

FAQs 2016-2017



F.R. Haythorne
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Q. When is the first day of school?

A. The first day of school for the 2016/2017 school year is Tuesday, August 30, 2016.

Q. Is there an orientation day?

A. On August 29, at 1:30 pm, we will be holding a Grade 7 orientation day. Our Grade 7 students will be able to meet the staff, get their lockers organized and they will receive their timetables from their homeroom teachers.

Q. What time does school start and finish?

A. The first bell is at 8:30 am, school starts at 8:35 am and finishes at 2:49 pm. Early dismissal is the first Wednesday of each month; students will be dismissed at 1:49 pm. A detailed bell schedule is available to view on our website under "Registering".

Q. How can I stay up to date with what is happening at school?

A. The school website www.frhaythorne.ca is your best source for school information and activities. In addition to the website, you can also follow our Twitter account at @frhaythorne. As well, PowerSchool is available to access your child's marks and attendance. Parents can sign up for Remind texts for quick updates from individual instructors. The Hawk's View is emailed to families weekly, please ensure your email address is kept current.

Q. How do I access PowerSchool?

A. Many families already have access to the portal. If you still have not accessed this feature, please contact the office to receive your log in information. Once you have created an account, that information will stay with you through the remaining school years.

Q. When are Parent/Teacher interviews?

A. Parent/Student/Teacher interviews are held twice a year, October, 2016 and again in February, 2017.

Q. When will I receive progress and report cards?

A. Progress Report marks will be available to be viewed by all parents/guardians on PowerSchool in November and March. Final Report Cards will be printed by the school and distributed to students at the end of June. PowerSchool access will be required to view your child's Progress Report marks.

Q. My spouse and I are divorced, how can I be sure to get all necessary school information?

A. If both parents want to receive the same necessary school information (school fees, misc info, etc...), please advise the office of the circumstances and of the contact information, and we'll do our best to accommodate your requests.

Q. How much will school fees be?

A. All students must pay a learning resource fee (\$55.00) and a lunch supervision fee (\$50). Additional fees will depend upon which option courses your child is taking and whether you wish to purchase a yearbook (\$35) or an agenda (\$10). Different courses have different fees ranging from \$10 - \$ 250. School fees are available to be viewed and paid online via credit card through the Parent Portal, or at the office by cash or cheque. **Note: School fee account must be in good standing before students can participate in extra curricular field trips, activities and athletic teams.**

Q. When do I pay my school fees?

A. All families will be invoiced for their school fees. Payment is expected to be made by October 31, 2016. Payment plans may be arranged, please contact our Business Manager, Linda Wells, for information.

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Q. What do I do if my child will be late or absent?

A. At F.R. Haythorne attendance is taken every period.

Leaving school during school time:

If your child has to leave school during the school day, please have them provide a **note** (written by a parent/guardian) to the office first thing in the morning. If they will have to leave school unexpectedly, please call the office as soon as possible. Providing a note to the office first thing in the morning assists us to maintain accurate attendance and avoids interruptions to classrooms during class time.

Late Students:

Students who arrive late in the morning or after lunch are to sign in with the office before going to class. Tardiness is considered to be excused if a parent/guardian phones, emails, sends a note, or otherwise communicates with the office regarding the late. Students who arrive on a late school bus are excused from being late. Students who are habitually late for class may have the following consequences administered:

- 4 lates per semester - letter home
- 8 lates per semester - verbal warning to student
- 12 lates per semester - community service/study hall during lunch.
- 16 lates per semester - one half day in school suspension
- 17+ per semester - administration discretion

Absent Students:

When a student is absent from school (or will be in the future) their attendance will be marked as an "unexcused absence" unless the office receives a note or a phone call from the parent/guardian. If an absence is not excused within two school days, it will be considered a truancy and the administrator will speak with the student regarding consequences. As part of school policy we will call parents/guardians when a student is marked with an "unexcused absence". Please contact the office (780) 467-3800 when your child is late or absent. You may also notify the teachers, but parents/guardians must notify the office at all times.

Q. What school supplies are needed?

A. Please view our school supply list on our website under "Registering".

Q. Does my child need gym clothes?

A. Yes, every student will require a change of clothes and proper footwear for physical education, and certain options that require a change of clothes.

Q. Will my child have their own locker?

A. Traditionally, yes, all students will be assigned their own full size locker. This year, our high enrollment may mean that grade 7 students may have to share lockers. They will also be assigned a small gym locker located in the locker rooms for their physical education clothing. Students must use the school provided locks for both of their lockers. Students are not to share their locker combinations for theft reasons.

Q. Can my child buy lunch at school?

A. Yes, the Hawk's Nest kitchen is open every day for lunch. A variety of hot, healthy food is served. Price range from \$1-\$6 per item. An email will be sent to families regarding any closure days.

Q. What is the cell phone policy?

A. Students are allowed to carry cell phones throughout the day but they must be turned off during class time or placed in the classroom phone pockets to avoid interruptions. **Digital courtesy is expected at all times.** If this privilege is abused, parents will be required to pick up the phone from an Administrator.

Q. When are the Term Awards ceremonies?

A. Term Awards for the 2016/2017 school year will be held in December, 2016 and April, 2017.

Q. How can I become involved with School Council?

A. There is a School Council meeting held each month. They are generally at 6:30 pm, in the library, all parents/guardians are welcome to attend.