



FALCON FLYER

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Fort St. James Secondary School

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DATES TO NOTE:

Jun 18	Grad Dinner @ 5:30 pm
Jun 19 & 20	Assessment Period
Jun 20	Last Day of Regular Classes
Jun 21	Exam Make up day
Jun 21	Term 4 ends
Jun 21	Grad Rehearsal @ 1:00 pm
Jun 22	Grad Ceremony @ 10:00 am
Jun 22	Grad Walk Down Ceremony @ 3:00 pm
Jun 22	Grad Parade @ 4:00 pm
Jun 27	Report Cards mailed home
Jun 28	School Closes

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

The 2023-2024 school year has come to an end. What a great year it has been. Students have had the opportunity for many in-class and out-of-class activities. Calculus 12, Project Port, Provincial sports competitions, Ice Rescue training, Haida Gwaii trip, Project Junior Fire Fighter, are some of the amazing opportunities students at FSJSS were able to take advantage of.

Next Saturday, June 22nd, we celebrate with our graduates the completion of their high school journey. The staff has enjoyed watching the grads grow from children in grade 8 to the young adults they are today. We believe the grads will continue to grow and be successful in this next phase of their lives.

To our returning students, enjoy your summer break. Take time to experience the outdoors, make a new friend and read a book. Stay safe.



Mr. C. Houghton, Principal, FSJSS

GRADUATION JUNE 22ND

Grad Ceremony in New Gym @ 10:00 am
Walk down in Old Gym @ 3:00 pm
Parade starts at the Curling Rink @ 4:00 pm

ATHLETIC COSTS

REMINDER: Please remember to pay your Athletics fees. All students who join any team must pay \$50 for the first team. Each additional team they play on then costs \$10 more.

GRADUATION
June 22 @ 10:00 am New Gym

*Tickets will be given to Grads the week of June 3rd
Each Grad will receive 8 Tickets for Guests and 1 Candle bearer Ticket
ALL costs owing FSJSS MUST be paid before tickets will be given out*

- **June 21st** > Grad Ceremony rehearsal @ 1:00 pm in the New Gym
Candle bearers MUST attend the rehearsal
***use student parking lot door to enter New Gym*
> Grad's vote on the Dennis Playfair Memorial Bursary
> Walk Down rehearsal in the Old Gym



- **June 22nd** > Grads need to be at the school (New Gym) @ 9:00 am
DO NOT BE LATE!!
Candle bearers need to be here @ 9:30 am
***use the student parking lot door to enter the New Gym*

> Grad Group Photo (Old Gym) @ 9:30 am
***use the student parking lot door to enter the Old Gym*

> Grad Family Photos after ceremony in Old Gym
Photo signup sheet will be available

- **June 22nd** > Grad Walk Down ceremony in the Old Gym at 3:00 pm
Grads need to be at school by 2:30 pm
DO NOT BE LATE!!
***use the student parking lot door to enter the Old Gym*

- **June 22nd** > Parade starts @ 4:00 pm
***Floats need to be ready to leave from School Road facing towards
the curling rink by 3:45 pm*

FINAL REPORT CARDS:

Student report cards will be mailed out to parents.

LIBRARY

Please return all Library materials and textbooks to the Library.

PARENTS OF GRADUATES:

Students Records Retention Policy

Fort St. James Secondary School will store the student files(s) at the school for a period of five (5) years following graduation. Following the five (5) year retention period, the student files(s) will be destroyed with the school retaining only the PSR Card and Transcript (if applicable). Students and parent/guardians are able to copy all or any portion of the student file(s) they would like during the five (5) year period. (Policy 505.1)

FALCON FLYER

If you would like a copy of the Falcon Flyer e-mailed to you directly, please e-mail bthiessen@sd91.bc.ca or you can view it on our Facebook page under Fort St. James Secondary School.

COUNSELLING NEWS

Ms. Deverson will be in the office from August 28th to August 30th to assist with student scheduling. If you need course changes, please call for an appointment when the school office re-opens. Registration for new students will begin August 27, 2024. Please bring in the student's birth certificate, care card and a copy of the last report card.

TRAVEL CLUB

The FSJSS Travel Club continues to grow! Our students and community members are excited to explore and learn about the world. In fact, after our 2025 tour to Germany, Austria, and Switzerland filled up, a Spring Break tour to Greece opened for 2026. In only a short period of time, our Grecian Odyssey reached capacity too.

