00-9:07	Day 1	EC-Day 2	Day 1/ EC-Day 2	Day 1	EC-Day 2
9:12-10:19	A1	C2	9:12-10:32 A1/D2	B1	D2
10:19-10:44	A1 - Flex	C2 - Flex		B1 - Flex	D2 - Flex
10:49-11:56	B1	D2	10:36-11:56 B1/C2	A1	C2
11:56-12:26	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:31-1:38	C1	B2	12:31-1:51 C1/B2	D1	B2
1:38-2:03	C1 - Flex	B2 - Flex	1:55-3:15 D1/A2	D1 - Flex	A2 - Flex
2:08-3:15	D1	A2		C1	A2

We highly recommend students and parents 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/>. 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

REMSS is a large campus, and students are moving between classes all over the campus. As a result, most students find that they do not actually need or use a locker. However, if you do want to have access to a locker, you will need to select one by going to mss.lockerassignment.com. Please note that lockers are limited and there is no guarantee that students will be able to get one.

Students can access lockers at the following times:

Grade 12: August 27 at 9:00am
Grade 9: August 28 at 9:00am

Grade 11: August 29 at 9:00am
Grade 10: August 30 at 9:00am

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 at 2pm on Friday, August 23rd. The portal is available at: <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspden/logon.do>

If you are unable to login to the MyEdBC portal, please email your student's name, date of birth, and family's name to mssstudentrecords@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 (below) for additional information.

- Grade 9 Course Change Form - Opens Monday August 26th at 9 am, closes Tuesday August 27th at 11 am.

Link here: <https://forms.office.com/r/kMdPwSUZn4>

- Grade 12 Course Change Form - Open Tuesday, August 27th at 9 am, closes Wednesday, August 28th at 11 am.

Link here: <https://forms.office.com/r/80dDt8thb1>

- Grade 11 Course Change Form - Open Wednesday, August 28th at 9 am, closes Thursday, August 29th at 11 am.

Link here: <https://forms.office.com/r/dk3zJpJxAV>

- Grade 10 Course Change Form - Open Thursday, August 29th at 9 am, closes Friday, August 30th at 11 am.

Link here: <https://forms.office.com/r/18mns34U66>

Counsellor alpha by student's last name:

Jermaine Kemp - A-Ch

Lauren Barirani – Ci-Jor

Jerica Glassco – Jos-Mis

Sarah Michel – Mit-Sid

TBA - Sie-Z

George Costopoulos - All IB and Pre-IB students

Counsellors will begin booking regular counselling appointments starting September 10.

ADMINISTRATION CONTACTS

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)
- Sean Juteau, Grades 9-12 (G – LEE)
- Aaron Gollub, Grades 9-12 (LEF– R)
- Gwen Thornburn, 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. If you plan to be away for the first few days of school, please let the office know.

PE STRIP FOR GRADE 9 & 10

At R.E. Mountain, PE gym strip is mandatory for all students. Students are able to wear their own gym attire.

PAC DONATIONS

Donations to the REMSS Parent Advisory Council (PAC) can be made through SchoolCash Online. These funds support school programs like the Tough Eagle/Pep Rally events, and other opportunities for student support. Thank you for supporting our REMSS community.

[DONATE HERE](#)

STUDENT USE OF PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES

As you may be aware, the Ministry of Education has requested that every School District has a procedure related to the use of personal digital devices, like cell phones, while at school. We will be communicating this new procedure to both students and parents/guardians, with further details, in a future message.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING

As our community is aware, the area around Peter Ewart Middle School and R.E. Mountain Secondary is very busy during school days. With our new 8:00am and 9:12am start times, we have worked to reduce the amount of traffic congestion in our area. While drop off times will be improved, we encourage families to pick up their students off site at the end of the day as line ups to leave our property are lengthy.

Student and community parking is very limited as we have added new classroom portables to our parking area. We encourage students to walk or bike to school.



SCHOOLCASH ONLINE

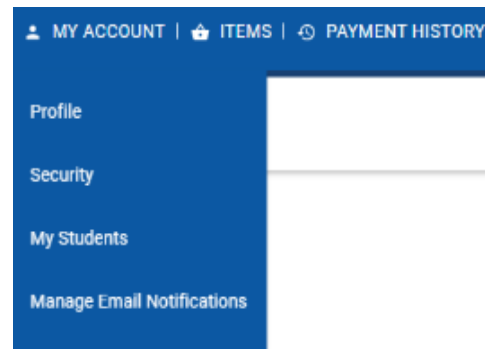
R.E. Mountain uses [SchoolCash Online](#), an online payment system that gives families a convenient and secure option to pay for items such as field trips, program fees, and other school-related expenses.

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 have selected to 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 English

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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 17th 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Trattle'.

Paul Trattle
Principal
RE Mountain Secondary School