



Ms. K. Sadhra, Principal

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We would like to acknowledge the shared traditional territory of the Coast Salish Territory of which our school is located. We acknowledge the Katzie, Semiahmoo and Kwantlen First Nations. We would also like to recognize the diverse population of people who have come to Surrey School District and contribute to its dynamic culture.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

As we get ready to start the 2021/22 school year, I hope you had time to relax and rejuvenate over the summer. September is always an exciting time as we look forward to a fresh start full of new opportunities. Our staff are looking forward to coming back and working with your children. I also look forward to welcoming you and working alongside our staff, students, families and PAC.

With a week until opening day, I wanted to share out the latest updates as things continue to be fluid. Recently, new policies and protocols were announced by the Ministry of Education, Fraser Health and the Surrey School District. We are excited to be returning full time, face to face at full capacity. We are also returning to the Semester system and will not be continuing with the Quarter system that we adopted last year. This means students will be taking 4 courses for ½ the year and then another 4 for the second part of the year. We do require all students, staff and public to wear masks while in our school. More information to come regarding other health and safety protocols.

Johnston Heights is an authorized IB World School with a three-year Middle Years Program (MYP) for all of our students in grades 8 through 10. As of September 2021, we have become authorized to offer the IB Diploma Programme, a choice program grade 11 and 12 students. At Johnston Heights, we are committed to developing knowledgeable, caring young people who can look forward to successful futures and contribute to making the world more harmonious and peaceful.

IB Diploma Program begins in grade 11 and continues into grade 12. We are extremely proud to have this program in our school and have our first cohort of 62 students starting this September. Our IB MYP provides a natural transition into this program. The IB Learner Profile, the heart of all teaching and learning, guides our entire school as we strive to develop internationally-minded young people to become responsible members of local, national and global communities. Upon successful completion of the IB DP program, students will earn the IB Diploma which allows students unique admission criteria as IB DP students and can provide post- secondary credit. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact our IB DP Coordinator, Ms. Hayler.

I know that the return to school each year can create both excitement and nervousness. The first days of school are designed to help students transition back from their summer break and into the new school year. All information in this letter is to provide you with important information to make the return to school easier.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kim Sadhra

STAFFING:

We are excited to welcome back the following staff:

Emily Braun – LST

Kylie De Vries Stadelaar – Careers, MYP

Robin Dickinson - Cafeteria

Mathew Giacomello – Language, Physical Education, Social Studies, English

Mandeep Gill – English

Natasha Hein – TOC Clerk

Katie Keller - English

Richard Kozak – Physical Education

Rachelle Lit - Mathematics

Brynn Marshall – French

Megan McGarry – ELL & English

Kim Murphy - LST

Kimberly Tran – BASES, English, ELL

Kristen Williamson – Art

We have also been fortunate to hire new staff that will be joining our strong community. A warm welcome to our new Teachers and Support Staff:

Jashanpreet Bajwa – BASES

Marcel Botros – EA1

Ally Ginther – Science

Melanie Krueger – Home Economics

Jacob Miles – LST

Jag Nagra – Social Studies

Munile Sharma – Counselling

Michael Vicedome – English & ELL

Kevin Wesley – Aboriginal CYW

Christine Wilcox – Science & Mathematics

NEW TO JOHNSTON HEIGHTS:

For students who are new to Johnston Heights, and perhaps feeling a bit nervous, the school will be open **Friday, September 3rd from 12:00pm to 2:00pm**. This is a time for students to come in for a guided tour through the school and get comfortable in the building. We will have student volunteers available to help and show students around the building. Since we did not have our tours for Grade 8s due to COVID, if you would like to come in for a tour please feel free to do so. Please fill out the following [school tours link](#) to book your appointment time.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR GRADES 8-12:

The first day will be as follows:

Grade 8 11:00am-12:00pm Please meet at the back on the gravel field (weather pending)

Grade 9/10 1:00pm-1:30pm Report to your Block A class (homeroom)

Grade 11/12 2:00pm-2:30pm Report to your Block A class (homeroom)

REPORT CARD DATES

Semester 1

Interim Report - October 14 & 15th 2021

Mid Term Report Card - Online Nov 26th 2021

Final Report Card - Online Feb 4th 2022

Semester 2

Interim Report - March 9 & 10th 2022

Mid Term Report Card - Online April 29th 2022

Final Report Card – Online June 24th 2022

BELL SCHEDULE FOR 2021/22:

Semester Bell Schedule

Regular Daily Bell Schedule: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

