



WELCOME TO BARRIE NORTH!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU!

Grade 8 is a really exciting year! As you start to think about the transition to high school, you will probably have many questions. We are here to help!

Meet our Guidance team:

Ms. Kirkpatrick works with students whose last name begins with the letters **A-F**.

Ms. Alexander works with students whose last name begins with the letters **G-M**.

Ms. Reesor works with students whose last name begins with the letters **N-Z**.

Ms. Turnbull works with students who are **newcomers to Canada**, students who identify as **ESL speakers**, and our **international exchange students**.

Where can I learn more about High School?

My Blueprint

Your Grade 8 teacher will use MyBlueprint as part of your transition process this year. They will help you to log in and explore the activities. We will be using this platform for course selection in January,

Barrie North Guidance Google Site

The BNC Guidance department has a Google site for students and there is a page just for our Grade 8s! Check it out! You will need to log into Chrome with your SCDSB login in order to access the site. [Click here](#) to visit the page and learn more about high school at BNC. You can also learn more about high school by reading our weekly updates for current students on the “Weekly Newsletters” page of the Google site.

- Picture Yourself at North – Week of November 20th
- Classroom Visits – First Two Weeks of December
- Grade 8 Open House – January 17th 6:30pm to 8:00pm
(Inclement Weather Date: Jan. 18th)
- Course Selection – January 2024
- Grade 9 Orientation – August 2024

**Important
Dates**

GRADE 8 TRANSITION ACTIVITIES

Picture Yourself At North Week	Classroom Visits	Grade 8 Open House	Course Selections
During the week of November 20th , you will come with your class for a morning visit to Barrie North. You will meet our Guidance Ambassadors, get a tour of the school, and learn more about high school and course selection.	In December , Barrie North Guidance Counsellors will visit your school to discuss the course selection process with you. We can answer any questions you may have about course and program options. We can also answer any questions you may have thought of since your tour!	On the evening of Wednesday, January 17th (inclement weather date: January 18th) , you are invited to Barrie North to explore course options, participate in activities lead by teachers and current students, and learn about clubs and teams!	In January , you will work with your classroom teacher to input your course selections into MyBlueprint. BNC Guidance Counsellors are available to help as well. You will receive a copy of your timetable in June.

Grade 9 Orientation

Grade 9 Orientation takes place **at the end of August**. At this exciting event, you will meet other grade 9 students, tour the school, get a copy of your timetable, and participate in fun activities! **Information about this event will be posted on the Barrie North website in June.**

Community Service Hours

In order to graduate, every student needs to complete 40 hours of community service. You can begin completing these hours the day after you graduate Grade 8!

Visit our [Guidance Google Site page here](#).

School Supports

At Barrie North, our school success team includes Guidance Counsellors, Special Education Resource Teachers, Student Success Teachers, Vice-Principals, School Social Workers, and Community Agency Liaisons. There are many people here to support you!

Check out these extra-curricular activities running at BNC this Fall!

Students' Council ~ Dungeons and Dragons Club ~ Debate Club ~ DECA Business Leadership ~ Outer's Wilderness Adventure Club ~ Girls Basketball ~ Boys Football ~ Girls Flag Football ~ Boys Volleyball ~ Cross Country Running ~ Girls & Boys Golf ~ Girls Rugby 7s