



SAUNDERS Secondary School

Grade 9 NEWSLETTER

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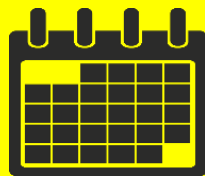
Welcome to Saunders Secondary School

The administration, teaching staff, support staff, and students of Saunders Secondary School would like to take this opportunity to welcome you into our school community. Grade 9 is an exciting new step in your academic career. We believe that our positive and inviting atmosphere will lead to academic success as a Sabre.

Principal: Ms. S. Khan

Vice-Principals: Mr. R. Anderson, Ms. J. Patterson, Mr. T. Kartye

When do I Get My Timetable?



Students can download their timetable from the student portal at home. To do this, students can go to the Saunders website and select student portal. Username is the first four letters of last name, first 4 letters of first name and last 3 digits of student number. Student number should be the default password or a previously used password.

Course changes will be very limited in September and only made if there is a missing prerequisite or an unnecessary spare. For more information go to the Guidance Section of the school website.

<https://saunders.tvdsb.ca/en/our-school/guidance.aspx>

When Do I Get a Locker?



Lockers will be assigned on the first day of school. Please bring a combination lock with you on the first day. Lockers are the property of the school and should be kept clean and free of graffiti. Students are responsible for the contents and condition of their locker.

Will There Be a Grade 9 Fun Day?

YES! There is going to be a safe and inclusive Grade 9 fun day in the gymnasium Thursday, September 12th in the afternoon. More information will be coming about this day from your period 4 teacher.



What Happens on the First Day?

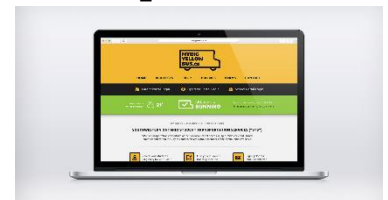
The school day begins at 8:20 a.m. Alphabetical lists indicating student names and homerooms will be posted on the second-floor library wall. Students will need to find their names on the list and report to the room indicated. Timetables will be distributed by homeroom teachers. It is important that students follow the schedule they receive in their homeroom because room numbers can change last minute.

There will be Sabre Leaders in yellow shirts located all over the school to help you find your classes. They will also be there between classes and at the end of lunch.



How Do I Know the Location of My Bus Stop and Pick Up?

To find out if you are eligible for school bus transportation please go to: www.mybigyellowbus.ca



What is Happening at Lunch the First Week?

Grade 9 students will be escorted to the cafeteria at 10:45 each day on the first week to give them a chance to learn about Saunders clubs and teams and meet new friends. Grade 9's will receive a freebie every day and get pizza on Friday, September 6th. (Courtesy of Saunders) Students who wish to go off campus for lunch may do so at 11:00 a.m.



Are there Any Fees and How do I Pay Them?

All of the fees are to be paid through the cash online system. Please contact the office directly if you are having difficulty or need alternate arrangements. <https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/parents/online-payments.aspx>

Student Fee \$25

- Includes a student ID card
- Is required for any school activity including sports and dances

Athletic Fee \$30

- If you are joining any sports team or plan to do any activities at Saunders including using the gym or weight room at lunch.
- This also covers the banquet fee at the end of the year
- This is a one-time fee and you can play as many sports as you wish

Sabres Gear and PE Uniform

There is no official uniform that is required to be purchased for physical education, but suitable items are available through the online store. Orders can be made without any fees on the website and picked up at the school on the advertised date. There are several affordable options available for all students. Shop at:

<https://sourceteamworks.com/product-category/saunders/>



Can I Get in Saunders Over the Summer for a Tour?



Saunders will be getting ready for September with some construction and cleaning all summer so the school will not be available for tours. The main office is open:
Monday – Thursday 7:30 am – 3:30 pm
Friday 7:30 am – 11:30 am
Grade 9 Orientation activities will be happening during lunch on the first week and during the fun day on September 12th.

When Do I get My Chromebook?

The Chromebooks will be distributed in the middle of September. The Computer Use Agreement **MUST BE** completed before you will receive the Chromebook.

This can be completed in the Parent Portal or with a paper copy from the main office.



Where is the Attendance Office and Is Attending Class Important?

The attendance office is located right beside the main office. If you are ever late for class, go directly to the attendance office to get an admit slip.

As students begin another school year, it is important to remember that regular attendance is critical to academic success! Excessive absences will have a negative impact on student's achievement. A student is responsible for the prescribed work covered in a course, whether they are in attendance or not.

If your child is going to be absent, notify the school by:

1. **SchoolMessenger Attendance Reporting System** (App Store: SchoolMessenger, Google Play: SchoolMessenger)
2. Call the toll free number: 1-844-305-3756

If the absence is not approved, the absence will be considered a truancy and a detention may be assigned. Our computer phone system will call home if there are unexplained absences in any of the four periods.

Should a student need to be excused from class due to an emergency or a last-minute appointment please call the attendance office directly at 519 452-2770 ext 62045 or 62067.



When are tryouts for Fall Teams?

Jr. Football Camp Monday, August 26th – Thursday August 29th 9:00 am – 11:30 am
Jr. Boys Volleyball Tryouts – first week of school in the gymnasium
Jr. Girls Basketball Tryouts – first week of school in the gymnasium