8:20		Warning Bell
8:25	9:49	First Block
9:49	9:54	Break
9:54	11:18	Second Block
11:18	12:03	Lunch
12:03	1:27	Third Block
1:27	1:32	Break
1:32	2:55	Fourth Block

Collaboration (Late Start) Tuesday Bell Schedule

9:10		Warning Bell
9:15	10:27	First Block
10:27	10:32	Break
10:32	11:43	Second Block
11:43	12:28	Lunch
12:28	1:39	Third Block
1:39	1:44	Break
1:44	2:55	Fourth Block

Early Dismissal Bell Schedule

8:20		Warning Bell
8:25	9:32	First Block
9:32	9:37	Break
9:37	10:44	Second Block
10:44	11:29	Lunch Break
11:29	12:37	Third Block
12:37	12:42	Break
12:42	1:50	Fourth Block

2021/22 BLOCK ROTATION:

As we return to semesters, our block rotation has changed. We will be on a 4-week rotation. Please have a look at the example below. For a yearly overview, please visit our website or Eagletime app.

OPTION 1
4 rotating weeks, same block order for the entire week

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
<u>WEEK 1</u>			A B C D	A B C D	A B C D	
<u>WEEK 2</u>	C D A B	C D A B	C D A B	C D A B	C D A B	
<u>WEEK 3</u>	B A D C	B A D C	B A D C	B A D C	B A D C	
<u>WEEK 4</u>	D C B A	D C B A	D C B A	D C B A	D C B A	OCT 1

LOCKERS:

We have established a new locker assignment system in which students will sign in through EASY school lockers and choose a locker. Please access the link for instructions on set up. Lockers can be chosen starting Thursday, September 2nd.

<https://jh.lockerassignment.com/>

KEV-ONLINE PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Student fees are \$20.00 and can be paid through Cash online. Optional Enhancements to Programs are listed and can also be paid through Cash online.

<https://surreyschools.schoolcashionline.com/>

SCHEDULES:

Johnston Heights Secondary provides student schedules and report cards through the MyEducationBC (MyEDBC) Family Portal for Parents, Guardians and Students.

Information on accessing the Family Portal can be found on the school website <https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/johnht/> under the “Parents’ tab. If you already have a Family Portal Account, it will remain the same. If you are new to MyEducationBC and you have provided the school with a valid email address, that full email address will become your Login ID. After September 2, 2021, new users will receive an email from sysadmin@MyEducationBC.ca with a temporary password to initialize their access to the Family Portal.

IMPORTANT: Please ensure that you set up your account and make ALL password changes on a wired desktop computer and NOT on a wireless device (ie. smartphones, ipads, laptops may NOT work).

The Family Portal will allow you to access your child(ren)’s course schedule, report cards, attendance information and much more.

The portal can be accessed at:

<https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspn/logon.do>

A mobile site is available at:

<https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspn/logon.do?mobile=1>

MyEdBC is a secure student information system used in most school districts in the province of BC. Security is guided by the rules and regulations of the School Act and Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA).

Instructions for accessing the Family Portal are located on the school web page under the Parents tab

[Parent Portal Instructions](#)

STUDENT SCHEDULES/COUNSELING APPOINTMENTS:

Our counselling department consists of four counsellors who typically see students based on last name.

- A - D Ms. Tifenbach (Department Head)
- E - K Mr. Sharma
- L - Q Ms. Flack
- R - Z Ms. Domingo

Students who are new to JH will be assigned counselling appointments upon completed registration. Our schedule is very tight so any further course changes will only be considered if:

- Summer school changes
- Course that is in your schedule that should not be there as you have not completed the previous year course
- Courses are in the wrong semesters, as one needs to be completed before the other
- Incomplete schedule in which you are missing a course
- Unbalanced schedule
- Post secondary requirement is missing

If one of the above is a concern, please complete a request for course change form which will be available outside the counselling office.

STUDENT PHOTO INFORMATION:

School photos will be taken on Thursday, September 23rd. More information can be found at <http://Artona.com>

COMMUNICATION:

Our school calendar is located on the school website (under Calendar) and lists many important dates. This calendar is also accessible through the *Eagletime* app. Please take a moment to look at all our communication options and download it at your convenience.

- www.surreyschools.ca/schools/johnht (Johnston Heights website)
- *Eagletime* (free Johnston Heights app)
- @JohnstonHeights (JH twitter account)

The Surrey School District will provide updates through the following means:

- www.surreyschools.ca (School District 36 website)
- @Surrey_Schools (SD36 twitter account)
- *SchoolLink* app (free School District 36 app)