

# FRASER HEIGHTS FOCUS

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello and Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! I hope that you had a great summer and were able to relax and recharge. On behalf of the entire staff of Fraser Heights Secondary School Community, I am delighted to welcome back returning students and those new to our school. We are all excited about the school year ahead. Staff have been working hard to get things ready for September and in this newsletter, you will find important information for the coming school year. As always, we encourage students and families to get involved in your school community, especially those who are new to Fraser Heights.

Opening day is Tuesday, September 3rd with all Grade 8's reporting to the large gym followed by homeroom and Grades 9 to 12 students reporting to their Homeroom classes. Please refer to arrival times posted below:

First day of school: TUESDAY, September 3, 2024

**Grade 8: 9:30-10:30 Start in the Large Gym then to Homeroom.**  
**Grades 9-12: 11:00-11:30 Homeroom**

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU BE IN ATTENDANCE ON OPENING DAY!**

NOTE: Students report to their homerooms at the appropriate time. This year, homeroom will be your first period (Block A) class. Grade 8's report to the Large Gym and then your teacher will escort you to your homeroom class.

Homeroom lists and school maps will be posted throughout the school and on the garage walls.

In homeroom, you will receive instructions regarding your updated timetable and bell schedule. If your child will not be attending on opening day, please let the office know ahead of time. We are extremely full and so we encourage families to ensure that their child is attending regularly so we can account for them in our school population.

As mentioned, this newsletter is full of important information to help you get organized and create a positive school experience for your child. Please take the time to read through it carefully and refer to the schedules and calendar for important dates and times. Also included is: Opening Day info, Counselling & Student Timetables, Bell Schedules, Photos, Locker Assignment, and New Student Tours, among many other important topics.

Please join me in welcoming several new faces and some returning faces to the Fraser Heights Community:

Student Support: S. Fordyce, K. Gittens, M. Hakimi, M. Parma,  
Teachers: J. Collins, N. Greenall, R. Greczi, M. Hawes, P. Hundal, R. Liang, C. McCune, M. Puri, D. Racette, A. Robea, B. Smith, G. Tse, A. Wallace, A. Wood, L. Xu, D. Yang  
Administration: J. Johnson – Vice-principal

We are so pleased to have them join us for this school year.

As you are aware, we are a growing community and your patience and understanding while we continue to accommodate this rapid change is appreciated. Our population for the coming year is over 1630 students and may continue to grow as the year progresses. We have remained on a regular bell schedule, but the demands of this continued growth may require us to shift for the coming school year. We will keep you informed of any news over the course of the year.

We welcome our Grade 8's, the class of 2029 as our newest Firehawks. I am sure you are filled with excitement and anticipation for the start of your high school experience, and we are happy to have you join our community. Our school is a dynamic place, full of opportunities for all learners. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask. The administration team, teachers, counsellors and support staff are all here to help you!

To our Grade 12's, the Class of 2025, this is a special time for you, and we are going to do everything we can to help make it great! As our seniors, it goes without saying how important your leadership is within our school community. Make a positive impact, work hard, stay focused and enjoy your final year. It's going to be amazing.

We will continue to share relevant and up-to-date information with our community through our school website [www.surreyschools.ca/fraserheights](http://www.surreyschools.ca/fraserheights) where you can find all important opening week information. We also encourage all members of our school community to also follow us on X @FraserHeights, Instagram, Facebook, as well as download our FIREHAWKS App from your App store to learn more about life at our school, as well as to receive push notifications for important updates throughout the school year.

I encourage all students to engage with the opportunities available to you at Fraser Heights. I also encourage parents to become actively involved in your child's experiences at our school, especially this year. We are here for you, reach out to us when you have questions.

On behalf of the Administration Team, Ms. Fitz, Ms. Hogg and Ms. Johnson, we wish you all the best for an outstanding school year. Stay safe, be well and take good care.  
All the best,

Mr. Baldasso  
Proud Principal

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

**August 29<sup>th</sup>**

**New student Tour 10 am**

All students new to Fraser Heights: you are invited to come for a tour of Fraser Heights led by our wonderful Leadership students. Please come to the front of the school on Thursday, August 29, 2024, at 10:00 for a tour and time to ask questions. If you have your schedule, please bring it so you can look for your rooms. This is only for students new to our school in grade 9-12 and any student in grade 8 who did not take part in the tour in the spring with their elementary school.

**September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Labour Day**

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**School Opens:**

**Grade 8 Homeroom (9:30 - 10:30 am)**

**Grade 9 - 12 Homeroom (11:00 - 11:30 am)**

**September 13<sup>th</sup>**

**School Photo Day**

**September 17<sup>th</sup>**

**PAC Meeting @ 6:00-7:00 pm**

**September 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Grade 8 Welcome (Fraser Heights)**

**September 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Pro-D Day (Classes Not in Session)**

**September 30<sup>th</sup>**

**National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (classes not in session)**

## FROM THE COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

### **2024-25 Student schedules:**

Student schedules are now available on the MyEdBC portal for all returning students.

