

FAQs 2023-2024



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Q. When is the first day of school?

The first day of school for the 2023/24 school year is Thursday August 31, 2023.

Q. What time does school start and finish?

The first bell is at 8:30 am, school starts at 8:35 am and finishes at 3:11 pm. Early dismissal is the first Wednesday of each month; students will be dismissed at 2:11 pm. Doors will open at 8:20 am everyday.

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

The school website www.frhaythorne.ca will also have all school information posted. In addition to the website, you can also follow our social media Instagram, Facebook and Twitter account. PowerSchool is available to access your child's marks, attendance and report cards. 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 with the office at FRH and that you have subscribed to receive school emails by visiting www.eips.ca**.)

Q. How do I access PowerSchool?

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?

Parent/Student/Teacher interviews are held twice a year, November 2023 and March 2024.

Q. When will I receive progress marks and report cards?

All marks and assignments will be live at all times. It will be important to regularly check PowerSchool for grades, assignments and attendance.

Q. How much will school fees be?

Students will be required to pay a student council fee (\$5.00) and a lunch supervision fee (\$44.00). Additional fees will depend upon which option courses your child is taking and whether you wish to purchase a yearbook. Different option courses have different fees ranging from \$3.00 - \$48.00. Once approved by the Board of Trustees, the School Fee Schedule for the 2023-24 school year will be posted on our website (<https://www.frhaythorne.ca/about/fees>).

School fees are assessed at the start of the school year and will be posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal by the end of **September**. You will receive an email notification letting you know once fees have been posted. To access your fee information, login in to your PowerSchool Parent Portal and go to "Student Fees." There you can view your fees and pay online using Visa or MasterCard. Payment can also be made by cash or cheque at the school office. **Note: School fee account must be in good standing before students can participate in extra curricular field trips, activities and athletic teams.**

Additional fees may be added throughout the year—for example, at the beginning of each semester, as your child takes part in various activities, or they may be adjusted by changes in selected optional courses. Please check the PowerSchool Parent Portal on a regular basis to ensure all applicable fees have been paid.

Q. When do I pay my school fees?

As soon as school fees are posted, they can be paid online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). All fees are due within 30 days of being assessed. Payment plans may be arranged, please contact our Business Manager, Karen Bidniak, for information. If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your fees, you can apply to have fees waived by submitting an *Application for a Waiver of Fees*. The 2023-24 fee waiver application deadline—for both school and transportation fees—is **Dec. 15, 2023**. For new EIPS families, the deadline is the latter of **Dec. 15, 2023 or 45 days after registration**. No applications will be accepted after this time.

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F.R. Haythorne
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Q. What if my student forgets their lunch?

Please drop it off at the office and we will ensure your student gets it at the lunch bell.

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

If a student is away for any reason, we need to receive a parent phone call, email, note, or other communication to the office to excuse the absence. After hours messages may be left on the school's voice mail 780-467-3800. Students are expected to communicate all absences with teachers and discuss the opportunity to make up missed work and complete assessments at a mutually agreeable time. Unless we have heard otherwise, any student that is not present in class at the time attendance is taken will be marked as an unexcused absence. For all unexcused absence parents will be notified immediately via email.

LATE POLICY

For students who are late, the following consequences are administered:

- 4 lates - Lunch Hour DT
- 8 lates - Meeting with Administrator
- 12 lates - Letter Home
- 16 lates - In School Suspension
- 17+ lates - per Administration Discretion

The school late policy applies to students who are late for any classes throughout the day. If a student is late for class and we have not received a parent phone call, email, note, or other communication, it will be recorded as unexcused. If you arrive late, you will need to check in at the office in order to be allowed into class. Lates will be reset at semester change.

Q. What school supplies are needed?

Please view our school supply list on our website. Supplies may vary according to the teacher/subject.

Q. Does my child need gym clothes?

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?

Yes, all students will be assigned their own full size locker. They will also be assigned a small gym locker located in the locker rooms for their physical education clothing that will be a shared locker. Students must use the school provided locks for both of their lockers. Students are not to share their main locker or combinations for theft reasons.

Q. What is the cell phone policy?

Students' personal communication devices must be stored in their locker during instructional times. Students may use them before and after school, lunch, and at break. There are no exceptions to this. If a student has their personal communication device on them outside approved times, the following consequences will be administered:

- First warning - Student receives back at break
- Second Warning - Student receives back at the end of day
- Third Warning - Parent must pick up phone
- Fourth Warning - Suspension

Q. How can I become involved with School Council?

There is a School Council meeting held on The third Wednesday of each month. They are generally at 6:00 pm, in the library, all parents/guardians are welcome to attend.