

# CLAREMONT SECONDARY SCHOOL

## School Profile 2020-2021

### 59 YEARS OF SUCCESS

Claremont Secondary School is located in beautiful Victoria, British Columbia. Claremont School opened on September 1, 1962 to serve the local population in the Municipality of Saanich and the Saanich Peninsula. Claremont is located in the seaside neighborhood of Cordova Bay. The school has a strong history of leadership, beginning with our first Principal, Mr. Joe Lott continuing through to our current Principal, Mr. Peter Westhaver.

#### PRINCIPALS

Mr. Joe Lott  
1961-1973  
Mr. Don McKinnon  
1973-1986  
Mr. John Pringle  
1986-1998  
Mrs. Linda Giles  
1998-2000  
Mr. Jordan Tinney  
2000-2005  
Mr. Mark Fraser  
2005-2011  
Mr. Bruce Frith  
2011-2016  
Mr. Peter Westhaver  
2016-

#### School Mission

The students, staff and parents of Claremont Secondary encourage lifelong learning within a safe and respectful environment where students pursue their highest possible levels of academic achievement and personal growth.

#### THE SCHOOL

Claremont Secondary School is located in beautiful Victoria, British Columbia. The school has a student population of 1034 students and a staff of over 100 including teaching, support and administrative staff. Our student population is quite diverse and this year includes 89 International Students representing many Countries.

Claremont Secondary School has a reputation for excellence in academics, athletics and the arts. Academically, we offer Advanced Placement courses in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition. Our Math department provides students with the opportunity to compete in National and International Math Contests consistently achieving top scores. Our writing program produces students whose work is often featured and celebrated in competitions and printed in publications such as the Claremont Review. Many of our students earn scholarships to post-secondary institutions in Canada and abroad. Our Athletic department consistently produces teams which represent the school at major tournaments including Provincial Championships. Our arts courses include the visual and performing arts. Productions for the public are held each year in the Ridge Theatre.

We are proud of the way we support a wide range of learners. The school works hard to support students to do their very best in every area of their life at Claremont and beyond. We also believe it is important to support charitable organizations in our community and around the world.

#### TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

Claremont Secondary School is devoted to excellence in learning, academics, and teaching. While Claremont is renowned for its scholastic rigour, consistently ranking at the very top amongst public schools on Vancouver Island in overall academic performance, we are also well known for our commitment to humanitarian pursuits, the fine arts, foods, trades, technology, ELL (English Language Learners) and athletics. Many of our innovative offerings strive to put students at the centre of their own education, allowing them to discover, embrace and fulfill their passions within relevant learning opportunities. Students who find learning a challenge are supported to help them understand their own learning styles and achieve success.

---

## Diploma Requirements

Grade 9 students do not earn Graduation credits for their courses, but must successfully complete English 9, Social Studies 9, Science 9, Math 9, PE 9, a Fine Arts 9, and an Applied Skills 9.

In order to graduate from the Province of British Columbia and receive the Diploma of Graduation, students must acquire 80 credits from a combination of required courses, elective courses Career Life Connections 12 program and Provincial Numeracy Exams.

### Required Courses (48 credits)

**Career Life Education** (4 credits)

**Language Arts 10** (4 credits), **Language Arts 11** (4 credits), **Language Arts 12** (4 credits)

**Mathematics 10** (4 credits), **Mathematics 11 or 12** (4 credits)

**Fine Arts and/or Applied Skills 10, 11 or 12** (4 credits)

**Social Studies 10** (4 credits), **Social Studies 11 or 12** (4 credits)

**Science 10** (4 credits), **Science 11 or 12** (4 credits)

**Physical Education 10** (4 credits)

**Elective Courses** (28 credits) with at least 16 overall credits at the Grade 12 level.

**Career Life Connections** (4 credits)

Credits from elective courses will be counted from Grades 10 to 12. When planning course selection, remember that at least 16 overall credits must be at the Grade 12 level. Some of these credits may come from required courses (like a Grade 12 Language Arts course) while others can be elective courses.

---

*Successful completion of grad requirements earns students a Graduation Diploma from the Province of British Columbia.*

*Claremont consistently ranks top amongst public schools on Vancouver Island with a Graduation rate of 98%*

---

## PROGRAMS OF CHOICE

### ACADEMIC, ARTS AND TRADES (IGS, PEP, FOFA)

Institute for Global Solutions  
Claremont Law Studies  
Pursuit of Excellence Program  
Focus on Fine Arts  
Trades Exploration Program (TEX)

### ATHLETIC & CLAREMONT SPORTS INSTITUTE

Swimming Academy  
Lacrosse Academy  
Rowing Academy  
Golf Academy

### STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Audio Visual Club  
Science & Engineering Club  
VEX Robotics Club  
Best Buddies  
Chess Club  
Craft Club  
Crafty Knitters  
French & Spanish Club  
Grad Council  
International Advising  
Key Club  
Math Club  
Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)  
Sign Language Club  
Welcomers' Club  
Youth for Change & Inclusion (YCI)  
(Some Clubs are not currently meeting due to Covid-19)

---



## CLAREMONT SCHOOL DEMOGRAPHICS

**Total Staff Members - 101**

**Administrators - 3**

**Teachers - 67**

Full time - 63

Part Time - 4

**Teaching Staff Credentials**

1 - PhD

34 – Master’s

32 – Bachelor’s

**Education Assistants and  
Support Staff –31**

**School Population for  
2020-2021**

Grade 9 – 227 Students

Grade 10 – 254 Students

Grade 11 – 287 Students

Grade 12 – 266 Students

The enrollment for 2020-2021 is  
**1034 Students** including 89  
International Students from  
many different countries.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT

AP BIOLOGY

AP CHEMISTRY

AP PHYSICS

AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION

AP ENGLISH LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION

## DUAL CREDIT – POST SECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES

The courses listed below provide students with credits towards High School Graduation as well as earning college level credits.

Accounting 110 – Financial Accounting 1

Business 140 – Business Information Technology

Criminology 154

Economics 103 – Principles of Microeconomics

Marketing 110 - Introduction to Marketing

Math 100

Psychology 130 Contemporary Issues

Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA)

Accelerated Credit Enrolment in Industry Training (ACEit)

## CONTACT US

### Claremont Secondary School

4980 Wesley Road Victoria, B.C. V8Y 1Y9

P. 250-658-5221

F. 250-658-5387



Mr. Peter Westhaver  
Principal



Mrs. Kelly De Klerk  
Vice Principal



Mr. Aaron Buckham  
Vice Principal