



FALCON FLYER

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Fort St. James Secondary School

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DATES TO NOTE:

Sept. 2	Labour Day STAT
Sept. 3	First Day of School – Students attend ½ day
Sept. 4	First Full Day of Instruction
Sept. 10	Last day of course changes
Sept. 18	Terry Fox Run
Sept. 18	PAC Meeting @ 5:30 pm
Sept. 19	PLC – Early Dismissal @ 12:15 pm
Sept. 19	Newsletter goes out
Sept. 20	District Planning Day – Students do NOT attend
Sept. 24	Student Photo Day @ 1:00 pm
Sept. 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day – Students do NOT attend

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2024-25 School Year!

Every school year is a new beginning. It is a time to learn more, to have new experiences, to meet new people, and to see old friends.

FSJSS is a very energetic place with numerous opportunities for students.

Outdoor field classes, senior academics, career programs, travel club, athletics, shop classes, are all areas of learning that students can take advantage of at FSJSS.

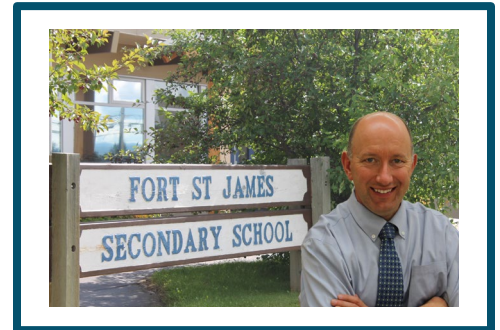
We have some changes in our breakfast and lunch program. With the help of the school district, it will be healthier and cheaper for all students.

We have new limits to our cell phone/digital device usage during class time. To be sure students get the most out of all their learning time at school devices connected to the internet cannot be used during instructional time.

I encourage students to become deeply involved in their classes and extra-curricular activities. The more engaged students are the better their high school experience will be.

I look forward to meeting our new grade 8 students and seeing everyone else September 3, 2024.

Mr. C. Houghton, Principal, FSJSS



OPENING DAY

School begins in Homeroom at 8:45 am on Tuesday, September 3rd. Students will be introduced to teachers and classes, receive their timetables, review the student handbook, and attend a school-wide assembly. Students will be dismissed at 11:55 am with buses leaving at 12:20 pm. The rest of the week will be full, regular days beginning at 8:45 am and ending at 3:13 pm. Students need to have their school supplies at school on Wednesday, September 4th.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Do you know what we do about school dances, attendance taking, field trips, and lockers? The purpose of this handbook is to inform you of our policies and procedures in those and a number of other areas. The handbook also contains our updated Student Code of Conduct. Please email bthiessen@sd91.bc.ca for a copy. The updated handbook is on our school website.

LOCKS & LOCKERS

All lockers are locked with school locks. After you have paid \$15 for locker rental, you will be given a locker along with the lock combination.

The following are dates available to sign up for a locker:

-Sept. 3rd before school starts or from 12:00-12:45 pm – Gr. 8's **ONLY**

-Sept. 4th, 5th, & 6th before school starts or at lunch, for **ALL** grades

-Sept. 9th lockers will be assigned by office staff.

FALCON FLYER INFORMATION

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.

SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTING

Cheques written to the school should be made out to "School District No. 91".

SCHOOL PHOTOS

SCHOOL PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN ON TUESDAY, SEPT. 24TH
RETAKES DATE IS NOV. 7TH.

For best results on photo day, **DO NOT WEAR GREEN COLORED CLOTHING, GREEN COLORED PATTERNS OR SOLID WHITE.**



Friday Night Movies will be back!!!!

Start date TBD

Please see the school Facebook for the posters for that week's show and time

Every Friday:

Doors Open at 6:30pm

Movie starts at 7pm

(Children's movies start at 6:00 pm)

Admission:

\$10 per person

COURSE WITHDRAWAL DATES

Students who wish to withdraw from a course must withdraw by:

Semester 1: October 18, 2024

Semester 2: April 9, 2025

Courses dropped after the withdrawal date will be assigned "F" fail.

NOON BUS

The Noon Bus to Tache will be running every day at 12:20 p.m.

TERRY FOX RUN

The Terry Fox Run will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 18th. We will be collecting donations for the run in the office starting Tuesday, September 11th.

