

FRASER HEIGHTS FOCUS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back Firehawks! We hope you had a wonderful summer and we look forward to getting the 2015-16 school year off to a great start. This year, Sept. 8th will be our first day of school. We would like to extend a special welcome to all grade 8 students and all other students and families who are new to our school. We know you will find this a friendly place that is exciting and stimulating for you to grow and learn. You have arrived at a wonderful high school.

There are many ways to stay in touch with us all year long although this is the only school newsletter that is mailed home. From here on, you can find timely updates on our newsletter blog: www.fhlearn.ca as well we have updates on our school website: www.surreyschools.ca/fraserheights and on our app: Firehawks available at the App store, SchoolLink which is the school district app, or on twitter: @FraserHtsSec. If you have not already done so, please be sure to give us your email address as we often send updates and important information to parents by email.

We look forward to welcoming back our staff and are pleased that the following teachers will be back: Ms. Dolcetti and Ms. Lewis. We are also welcoming teachers new to our school: Ms. Ziolkowska in Business Education, Ms. Miller in Science and Mr. Maretz in Math.

Included with this package is a fridge magnet and student schedule. Counsellors will be working the week before school starts from Aug. 31 – Sept. 4th. Please see further info in this newsletter.

This year Innovation Fair will be held on Nov. 26 & 27th for all our students in grades 8 and 9. Your teachers will be giving you lots more information on this exciting opportunity. We look forward to welcoming parents and other community members for the student showcase of their learning on Dec. 1 in the morning from 8:30 – 10 am.

New this year we are offering Dance 9 – 12 in semester 2 and there will also be Intro Mandarin 11 and Mandarin 11 classes taught at our school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:45 to 6:15 pm starting Sept. 8th. We are also excited to be opening a new Digital Maker Space in Room 109. Also be sure to check out the new murals at the front entrance to our school.

I would like to encourage students to make the most of what the school offers by getting involved in all aspects of the school from academics, athletics, clubs, and service. We would also like to encourage parents to get involved in the school and support your Parent Advisory Committee by attending their first meeting on Sept. 22nd at 7 pm in our school library. PAC meetings are held regularly on the third Tuesday of each month. All are welcome. We also hope that parents of grade 8 students can join us for our Grade 8 Parent Welcome evening on Sept. 24 from 6:30 – 8 pm.

For Grade 12 students, let's make your last year of high school filled with special memories. Our graduation photos will take place during the week of Oct 8 – Oct. 16th. Our school photographer, Artona will have a trailer on site. Students will get more information on this at the Grade 12 assembly on Sept. 15th. This year we will kick off the graduation year for our grade 12 students with a Grad Cruise on Sept. 27th from 6 – 9 pm. See details in this newsletter.

Once again, we look forward to welcoming all students and families to our school and wish you all the best for the 2015-16 school year.

Mrs. S. Morissette
Principal

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

September 7 th	Labour Day
September 8 th	School Opens: Grade 8 Homeroom (9:30 - 10:30 am) Grade 9 – 12 Homeroom (11:00 - 11:30 am)
September 18 th	School Photo Day
September 21 st	Last Day for Semester I Course Changes
September 22 nd	PAC Meeting @ 7:00 pm
September 23 rd	Grade 8 Retreat (Camp Alexandra)
September 24 th	ELL New Parent & Homestay Parent Meeting (11 am-12 pm) Grade 8 Welcome Night (6:30-8:00 pm)
September 28 th	Pro-D Day (Classes Not in Session)
September 30 th	Unlock Your Futures @ 7:00 pm Terry Fox Run

FROM THE COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

Due to the high demand for counselling appointments in August, our counsellors will be working with those students who have serious issues with their timetable before assisting other students. Students with incomplete timetables, seriously unbalanced timetables, or who need a change in order to graduate or meet university requirements may come to the Garage area at 8:30 a.m. to book an appointment on the dates specified below.

Students requesting less serious changes may be considered, depending on time and space available, after the first week of classes. Generally, students are expected to take the classes on their timetables and not seek changes unless absolutely necessary. Changes will only be considered for compelling educational reasons.

Counsellors will be available in the Garage area at 8:30 a.m. each morning to book appointments on the following dates:

Monday, August 31 st	Grade 12
Tuesday, September 1 st	Grade 11
Wednesday, September 2 nd	Grade 10
Thursday, September 3 rd	Grade 9
Friday, August 4 th	Grade 8

If you have any questions about the Counselling Department, please do not hesitate to email our Counselling Department Head, Mr. B. Emerson at emerson_b@surreyschools.ca.

