



# POINT GREY SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Hello Mini School Parents,

Paul and I hope you are having a great summer and extend a warm welcome to our parents of incoming Grade 8 students! In preparation for the 2018-2019 school year, please find below some important information that can help you plan your schedule.

Our [school calendar](#) and [2018-19 school fees](#) are now posted at [pgmini.org](http://pgmini.org) in the Parents' section under "Information for Parents". Another valuable resource for school event information is [Point Grey Secondary's](#) website.

Thanks to those of you who have volunteered to chaperone our Fall Orientation- our parent group is now complete. If you are still interested in volunteering on one of our trips, Paul will send out an email after Fall Orientation inviting parents to join us for the Manning Park Winter Camp.

Please be aware of the following dates for our major field trips for the 2018-2019 school year:

- September 26-28, 2018 ..... Orientation at Camp Daybreak (all students)
- January 9-11, 2019 ..... Winter Camp at Manning Park (all students)
- February 19-22, 2019 ..... Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre (grade 8's only)
- June 3-7, 2019 ..... Oregon Shakespeare Festival (grade 9 and 10's only)

Also, please note that you will *not* be receiving consent forms on paper (usually distributed in homeroom during the first week). All forms are now available online and parents must complete these, print and returned by **Friday, September 7th**. See below for steps for online form completion.

1. Go to [www.pgmini.org](http://www.pgmini.org)
2. Scroll to the bottom of the screen and click on the blue door of the 'portable' graphic to open the login panel. Enter your username (email address) and password. If you have lost or forgotten your password, you can select "lost password" and one will be emailed to you. A big thanks to Cindy Young, our Mini School Parent Support Society Past Chair for building our website and the variety of tools it provides.
3. Click on 'Parents' in the menu at the top of the screen. You will see "Information for Parents" in the left column. Please read, print and complete:
  - [School Cash Online Package](#)
  - [2018-2019 PG School Fees](#)
  - [PG PAC Direction Donation Campaign 2018-2019 \(optional\)](#)
4. Next, you will see "Forms to be Submitted" on the left. You will need to fill, print and sign and return these forms. There will be 6 of these (7 for Grade 8 students):
  - PG Mini Field Trip Consent forms for:
    - Bard on the Beach (Grade 8-12) - posted in early September. Return to Humanities teacher.
    - Orientation (Grade 8-12)- posted in early September. Return to HR Teacher.
  - PG Mini Health and Contact (Grade 8-12) complete/update online only. Return to HR Teacher.
  - PG Mini General Consent (Grade 8-12). Return to HR Teacher.
  - Vancouver School Board Forms (return to Main School Office):
    - [VSB Personal Information & Media Consent](#) - (Grade 8-12) submit each September
    - [VSB Publicity Through Outside Media Consent](#) - (Grade 8-12) submit each September
    - [VSB Acceptable Use of Technology](#) - (Grade 8 parents only) submit once in September

5. Regarding 'Contact/Health Information': review and ensure that the contact & health information for all your children is up-to-date. Even if there are no changes to be made, by reviewing it, the form will be date-stamped for 2018-2019. Please note that we have added requests to share your contact information with the main school PAC and, if you have a child in grade 12, the Grad Committee. Please indicate your consent by clicking the relevant check box.
  
6. Submit all consent forms by clicking their names from the menu and following the instructions. After you have submitted each form you will be prompted to open a PDF version of it that you will be able to print. The school requires a signed, paper copies. (Hint: to quickly select your child's name from the drop-down menu, with the menu selected, type the first few letters or your child's first name).
  
7. Students will return Mini School consent forms (Health and Contact, General Consent, Bard on the Beach and Orientation to their homeroom teachers and all other VSB forms to the Main School office by the end of the first week.

For all Mini students, please note that we kick off the school year with field trips to Bard on the Beach. Our Grade 11 and 12 students will see a production of *Macbeth* on September 12, while our 8-10's will enjoy *As You Like It* on September 20. The forms for these trips are due the day before each trip. These trips are made possible at no cost to students by way of a generous grant from our Mini Parent Support Society.

The first day of school is on Tuesday, September 4 and all grades are to go to the Auditorium first before proceeding to homeroom class. The schedule is as follows:

- Grade 9s .....Arrive at 9:00 am
- Grade 10s.....Arrive at 10:00 am
- Grade 11's.....Arrive at 11:00 am
- Grade 12's..... Arrive at 12:00 pm
- Grade 8's..... Arrive at 1:00 pm

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sincerely,

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 Co-Head Teachers  
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