

Grade Seven & Eight
Welcome Brochure
2020-2021



SAUGEEN DISTRICT SENIOR SCHOOL
ROYALS

Welcome to Saugeen District Senior School

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new Royals joining us for grade seven and the returning grade eights in 2020-2021. Change can be difficult, and the unknown can be overwhelming. I felt it was important for me to send you some information to share with your child as they embark on this transition.

It is with excitement that I welcome our new students to Saugeen District Senior School (SDSS). A year ago, the Bluewater District School Board dedicated millions of dollars to renovate and upgrade our campus to accommodate our grade 7 & 8 students. Our elementary classrooms are new and boast state of the art tech walls; our students access a dedicated music room, full-size gymnasium, library as well as swimming pool. Our students spend their nutrition breaks in the cafeteria which has healthy and delicious food available for sale.

Students and families can be confident in knowing that the elementary educators and support staff are talented and committed. Many of the faces and names will be familiar to you and your child. Our staff volunteer their time and offer a wide variety of extra-curricular opportunities in the form of teams, clubs and intramurals – such as bands, student council, and sports such as soccer. We encourage your child to take part and get involved. Our parents are always encouraged to be part of our school. The School Community Council are a valued part of our school community. New parents are always welcome to attend. The staff and administration look forward to getting to know you and your child in the coming year. You are always welcome at SDSS!

Finally, enclosed in this brochure you will find information about the first day, some commonly asked questions, and reference material you may need in the future. I encourage you to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. I recognize the significance of this transition and appreciate the support of students, families and staff.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone

Sincerely,

Erin Paylor ~Principal



Saugeen District Senior School Grade Seven Timetable

| Period | Time |
|--------|--|
| 1 | 8:55 – 9:35 |
| 2 | 9:35 – 10:15 |
| 3 | 10:15-10:55 |
| | 10:55 – 11:15 Nutrition Break – Eating Time |
| | 11:15-11:35 Nutrition Break – Outside Time |
| 4 | 11:35-12:15 |
| 5 | 12:15-12:55 |
| 6 | 12:55-1:15 |
| | 1:15-1:35 Nutrition Break – Eating Time |
| | 1:35-1:55 Nutrition Break – Outside Time |
| 7 | 1:55-2:35 |
| 8 | 2:35-3:15 |



First Day Routine

The first day of classes in a new school can be scary when you do not know what to expect! Here are the details you need to know!

All grade seven students are to arrive at SDSS between 8:40AM and 8:50AM on September 11th, 2020. All elementary students are to report to the playscape at the bus loop entrance of the school where staff and administration will be waiting to greet them. Teachers will be holding up a sign with their name on it and students are asked to join their class, while maintaining social distance.

Students arrive to school using various forms of transportation. Here is some information about where to go and what to do:

Bus - Students who ride a bus remain in the bus loop upon arrival and wait in this area for further direction from staff.

Walking – Students who walk to school are to navigate their way to SDSS and meet their peers and staff in the bus loop area. Be sure to discuss as a family the safest route to walk to school. Students are not to enter the front of the school but are to walk around to the bus entrance.

Drop Off – Students who receive a ride to school can be dropped off at the back of the school in the drop off zone, in the Port Elgin Curling Club parking lot, or Cameron Park parking lot. If heading to the back of the school for drop off, use the driveway on the west side of the school and follow the marked route that will take you to the rear of the building to the drop off zone. If using the Port Elgin Curling Club or Cameron Park lots, access is from the road on the east side of the school. Please do not drop students off at the front of the school. For the safety of our students, remember that the bus loop is for bus traffic only. Thank you for turning off your engine and respecting our idle-free pick-up and drop-off zone.

In some situations, administration needs to plan differently for the first day. Please email or call in advance if your child requires special consideration.

**** Please note that some information in this brochure may change due to Covid 19 protocols.**

Lockers

Every student will receive a locker assignment on the first day of school to store their personal belongings. Students are encouraged to purchase a lock during the summer and practice opening and closing it. Students are to purchase combination locks, as key locks are not permitted. Locks are to be brought to school on the first day. If a student is not able to purchase a lock over the summer, he/she can purchase one on the first day from the office for \$5.

On the first day, students will fill out a locker contract that outlines the expectations for its use.

What should students bring for supplies?

Saugeen District Senior School will provide all school supplies, if required. However, it is recognized that some families appreciate being able to prepare for the coming year by investing in some school supplies. If you choose to purchase supplies, please consider:

- 4-6 binders (1" with no zippers)
- 2-3 packages of dividers
- 2 packages of lined paper and 1 package of blank paper
- 2-3 pocket portfolios (not duo tangs)
- Pencil crayons (markers are optional)
- Blue, black and red pens
- Lots of pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Erasers
- 30cm ruler
- Protractor and compass kit (grade 7)
- Calculator – capable of exponents and square roots
- Assorted highlighters
- Scissors
- Glue Stick
- USB key labelled with name
- White out tape (not liquid) - optional

This list is not exhaustive and teachers may ask students to consider purchasing other items throughout the year.