Students are assigned a specific counsellor based on their last name. For the 2015/2016 school year, the counsellors will be:

Mr. G. Payne:	A - Hus
Mr. B. Steele:	Huy - Sha
Mr. B. Emerson:	She - Z

STUDENT INFORMATION - MEDICAL ALERTS

Each year, it is important that we have the most up-to-date information regarding your child(ren). If there have been any changes in your child(ren)'s personal information such as a change in address, contact numbers in case of emergency, or any changes in medical information or dietary information, it is extremely important that you inform the school office so we have it at our fingertips in case of an emergency. To update your child's information, parents or students can pick up a Change of Information Form from the office for you to make the appropriate changes. Once the change form has been completed, please return it to the office as soon as possible so that we can ensure that our information about your son/daughter is accurate.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is a major factor contributing to student success in school. We expect that students enrolled at Fraser Heights Secondary will attend school regularly and arrive to class on time. If a student is absent, parents are requested to phone or email the school on the morning of the absence. If this is not possible, please send a note with your child to turn into the office on the day they return to school.

BUS PASSES

All students wishing to ride the school bus must apply for a School Bus Pass. This application needs to be completed each year. If your son/daughter has not applied for his/her bus pass, please have them go to the school office to pick up an application form.

HATS OFF

This is a reminder that Fraser Heights is a "Hats Off" school. Students are to take their hats, baseball caps, toques, bandanas, and headbands off as they enter the school. This is solely for safety reasons as it allows our school staff to identify people who shouldn't be in our building much more effectively.

LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY

In some cases, it may be necessary for students to leave school before the end of the school day. Students wishing to leave the school early must come to the office and sign out. In order to sign out, students must have written permission from their parent/guardian. In cases where written permission is not provided, the office staff will contact parents or guardians for verification.

PARKING

There are a very limited number of parking spaces for students on school property. Students wishing to have the privilege of parking their car on school property must register their vehicle at the office. There is no charge for student parking, however, parking spots are available each morning on a first come, first served basis. Please Note: Students must park in marked parking stalls. If our parking lot is full, we are allowed to park in the Surrey Parks & Recreation parking lot along 160th Street.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We recommend that students not purchase school supplies until they have met with their subject teachers during the first week of school.

GRADUATION PHOTOGRAPHS

Artona will be in a trailer in the Fraser Heights Recreation Centre parking lot for Graduation Photographs Monday, October 5th to Sunday, October 11th. Photo sessions will be by appointment only. Detailed information will be provided in September.

STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS

Student photographs will be taken on Friday, September 18th, 2015. All students are required to have their picture taken for the Yearbook and School Identification/Go Card. Different photo package options are available for purchase through Artona Photography at <http://schoolday.artonagroup.com>. Packages must be ordered and paid for online before Photo Day (up until midnight of the night before Photo Day).

PHOTO RE-TAKES

Students who are away or receive photographs of poor quality will be given an opportunity to have their photographs re-taken on Thursday, October 15th, 2015. Packages must be ordered online at <http://schoolday.artonagroup.com> before Photo Day. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Fraser Heights Secondary and Surrey School District #36 do not accept responsibility for loss, damage, or theft of any articles including clothing, school supplies, vehicles, equipment, or cash.

SNOW DAYS

Usually during snow days when snowfall may cause problems with transportation and roads, the Administration will shorten lunch by up to 30 minutes and dismiss students early.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

Sometimes extreme weather conditions or other unusual circumstances can cause a school closure on short notice. In the event of a potential school closure during the school year, please monitor the following radio stations:

CKNW (980 AM or www.cknw.com)

News 1130 (1130 AM or www.news1130.com)

CBC Radio (690 AM or www.vancouver.cbc.ca)

Please do not call the radio stations as staff are very busy receiving updates and preparing newscasts. Surrey school closure information may also be broadcasted on the Weather Channel and local TV stations. Whenever possible, the Surrey School District will post such information on its web site at www.surreyschools.ca.

LOCKERS

Students will be assigned a locker during the first week of school. Students do not need to buy a lock or bring their own lock from home. Lockers will have locks on them. Only school locks may be used on lockers. At the end of the school year, students must turn in their locks to their homeroom teachers or they will be charged a \$7.00 lock replacement fee. School lockers are the property of the school and may be searched by school officials at any time without prior notice. Students do not have to use a school locker. If your child does not wish to use a locker, he or she should inform the homeroom teacher of this during the first week of school. There is a shortage of lockers in the school and this will allow other students to use the locker. It will also prevent you from being accidentally charged \$7.00 for not turning in a lock at the end of the year.

GRADE 8 RETREAT

Grade 8 students will be attending the school's Annual Grade 8 Retreat at Camp Alexandra in South Surrey on Wednesday, September 23rd. Information regarding the Retreat and permission form is enclosed in this package for all Grade 8's. Please have your child return the permission form to their homeroom teacher on September 8th.



