



# North Delta Secondary

## Husky Highlights

August 2025

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### Welcome Back!

Dear Students, Families, and Staff,  
I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer. As we begin a new school year, I want to extend a warm welcome to our returning students and families, as well as those joining our school community for the first time. A new year brings fresh opportunities for learning, growth, and connection, and I am excited for all that lies ahead.

This year, we will continue to focus on creating a supportive, inclusive, and engaging environment where every student can thrive. Our dedicated staff have been preparing thoughtfully for the year, and we look forward to working together with families to make it a memorable and successful one.

I encourage everyone to get involved—whether through school events, classroom activities, or simply by staying connected with one another. Together, we can ensure that this year is filled with achievement, discovery, and joy.

In this newsletter you will find important information for school start-up. The school newsletter is published on our website the first Friday of every month by end of day.

If you are you moving or returning to school late? Please email [northdelta.sec@deltaschools.ca](mailto:northdelta.sec@deltaschools.ca)

Please join me in welcoming new/returning staff to NDSS: Mr. Clarke, Mr. Henderson, Ms. Hiddleston, Mr. Ryan, and Mr. Frej.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and see you soon!

Ms. Sahota Principal	Mr. Nikic Vice Principal	Mr. Richards. Vice Principal
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### Upcoming Dates To Remember:

- 28 New Student School Tour (see below for details)
- 02 First Day of School – altered schedule (see below)
- 03 Day 1
- 03 Cafeteria services will start
- 05 Last day for course change (see your counsellor)
- 10 Photo Day
- 19 Pro-D Day-no school
- 23 Grad Boat Cruise
- 25 PAC Meeting at 6pm in the Library
- 29 Truths and Reconciliation Walk (ILT)
- 30 Day of Reflection for Truths and Reconciliation-no school

We respectfully acknowledge that we live and work on the unceded and ancestral lands of the Coast Salish Peoples, specifically the shared traditional territories of the Tsawwassen, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Tseil-Waututh, and x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam) First Nations, who have been stewards of this land since time immemorial.

Superintendent: Doug Sheppard  
 A. Superintendent: Brad Bauman  
 Principal: Sonia Sahota  
 Vice Principal: Vlad Nikic  
 Vice Principal: Bill Richards  
 Office Manager: Barb Pashak  
 Chair: Joe Muego  
 Trustee: Ammen Dhillion

### Emergency Contact Information:

- [kidshelpphone.ca](http://kidshelpphone.ca) (text 686868)
- Mental Health Crisis and Suicide Prevention Help Line 9-8-8
- Crisis Line 604-872-3311
- Suicide Help Line 1-800-784-2433
- In an emergency, dial 9-1-1 or go to your nearest hospital emergency room



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### Grade 8 (New Student) Tours

Dear Families of Grade 8 Students!

We are excited to welcome your child to North Delta Secondary School (NDSS) for the upcoming school year! As part of helping students and families transition smoothly into Grade 8, we are hosting a School Tour on Thursday, August 28, at 10:30am.

This event is open to all Grade 8 families, and we warmly encourage you to attend together. If possible, we ask that students come with their parents or guardians so that everyone has the opportunity to become familiar with the school environment, meet some of our staff, and ask any questions before the first day of classes.

The School Tour will include an introduction to our facilities, important information about the start of the year, and a chance to connect with other families.

All grade 8 students will receive a Husky T-shirt during the first week of September. Please complete this Google Form for the sizing of your t-shirt: <https://forms.gle/b7iJqaMFLUHYPGTE8>. The form is due by **Monday, August 25, no later than 9 am**.

We look forward to seeing you there and beginning this exciting new chapter together.

### First Day Schedules Tuesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

#### Grade 8s

\*No school in the morning\*

- 12:30-12:45pm Gr. 8 Teachers meet Students in the Gym
- 12:45pm Block A Homeroom
- 1:20pm Assembly in Theatre
- 1:45pm Students locate their classrooms (Day 1 Simulation)
  - Block A from 1:45 pm to 1:50 pm
  - Block B from 1:55 pm to 2:00 pm
  - Block C from 2:05 pm to 2:10 pm
  - Block D from 2:15 pm to 2:20 pm
- 2:25pm BBQ and Dismissal

#### Grade 9s and 10s

- 9:30am Students report to Block A class for Homeroom
- 9:55am Assembly in Theatre
- 10:15am BBQ and Dismissal

#### Grade 11s

- 10:00am Students report to Block A class for Homeroom
- 10:25am Assembly in Theatre
- 10:45am BBQ and Dismissal