GRADE 8 RETREAT

Each year we hold two Grade 8 Retreat days from 9:00 am until 2:30 pm. This is a fun filled day for the Grade 8 students to get to know one another and some staff members. Parents are welcome to come out and join the Grade 8's on these days. Dates and venue are yet to be determined.



2024-2025 CALENDAR

To see the SD91 school calendar, please visit our school website or the SD91 website.

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE

School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school premises or during school activities. You may purchase coverage for your child at www.insuremykids.com or by calling toll free at 1-800-463-KIDS (5437). Please see the attached letter.

Knives in Schools

SD91 reminds families that knives are strictly prohibited at school and on school buses. We understand that many families in our region spend considerable time outdoors and often use these items. However, knives, including Leatherman tools, are not appropriate in a school setting at any time.

We ask that all caregivers and students check backpacks and jacket pockets, especially after camping, fishing, or hunting trips to ensure these items are not brought to school. The District Code of Conduct will be followed to for these situations and appropriate consequences applied.

If you have any questions, please contact your school or the Safe School Coordinator at cmckay@sd91.bc.ca.

Proposed Policy Updates

The following draft policies are currently open for public feedback until
4:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2024.

Policy 204.1 – Board Meetings: If approved, this draft amended policy will
combine the following existing policies:

- * 204.1 – Board Meetings
- * 204.2 – Board Meeting Agendas
- * 204.3 – Public Access to the Board Members of the public are welcome to review all the information, including how to provide feedback, on the SD91 Policies and Regulations webpage at www.sd91.bc.ca/policies-and-regulations

School Board Meeting

**School Board Office
Vanderhoof, BC**

Important Public Attendance Notice:

Members of the public are invited to attend Regular Meetings of the Board of Education.

Due to limited space and seating availability, please request your seat prior to noon
on the meeting day if you wish to attend in person.

Alternatively, members of the public may attend this meeting virtually through Microsoft Teams. To take advantage of this online attendance option, please visit www.sd91.bc.ca/meeting-information for the Teams link or you may request your electronic invitation prior to 4:00 pm on the meeting day.

Contact: Heather Silver Executive Assistant to the Superintendent 250-567-2284 ext. 9003

hsilver@sd91.bc.ca

LIBRARY

Please return any textbooks from previous school years to the library.

ATHLETICS 2024/25

Welcome back to another exciting year. All the fall teams will be starting practices in the next couple of weeks.

Sr. Boys Soccer will begin practices on Wednesday, Sept 4th. Practices will start at 3:40 pm on the David Hoy field. This year Mr. Waddell has stepped aside. Chad Lantz will be coaching, and Steve Duncan will be assisting and driving the bus. All boys in Grades 8-12 are welcome to come out.

Sr. Girls Volleyball tryouts will begin at 3:30 pm on Wednesday, September 4th in the New gym. Tryouts are open to all girls in grades 8-12.

Grade 8 and Jr. Girls Volleyball will begin practices in the second week of September. Listen to the announcements and see our school Facebook for dates and times.

If you have any questions about our school teams, please contact our Mr. Waddell at the school.

STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARDS

SEMESTER 2

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS

GRADE 8 & 9

Due to the new Ministry of Education Student Learning Reporting Policy, Grade 8 & 9 students are now graded on a Proficiency Scale and not letter grades. This means there is no formal Honour Roll for Grade 8 & 9 students. However, Fort St. James Secondary has recognized Grade 8 students who had 4 out of 6 classes that were Proficient or greater on the Proficiency Scale and Grade 9 students who had 3 out of 4 classes as Proficient or greater. These students received a Student Excellence Award Certificate for Semester 2. Below is the proficiency scale.

The BC Proficiency Scale			
EMERGING	DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXTENDING
The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

GRADE 8

Al-Hawari, Ayaan
 Alumet, JK
 Barfoot, Skyler
 Bartley, Aimee
 Berry, Merrik
 Dixon, Ayden
 Fowler, Brock
 Fowler, Darius
 Fraser, Katherine
 Gainor, Graeme
 Godard, Logan
 Hallman, Sarah
 Handy, Lochlan
 Havryliuk, Mykola
 Ho Lem, Silas
 Hockemeyer, Annalynn
 Ivanov, Slavik
 Kitchen, Brynn
 Lantz, Matty
 Moll, Randy
 Monk, Jakota
 Olesiuk, Heidi
 Pacheco, Braelyn
 Prince, Trew
 Sam, Lucas
 Teegee, William
 Tom, Tehya
 Wiebe, Emma
 Wilks, Iliyah
 Yake, Paxton