Please note that due to increased enrollment this year, we are still hiring teachers, and courses may be adjusted to balance the timetable.

Please log on and review your schedule for the 2024-2025 school year. If you need your password reset please email your preferred first and Last name and student number to [fraserheights@surreyschools.ca](mailto:fraserheights@surreyschools.ca) (**resets will only be done when the office is open Mon-Fri 8 to 2 pm, not on the weekends**)

**Grade 8-9 Students** - Grade 8 courses are almost entirely the same for all students, and grade 9 timetables are pre-set with an ADST and Fine Arts elective. Classes are balanced and 8 and 9 timetables are set.

**Grade 10-12 Students** - if there is an urgent issue (missing course or course you have already completed) in your timetable, submit a course review to the counsellor using the online link below. The link opens on **Wednesday, August 21 at 3 pm and closes on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3 pm**. Other course requests may be submitted during this timeframe and will be considered on a priority basis, but please note that most courses are full and changes may not be possible. On occasion, we have had to give students a second-choice course do to timetable restrictions and capacity. Please note that we will not be accommodating requests for teacher changes.

Please do not email or phone counsellors for course changes. If you contacted a counsellor previous to this email, you should re-submit using the link below. When ALL students' submissions have been reviewed, an email will be sent back to students to confirm the review is complete. Changes that we're able to be made will show up on MyEdBC. If you need your MyEdBC password reset please email

[fraserheights@surreyschools.ca](mailto:fraserheights@surreyschools.ca), they will be reset during regular office hours. **Please check your schedule on Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup> to receive your final schedule.**

To submit your course review request for grade 10-12 students, click on the following link. The link opens on Wednesday, August 21 at 3 pm and closes on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3 pm.

**<https://tinyurl.com/FHS-CourseReviewProcess>**

<b>COUNSELLOR for the 2024-2025 School Year</b>	<b>Student's Last Name</b>	<b>How to Request a Course Review:</b>
<b>Ms. Rostad/Mr. Emerson</b> (covering for Ms. Jassmann)	A – Gill, K	Go to this link for more information: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/FHS-CourseReviewProcess">tinyurl.com/FHS-CourseReviewProcess</a>
<b>Mr. Gill</b>	Gill, L - Lim	Go to this link for more information: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/FHS-CourseReviewProcess">tinyurl.com/FHS-CourseReviewProcess</a>
<b>Mr. van den Broek</b>	Lin - Shergill	Go to this link for more information: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/FHS-CourseReviewProcess">tinyurl.com/FHS-CourseReviewProcess</a>
<b>Ms. Sykes</b>	Shi - Z	Go to this link for more information: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/FHS-CourseReviewProcess">tinyurl.com/FHS-CourseReviewProcess</a>

**PLEASE NOTE:** Counsellors will return from Summer holidays on August 26, 2024. If you have any questions about the Counselling Department, please do not hesitate to email our Counselling Department Head Ms. Sykes ([sykes\\_r@surreyschools.ca](mailto:sykes_r@surreyschools.ca)).

### **NEW TO FRASER HEIGHTS STUDENT TOURS**

All students new to Fraser Heights: you are invited to come for a tour of Fraser Heights led by our wonderful Leadership students. Please come to the front of the school on Thursday, August 29, 2024 at 10:00 for a tour and time to ask questions. If you have your schedule, please bring it so you can look for your rooms. This is for students new to our school in grade 9-12 and any student in grade 8 who did not take part in the tour in the spring with their elementary school.

### **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.

## BLOCK ROTATION AND BELL SCHEDULE

### FRASER HEIGHTS SECONDARY Timetable #1 (24/25)

BELLS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:20 AM 9:40 AM	A	A	A	B	A
9:47 AM 11:07 AM	B	B	A	B	B
11:07 AM 12:02 PM	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:02 PM 1:22 PM	C	C	C	D	C
1:29 PM 2:49 PM	D	D	C	D	D

#### EARLY DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Block</b>	<b>8:20 – 9:25</b>
<b>Break</b>	<b>9:25 – 9:32</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Block</b>	<b>9:32 – 10:37</b>
<b>Break</b>	<b>10:37 – 10:44</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Block</b>	<b>10:44 – 11:49</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>11:49 – 12:44</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Block</b>	<b>12:44 – 1:49</b>

## 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 or late, parents are requested to phone 604-582-9231 or email [fraserheights@surreyschools.ca](mailto:fraserheights@surreyschools.ca) 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.

## **NO HOODIE POLICY**

This is a reminder that at Fraser Heights Secondary hooded sweatshirts may be worn but with the hood down. This is primarily 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 160<sup>th</sup> Street.