If you missed enrollment, students, parents and community members can ask to be placed on a waiting list for either tour. Usually a space will open, so make sure to reach out to Mr. James at the high school as soon as possible. (250-996-7126 or tjames@sd91.bc.ca).

Finally, a special shout out to Kirby Lessard, as he received the Student International Explorer Award at the school's annual recognition ceremony. Kirby embodied curiosity, adaptability and cultural sensitivity during this year's adventure to France, Italy, and Monaco—well done, Kirby!



ALTERNATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL

Congratulations to our performers and artists who participated in the 20th anniversary Alternative Arts Festival at Lakes District Secondary in Burns Lake. Roland Khune placed 3rd in the Junior Visual Arts category (grade 8-10), Sam Leatherdale placed 2nd in the Junior Performing Arts category, and Christopher Arriaza placed 2nd in the Senior Visual Arts category (grade 11-12). We were well represented by our school in this yearly competition.

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2024

DJ Alumet	Addy Martin
Hudson Black	Aaron McVey
Ty Breitreutz	Molly Murdock
Theo Croucher	Keenen Ogi
Jazlyn Felix	Gabe Ouellette
Leland Gauthier	EllieMai Prince
Sebastian Halleran	Kate Prince
JT Hayter	Aaron Sam
Julie Hebert	Carter Spooner
Diego Johnson	Christopher Thomas-Arriaza
James Kosmick	Carsen Wenger
De'Shon Larocque	Mercedes Whitely
	Isaiah Whynacht

AWARDS NIGHT

JUNE 13, 2024

Award

Sr. Humanities

- Comp. Cultures 12
- Social Justice 12
- Genocide Studies 12
- Comp. Religions 12
- Philosophy 12
- Law 12
- Child Devel. & Care

Social Studies

- Socials 8
- Socials 9
- Socials 10

English

- English 8
- English 9
- Eng. First Peoples 10
- English 11
- Creative Writing 11
- English 12

Math

- Math 8
- Math 9
- Workplace Math 10
- Workplace Math 11
- FOM & Pre-Cal. 10
- Found. of Math 11
- Pre-Calculus 11
- Pre-Calculus 12

French

- French 8
- French 9
- French 10
- French 11

1st Nations Studies 8

Carrier Lang & Cult. 10

Ent. Growth Mindset

Student Intern.

Explorer Award

Name

Nikayla Leatherdale
 Waydeann Scheper
 Autumn Fry
 Diego Johnson
 Kalie Morrisey
 Luka James
 Kate Prince

 Trew Prince
 Norah Shute
 Shayla Ramsey

 Brynn Kitchen
 Jasmeena Dhaliwal
 Wyatt Olesiuk
 Leila Gingrich
 Luka James
 Julie Hebert

 Sarah Hallman
 Brendan Gooding
 Mary Mattess
 Jayla Reiersen
 Shayla Ramsey
 Autumn Fry
 Kira James
 Julie Hebert

 Brynn Kitchen
 Leah Waddell
 Jaxon Lam
 Luka James
 Braelyn Pacheco
 Roland Kuhne
 Lucius Haskell
 Kirby Lessard

Award

Science

- Science 8
- Science 9
- Science 10
- Earth Sc. 11
- Biology 11
- Biology 12
- Physics 11
- Physics 12
- Chemistry 11
- Chemistry 12
- Outdoor Ed 12
- Enviro. Science 11
- Enviro. Science 12

Information Tech.

- Computers 8
- Jr. Arts & Design
- Sr. Arts & Design

Career Preparation

- Career Life Ed. 10
- Career Life Conn 12

Carpentry/Metals/Mech.

- Vocational Trades 8
- Carpentry 9
- Carpentry 10
- Carpentry 11
- Carpentry 12
- Metal Fab & Mech 9
- Metal Fab & Mech 10
- Metal Fab & Mech 11
- Metal Fab & Mech 12

Foods/Textiles

- Foods 8
- Foods 9
- Foods 10
- Foods 11
- Foods 12

Name

Lochlan Handy
 Leah Waddell
 Sullivan Wenger
 Kalie Morrisey
 Kira James
 Carsen Wenger
 Luka James
 Skyler Hanks
 Luka James
 Addy Martin
 Parker Shute
 Payton Schroeder
 Nikayla Leatherdale

