 **BURNABY NORTH SECONDARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

In grade 8, your child will spend half of this year in Home Economics and half in Technology Education (with a different teacher). Home Economics is divided into 2 areas of focus: Food Studies and Textile Studies. Approximately 20 classes will be spent in each of these 2 areas. Please refer to course outlines for expectations and curriculum content. A separate percent and letter grade will be given for each area of focus. Throughout the course, we will be emphasizing cooperative working skills, time management, and problem-solving skills.

Approximately half of our time in Textile Studies 8 will be spent on constructing a pair of shorts (full size or mini). Students often prefer to construct a full size pair of boxer/pyjama shorts. Unfortunately we are unable to supply the amount of material necessary for this. The student will need to supply his/her own fabric, thread, and elastic (from home, a store, or through the school). You are welcome to go out and purchase these supplies on your own (please see supply list on back of this letter) or these supplies may be purchased through the school for a cost of $10.00.

All of the necessary learning outcomes for the sewn garment assignment may be met by constructing a pair of mini boxer shorts (doll size). All necessary materials for the mini shorts will be supplied by the school. However, there are benefits to the students in making a full size garment such as: learning about fitting garments, becoming better consumers by comparing the quality of their garment with store-bought ones, and taking pride in wearing something that they have made.

I look forward to teaching your child this year. Please complete the questionnaire below and return it to me. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Home Economics Teacher

***Please cut along the dotted line below and hand in lower portion to your teacher.***

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Student’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Block \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please circle/highlight one garment from the left column and indicate if you wish to purchase supplies from the school or if you will bring these items from home (except for mini boxers).

Please provide materials or send payment with this form by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Cash or cheques made payable to: Burnaby North Secondary School will be accepted.

No post-dated cheques please.

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| **Garment choice:** | **We would like to buy the supplies from the school at the cost of:**  | **OR - We will supply the materials (√)** |
| Boxer shorts | $10 |  |
| Mini boxer shorts | No cost - all materials will be supplied by the school. |

**Parent’s current email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Any medical concerns or any allergies (food or otherwise): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Supply list for full size boxer shorts**

(NOT for the mini boxer shorts)

**1. *Fabric:***

\*\* Please adhere to the following guidelines – fabric stores will not give refunds for cut fabric!

* + - Woven (**not** stretchy) cotton or cotton/polyester fabric (you could use old bed sheets!).
		- Preferably flannel fabric to avoid unnecessary difficulty and frustrations for the student.
		- No shiny or slippery fabrics (nylon, silk, etc.)
		- Full size boxer shorts require **1.2 meters** of fabric.

**\*\*\*Wash and dry the fabric at home to pre-shrink it prior to bringing to school!**

**2. *Thread:***

One 100 m spool of thread in a matching colour to your chosen fabric

\*\* Note: please avoid buying cheap thread as this will cause the machine to jam

**3. *Elastic:***

One package of elastic that is 2.5cm/1” wide (preferably non-roll type).