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

We recommend that students purchase school supplies after they have met with their subject teachers during the first week of school. The school does not provide a supply list.

## **SCHOOL FEES**

We anticipate that student fees will be available to pay online starting September 3<sup>rd</sup>. We'd prefer that school fees be paid online but we'll take payment at the office if you'd prefer to not use the online system. School Cash Online is an online parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school activity fees. The portal is customized to meet your school's needs and allows parents to add students, make payments, check current balance/account history and print or view receipts. Please see the attached step-by-step instruction sheet. [surreyschools.schoolcashionline.com/](https://surreyschools.schoolcashionline.com/) [School Cash Online Instructions - Click here](#)

## **STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS**

Student photographs will be taken on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024. 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 [https://artona.com/schools/FHEI/programs/school\\_photoPackages](https://artona.com/schools/FHEI/programs/school_photoPackages) must be ordered and paid for online before Photo Day (up until midnight on September 12<sup>th</sup>).

## GRADUATION PHOTOGRAPHS

Artona will be in a mobile studio parked in the Fraser Heights Recreation Centre parking lot for Graduation Photographs scheduled for Oct 12 - 20. Grad friend groups after school in the garage October 23. Photo sessions will be by appointment only. Starting July 8 please book your appointments online <https://artona.com/schools/FHEI/programs/graduation>

## 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 Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. Packages must be ordered online at [https://artona.com/schools/FHEI/programs/school\\_photo](https://artona.com/schools/FHEI/programs/school_photo) 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. **Our advice is leave valuables at home, or make sure they are locked up at all times. This especially applies to the P.E. locker rooms.** Please lock any valuables (wallets, cell phones, etc.) that you bring with you to the locker room. Locks must be removed each period, so we recommend you buy a lock and keep it with your P.E. strip.

## SNOW DAYS

Mark Pearmain, Surrey School District's Superintendent, makes the final call on snow closure days. On heavy snow days, when snowfall may cause problems with transportation and roads, Fraser Heights Administration may shorten lunch by up to 30 minutes and dismiss students early. We will use our School Messenger system to communicate with parents.

## 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](http://www.cknw.com))

News 1130 (1130 AM or [www.news1130.com](http://www.news1130.com))

CBC Radio (690 AM or [www.vancouver.cbc.ca](http://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 website at [www.surreyschools.ca/fraserheights](http://www.surreyschools.ca/fraserheights).

## LOCKERS

**Grade 10-12:** Students this year will be able to choose their own locker on-line. Please see the attached information sheet on how to access this on-line system. They should also access this website if they forget their locker combination. 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. The on-line student locker selection will open up as follows:

**Grade 12 – August 26**

**Grade 11 – August 27**

**Grade 10 – August 28**

**Grade 8-9:** Due to increased enrollment this year grade 8's & grade 9's must share a locker. During homeroom on September 3 & 4 your homeroom teachers will assign you a locker and a locker partner [fraserheights.lockerassignment.com/](http://fraserheights.lockerassignment.com/)





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**School Day: 8:20 am - 2:49 pm**  
**Lunch: 11:07 am - 12:02 pm**  
**Office Hours: 8:00 am - 3:30 pm**



**2024-2025 District Calendar**

Legend	
	Schools open/reopen
	Non-instructional day (no classes)
	Schools closed

Sept. 2, 2024	Labour Day
Sept. 3, 2024	Schools open
Sept. 27, 2024	Non-instructional day
Sept. 30, 2024	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
Oct. 14, 2024	Thanksgiving Day
Oct. 25, 2024	Non-instructional day
Nov. 8, 2024	Non-instructional day
Nov. 11, 2024	Remembrance Day
Dec. 23 - Jan. 3, 2025	Winter break
Jan. 6, 2025	Schools re-open after winter break
Feb. 17, 2025	Family Day
Feb. 21, 2025	Non-instructional day
Mar. 17 - Mar. 21, 2025	Spring break
Mar. 24 - Mar. 28, 2025	School closure days
March 31, 2025	Schools re-open after spring break
April 18, 2025	Good Friday
April 21, 2025	Easter Monday
May 2, 2025	Non-instructional day
May 19, 2025	Victoria Day
May 26, 2025	Non-instructional day
June 27, 2025	Administrative day/schools close

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**Early Dismissals at 1:49 pm: 2 early dismissals for parent-teacher consultations, 2 for assessments and planning and 5 for adjusted bell (early dismissal for staff & students)**

P/T						
Conferences	22-Oct	11-Mar				
Assessment/ planning	12-Nov	15-Apr				
Adjusted Bell	24-Sep	17-Dec	21-Jan	25-Feb	20-May	17-Jun

**Dates & Events are subject to change.**  
**Please consult our school website for updated monthly calendars.**

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/fraserheights/Calendar/calendar.aspx>