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School Day: 8:15 am - 2:45 pm
Lunch: 10:58 am - 12:03 pm
Office Hours: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

2015-2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR
IMPORTANT DATES

Sept.	8	School Opens Grade 8 9:30-10:30 am Homeroom Grade 9-12 11:00-11:30 am Homeroom
Sept.	9	Homeroom 8:15 am - Followed by Regular Classes
Sept.	10	Homeroom 8:15 am - Followed by Regular Classes
Sept.	18	School Photo Day
Sept.	21	Last Day for Semester I Course Changes
Sept.	22	PAC Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Sept.	23	Grade 8 Retreat (Camp Alexandra)
Sept.	24	ELL New Parent & Homestay Parent Meeting (11:00 am - 12:00 pm) Grade 8 Welcome Night (6:30-8:00 pm)
Sept.	27	Grad Cruise
Sept.	28	Pro-D Day (Classes Not in Session)
Sept.	30	"Unlock Your Futures" @ 7:00 pm
Oct.	5 - 10	Grad Photos
Oct.	9	Interims Issued
Oct.	12	Thanksgiving (School Closed)
Oct.	14	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 pm Parent/Teacher Conferences (3:00-6:00 pm)
Oct.	15	Photo Retake Day
Oct.	20	PAC Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Oct.	23	Pro-D Day (Classes Not in Session)
Oct.	26 - 30	"Five Days of Fire"
Oct.	28	Options Solutions – University Admissions Workshop @ 7:00 pm
Nov.	4	"Take Your Kids to Work"
Nov.	11	Remembrance Day
Nov.	12	Term 1 Ends
Nov.	13	Pro-D Day (Classes Not in Session)
Nov.	16	Term 2 Begins
Nov.	17	PAC Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Nov.	19	Post Secondary Evening (7:00-9:00 pm)
Nov.	20	Hawkeye Players Production
Nov.	27	Report Cards Issued
Nov.	26 & 27	Innovation Fair
Dec.	7 - 18	Food Bank Collection
Dec.	11	Hawkeye Players Production
Dec.	15	Christmas Concert @ 7:00 pm
Dec.	18	Last Day before Winter Break
Dec.	21 - Jan. 1	Winter Break

Jan.	4	School Re-opens
Jan.	7	Course Selection Fair (Grades 8-11) Grade 7 Parent Information Night (6:00-8:00 pm)
Jan.	19	PAC Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Jan.	21 & 22	School Exam Days (Grade 8-12)
Jan.	22	Last Day of Classes for Semester I (Grade 8-12)
Jan.	25 & 26	I-Completion Days
Jan.	25 - 28	Provincial Exams (Grade 10-12)
Feb.	1	Semester II Begins
Feb.	8	Family Day (School Closed)
Feb.	9	Last Day for Semester II Course Changes
Feb.	12	Report Cards Issued
Feb.	19	Pro-D Day (Classes Not in Session)
Feb.	23	PAC Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Mar.	4	Interims Issued
Mar.	9	Hawkeye Players Production Early Dismissal @ 1:45 pm Parent/Teacher Conferences (3:00-6:00 pm)
Mar.	11	Last Day before Spring Break
Mar.	14 - 24	Spring Break
Mar.	25	Good Friday (School Closed)
Mar.	28	Easter Monday (School Closed)
Mar.	29	School Re-opens
Apr.	15	Term 3 Ends
Apr.	18	Term 4 Begins
Apr.	19	PAC Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Apr.	20	Grade 7 Visits (12:30-2:30 pm) Math 8H Placement Exam @ 3:00 pm
Apr.	29	Report Cards Issued
May	6	Pro-D Day (Classes Not in Session)
May	23	Victoria Day
May	24	PAC Meeting @ 7:00 pm
May	27	Hawkeye Players Production
May	30	Pro-D Day (Classes Not in Session)
June	1	Vocal Jazz Night @ 7:00 pm
June	3	Student Appreciation Day
June	7	Daytime Awards Athletic Banquet
June	9	Commencement @ 6:00 pm (Chandos Pattison Auditorium)
June	13	Hawkeye Players Production
June	14	Year-End Music Concert @ 7:00 pm
June	16 & 17	School Exams (Grade 8-12)
June	17	Last Day of Classes (Grade 8-12)
June	18	Grad Dinner & Dance
June	20	I-Completion Day
June	21	Awards Night @ 7:00 pm
June	22 - 24	Provincial Exams (Grade 10-12)
June	24	Administrative Day
June	30	Report Cards Issued (10:00 am-2:00 pm)

Parent/Guardians: Please report all absences from class.

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**Our Vision: “To be a diverse, inclusive community of visionary learners
which fosters respect and a passion for life-long learning.”**