#### Grade 12s

- 10:30am Students report to Block A class for Homeroom
- 10:55am Assembly in Theatre
- 11:30am BBQ and Dismissal



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### Locker Information 2025-2026

- All Grade 8 and 9 students have been assigned a locker
- Grade 10, 11 and 12 students who requested a locker during course selection have been assigned a locker
- Students who have been assigned a locker can obtain their locker number and lock combination in their CIMS Student Connect account (Top tab PROFILE, drop down DEMOGRAPHICS)
- Students who did not request a locker and would like a locker this year must complete the Google Form (using your @deltalearns.ca account) using the QR Code below
- Please see Mr Richards if you have any questions or require any further information
- Lockers have been assigned. Students will not be able to change lockers
- Reminder, do not share your locker combination with any other students



### School Fees

The District is committed to ensuring that no student of school age will be denied an educational program due to financial hardship and that charges will not be a barrier to student participation in school activities. At this time, we are requesting that families reach out to your child's counsellor or vice principal if you are in need of assistance with school supplies, fees or other school-related costs. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

### Counsellors for 2025-2026

Mr. Shaferle	Gr 8 (N-Z) and Grade 9
Ms. Bouserrska	Gr 8 (G-M) and Grade 10
Ms. Khaira	Gr 8 (A-B) and Grade 11
Ms. Cipriano	Gr 8 (C-F) and Grade 12

### Administrators

Mr. Richards.	Grade 8 (A-K), Grade 9 and 11
Mr. Nikic:	Grade 8 (L-Z), Grade 10 and 12

### School Attendance and Lates

At North Delta, student attendance is everyone's responsibility to ensure and establish positive student attendance habits. When students are not in class on a regular basis this can become a safety concern for the school community. Student attendance is an ongoing process to support students in making good choices to consistently be in their classes and arrive on time. It is important that families play a role in helping us with their student's attendance. With the hope that students will make positive changes in their attendance patterns, a progressive approach will be undertaken to provide students with opportunities to demonstrate growth. Students are expected to be in class on-time with required learning materials. Notifications will go home when students are not in school. If you are authorizing an absence please call/email it into the Main Office in advance.



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### Personal Digital Device Guidelines

Student's personal digital devices are to be separate from themselves to ensure an environment conducive to learning during instructional time

- Students are to keep their personal digital devices in the cell phone holders in each of their classes, no exceptions
- Students are not to have their phones on themselves (ie: pockets of pants or jackets) during instructional time
- Students are not to have their cell phones or PDD's in the hallways during instructional time (vending machines are not available during instructional time)
- During instructional time (which includes ILT) students must securely store their personal digital devices (ie. Cell Phones, AirPods etc.) in the classroom cell phone holders

If students have their personal digital devices with them during instructional time, staff members will collect the phone and bring it to administration

- Students carrying/using cell phones in the hallways, during instructional time, will be asked to provide their phone to an adult and the phone will be brought to administration
- Students will be able to retrieve their personal digital device from administration after the end of the school day
- If a student's personal digital device is brought to administration on multiple occasions, parents/caregivers will be contacted and asked to pick up the device

Restricting the use of personal digital devices at North Delta Secondary addresses the following:

- Concerns regarding the safety of students within the building
- Concerns regarding bathroom vandalism and inappropriate student behaviour within the bathrooms
- The use of personal digital devices will be for instructional purposes and digital literacy
- Accessibility and accommodation needs will be addressed for intended students
- Medical and health needs will be addressed for intended students
- Equity to support learning outcomes will be addressed for intended students

### Washrooms at NDSS

We are asking that you engage in a conversation with your student(s) who attend ND. We need to make sure our washrooms at ND are safe for all students. The issues we face here are faced by many secondary schools, but with your help we would like to change that.

Here are some talking points that might assist:

- All spaces in the school must be safe for everyone
- Vandalism violates the School Code of Conduct and consequences will be issued
- Use the facilities in the same way you would at home (flush after use, do not waste toilet paper or soap)
- Remind students that there is a one student at a time policy for leaving class
- Do not hang out in the washroom, use the facility and immediately return to class
- Only one student in a stall at a time

Washroom procedures:

- Students needing to leave class during instructional time will be required to sign out when they leave and sign back in when they return to class. Teachers will have forms for students to complete for tracking purposes.
- Students will be asked to keep their cell phones in the cell phone holders in class when leaving the classroom
- Each classroom will be given a colour coded Hall Pass on a lanyard that must be visible
- Only one student at a time is allowed to leave a classroom