School Planners

In intermediate grades, students do not use a typical planner provided by the school. However, it is an expectation that students have a method of keeping track of due dates, homework, etc. Families are encouraged to discuss a method of tracking that may work for their child such as a day planner, or pocket calendar. It is important to set up these expectations early in the year. At this age, it is important for students to develop independence, organization, initiative and self-advocacy.

Commonly Asked Questions and Answers

Will students be able to use the cafeteria?

Yes. Students will be able to purchase their meals/snacks from the cafeteria. All elementary students will eat together in their homeroom classrooms during their nutrition breaks. If interested, families will be able to purchase reloadable gift cards for the cafeteria. ****Please note the cafeteria will not be open the first few weeks of school so please pack a lunch.**

Is there a music room for students?

Yes. The studio beside one of our computer labs is a music room for elementary students. It has multiple practice rooms, professional quality seating, and ample storage for instruments. **Please note: due to school covid 19 protocols, the music room will not be used at this time. Music curriculum will be taught in the homeroom classrooms.**

How will students know if they will ride a bus to school and, if so, how will they know the time and location for pick-ups and drop-offs?

The transportation consortium organizes busing. Families receive information directly from the consortium about the time and location of bus pick-up and drop-off. This communication will take place over the summer. If you are wondering if your child is eligible for transportation, please visit their website at <http://www.brucegreyschoolbus.ca>

Please direct questions to the Student Transportation Service Consortium of Grey-Bruce by phone (519) 364 0605 or e-mail contact@stscgb.ca



Can students use the gym during nutrition break?

No. Secondary classes will be using the gym at this time.

Will there be a breakfast club?

Yes. The breakfast club provides nutritious food in a grab-and-go format each morning.

Will students have computer time?

Yes. students will have access to technology within their classroom. Scheduling will be developed in collaboration with the grade 7 and 8 teachers.

Can students have personal electronics in classrooms?

No. Students are not be permitted to have their personal electronics in classrooms unless they have teacher permission to do so. Personal electronics are to be kept in students lockers during the school day (including nutrition breaks and yard time) or left at home. The [code of conduct](#) which can be found on the school website, includes a section on personal electronics use.

How long will nutrition break (recess/lunch) be?

Students will follow a schedule that has two nutrition breaks. Students will complete 20 minutes of eating time to start each break and then they will go outside for 20 minutes of outdoor time.

Can students leave school property at lunch?

Yes, with parental/guardian permission, during 1ST Break (10:55 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.) ONLY. A note must be provided that is dated and signed. Parents are welcome to send a note that covers the whole year or just for one day. These notes must be received AT THE OFFICE before classes begin.

Will there be a student support room?

Yes. There will be a learning resource teacher available to support elementary students throughout various times of the day. These teachers will reach out to students and families to discuss the support required.

What are the rules and expectations for students?

There is a code of student conduct for all grade 7 - 12 students that outlines our school expectations. This [code of conduct](#) will be shared with all students in the fall.

Will there be rotary (students moving from class to class) each period?

Yes. The homeroom teacher will teach a majority of subjects. However, in some cases there will be rotary for some subjects. For example, students will have different teachers for music and French and possibly other subjects.

Will students have their own spaces?

Yes. Elementary students will have their own washroom area that is located near all their 7/8 classrooms. A playscape is in place for elementary students. This area is out of bounds for secondary school students while elementary students are on nutrition break. In addition, elementary classrooms are located in an area of the school that is separate from the secondary section of the school (aside from the drama and art specialty rooms). Clubs, activities, and sports are elementary specific. There may be times when some collaboration occurs.

What do students do if they are late or need to leave early?

If a student is arriving late for school, he or she needs to report to the office with a note explaining their late arrival. If a student is being picked up early from school, he or she must bring a note to the office in the morning or a parent/guardian must call the school.

Where do I go as a parent/guardian to pick up my child from school?

If you have sent a note or called the school explaining the reason your child needs to be picked up early, there is no need for parents/guardians to come into the school. Arrangements can be made to meet your child in the pick-up zone at the front or back of the school. However, if there is an unforeseen circumstance and a parent/guardian needs to pick up their child, they are to call the school and the child will be called down. Parents/guardians are not to be in the school unless for emergency situations and they have been called into the school.

How do parents/guardians find out more about the School Community Council?

Parents/Guardians will receive notification via school messenger regarding upcoming School Community Council (SCC) meetings. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



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The following elementary teachers are on staff at SDSS in 2020-2021:

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