

**Important Dates:**

- September 5-Islamic: [Mawlid al-Nabi](#)
- September 11-Fire Drill, Cross-country meet #1: Stanley Park 5:00 arrive by 4:30
- September 16-Cross-country meet #2: North Glenmore Park, 5:00 arrive by 4:30
- September 19-Terry Fox Run
- September 22-Cross-country South Finals: North Glenmore Park, 5:00 arrive by 4:30
- September 25- Orange Shirt Day, Sher-Burger, Open House
- September 29-Parent Teacher Conferences (invite only)
- September 28-October 2 – Hindu: [Durga Puja](#)
- October 2 – Jewish: [Yom Kippur](#)

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Although I expect changes over the summer with new registrations and families leaving, currently we are planning for classes and grade configurations as below:

| Grade | Classes | Average Students per class   | Total |
|-------|---------|------------------------------|-------|
| 4     | 2       | 23.5                         | 47    |
| 5     | 2       | 15.5                         | 31    |
| 6     | 2       | 30.5                         | 61    |
| 7     | 3       | 22.3                         | 67    |
| 8     | 2       | 28.5                         | 57    |
| 9     | 3       | 25                           | 75    |
| Total |         | Average of 24 students/class | 338   |

Operating Budget & Staffing: This year, our operating budget is especially tight. While we should have approximately \$31,554 available, we are working with only \$14,762, leaving us with very little flexibility. We have chosen to prioritize keeping class sizes

manageable, which has meant both Mr. Loach and I are teaching two periods each day. At the same time, important learning spaces such as our Sports Performance and Shop rooms are in need of upgrades that we cannot complete without Council's support. Rising costs also impact day-to-day learning—paper remains a significant expense, particularly for assessments, and Learning Lab supplies such as whiteboards and markers are essential for every classroom. Field trips that go unpaid further reduce our limited funds.

Despite these challenges, we are encouraged by the strong sense of community at our school. Every bit of support helps, whether through Council initiatives, fundraising, or simply volunteering time. Our Leadership students will also be looking at ways they can contribute to enhancing our spaces and experiences through student-led projects. You may have noticed some staff changes as well, which reflect both budget impacts and staff members moving on to new opportunities. Together, with your continued support, we can ensure our students continue to thrive in a learning environment that is engaging, supportive, and well-equipped.

Outstanding Items not purchased or paid for:

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Wish List items:

- Open Minds
- Grade 7 Residency
- Grade 9 Trip to Calgary Public Library
- Grade 8 & 9- Theatre Calgary
- Sports Performance Space