 Annalynn Hockemeyer
 Leah Waddell
 Aaron Sam

 Jorja Isaac
 Carsen Wenger

 Brynn Kitchen
 Julian Walther
 Wyatt Olesiuk
 Nikayla Leatherdale
 Hudson Black
 Norah Shute
 Nole Lantz
 Parker Shute
 Hudson Black

 JK Alument
 Julius Erickson
 Jaxon Lam
 Sierra Gasmio
 Leland Gauthier

<u>Award</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Name</u>
-Textiles 9	Jasmeena Dhaliwal	<u>Athletics</u>	
-Textiles 11	Mercedes Whitely	-PHE 8	Heidi Olesiuk
-Textiles 12	Ellie Mai Prince	-PHE 9	Aaron Dalziel
<u>Art</u>		-PHE 10	CJ Alumet
-Art 8	Trew Prince	-PHE 11	Kira James
-Art 9	Alberta Joseph	-PHE 12	DJ Alumet
-Art 10	Brooke Mosher	<u>Gov. General's</u>	Nyah Duncan
-Art 11	Autumn Fry	<u>Academic Medal</u>	
-Art 12	Christopher Arriaza		

ATHLETICS 2023/24

THANK YOU 2023/24 COACHES

Thank you to all our coaches that gave so much time to our student athletes this past year. Your dedication and generosity makes for a positive high school experience. Your time and knowledge is greatly appreciated.

Erica Olesiuk	Christy Hoy	Christine Deverson	Sydney Andres
Kaylee Walstrom	James Waddell	Chad Lantz	Travis James
Troy Repko	Ethan Thomas	Riley McVey	Ryan McVey
Tyler McVey	Reneé Colthorp	Emma Kossey	Chris Greenaway

Martina Jones

Thank you to all who have given time to help out behind the scenes: past coaches assisting at practices and games, teachers and students stepping up to officiate games throughout the year, our teachers and administrators that are always supportive and working to support our athletes. We cannot provide the opportunities that we do without all of the help we receive.

2023/24 Athletics Awards

Congratulations to the following student athletes who have excelled in both the classroom and their chosen sports. These student athletes are dedicated, skilled and have received recognition by their coaches and at tournaments for their abilities and efforts.

Grade 8 Girls Athlete of The Year – Matty Lantz
Jr. Boys Athlete of The Year - Wyatt Olesiuk
Jr. Girls Athlete of The Year - Leah Waddell
Sr. Boys Athlete of The Year - Skyler Hanks
Sr. Girls Athlete of The Year - Leila Gingrich
Athletics Volunteer of the Year - Sam Leatherdale

GIRLS SOCCER WON AN AWARD!!

Our Sr. Girls Soccer Team has been selected as **THE NORTH CENTRAL TEAM OF THE YEAR**. To be receiving this award is a great honour. There are approximately 350 school teams in our zone and our girls were selected (along with 2 other teams) to receive this award. This award goes to teams that have had great success throughout the season, have shown dedication to the team and the sport, have given back to the community, have received great support from the community, and have represented our Zone in a positive manner. This group of girls has done all of this and more. They have also taken an old, tired coach and made him love the game again. Congratulations to the girls on this team and their coach.

Athletics Planning for September 2024

When school starts again in September our fall teams will be up and running in the first week. Both Sr. Girls Volleyball, and Sr. Boys Soccer, will be holding tryouts for the fall season starting Wednesday, September 4th. The Jr. Girls and Grade 8 Girls Volleyball teams will start practices in the following weeks. If you have any questions regarding our Athletics program please contact Mr. Waddell at the school.

From the Athletic Director

As the Athletic Director at Fort St James Secondary, I am consistently amazed at how supportive the community of Fort St. James is of our student athletes and volunteer coaches. Year after year, our student athletes are supported in their endeavors to be their best as they travel to games and tournaments. As I travel around the province with our students, I am always encouraged at how well our students compete during the competition, but just as important, how well they represent our school and our community. It is a very common occurrence for our teams to get compliments from restaurants, referees, coaches, hotels, and stores. We should all be proud of what our students accomplish each year. Being on a team is more than just playing the game. It is an opportunity to learn life skills. Our students develop skills in teamwork, time management, goal setting, money management, organization, accountability, how to win and lose with grace, hard work, dedication, sportsmanship, nutrition and fueling, and how to have respect for themselves and others. I want to say THANK YOU to all of our supporters for helping our student athletes in so many ways. To our student athletes, I want to say have a great and restful summer. See you in the fall.

Athletic Director, James Waddell