GRADE 9

Dalziel, Aaron
 Dhaliwal, Jasmeena
 Dinwoodie, Rowan
 Erickson, Jason
 Erickson, Julius
 Foerster, Marek
 Gooding, Brendan
 James, Oden
 Johnnie, Linden
 Kuhne, Roland
 Leatherdale, Sam
 Luggi, Audrey
 MacDougall, Brody
 Potyok, Abby
 Schamehorn, Benjamin
 Shute, Norah
 Snyman, Luke
 Waddell, Leah
 Walther, Julian

HONOUR ROLL

SEMESTER 2 - TERM 4, 2024

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO WERE ON THE
TERM 4 HONOUR ROLL

4.0

Black, Hudson
De Castro, Pauline
Erickson, Jaidyn
Fry, Autumn
Gasmio, Sierra
Gingrich, Leila
Grondin, Zuri
Hanks, Skyler
Hayter, JT
Hayter, Wesley
James, Kira
James, Luka
Kosmick, Reace
McVey, Aaron
Morrisey, Kalie
Olesiuk, Wyatt
Ramsey, Shayla
Scheper, Waydeann
Voltz, Brandon

3.50 - 3.99

Alumet, DJ
Arriaza, Christopher
Bayes, Logan
Croucher, Theo
Gauthier, Leland
Hebert, Julie
Heggelund, Mitchal
Johnson, Diego
Joseph Sam, Miley
Labatch-Free, Dan
Leatherdale, Nikayla
Martin, Addy
O'Bee, Brennan
Playfair, Max
Prince, Ellie Mai
Prince, Jenna
Prince, Samuel
Saharchuk, Greta
Schroeder, Payton
Shute, Parker
Wenger, Sullivan
Whitely, Mercedes

3.0 - 3.49

Howell, Ava
Kossey, Adison
Lam, Jaxon
Lantz, Nole
Mattess, Mary
Miller, Braedi
Murdock-Prince, Jimmy
Prince, Jada
Spencer, Taylor
Stump, Tylita
Wenger, Carsen
Wyssen, Oliver

Scholarships and Bursary Winners 2023 – 2024

Brulin Enterprises Scholarship	Carsen Wenger
Canfor High School Scholarship	Ty Breitreutz
Chuntoh Ed. Society Bursary/Scholarship	Kate Prince, Ellie Mai Prince
Courage to Continue Award	Leland Gauthier
CUPE local 4177 "Club 91" Bursary	Ty Breitreutz
David Hoy Staff Bursary	Keenen Ogi
Dennis Playfair Memorial Bursary	Carsen Wenger
District of Fort St. James Scholarship	James Kosmick
Duane Valk Forestry Bursary	JT Hayter
Ecofor Consulting Educational Bursary	JT Hayter
Eco-Warrior Bursary	Julie Hebert
Eddie Velkjar Memorial Bursary	JT Hayter
FSJ Bargain Basement Bursaries	JT Hayter, Carsen Wenger
FSJ Community Foundation Education Grants	JT Hayter, Carsen Wenger, Addy Martin, Keenen Ogi, Julie Hebert, Isaiah Whynacht
FSJ Minor Hockey Assoc. Bursary	JT Hayter
FSJ Primary Care Society Bursary	Ellie Mai Prince
FSJ Youth Soccer Assoc. Bursary	JT Hayter
FSJSS Staff Scholarship	Addy Martin
Four Rivers Co-op Bursary	Ty Breitreutz
2023, 2024 Grad Bursaries	Addy Martin, Keenen Ogi
Hooke-Jackson Family Bursaries	Carsen Wenger, Addy Martin, JT Hayter, Julie Hebert
Integriss Credit Union Scholarship	Carsen Wenger
Jenni Goff Memorial Bursary	Julie Hebert
John Prince Research Bursaries	JT Hayter, Addy Martin
Jordan Marshall Memorial Soc. Bursary	Julie Hebert
Joseph & Veronica Paques Memorial Bursaries	JT Hayter, Julie Hebert
KDL Education Bursary	Isaiah Whynacht
Les Huffman Memorial Bursary	Keenen Ogi
Nak'albun Elementary Pac Bursary	Mercedes Whitely
Nak'azdli Whut'en Education Bursaries	Addy Martin, Christopher Arriaza, Kate Prince
NCD-Paladin Bursary	Addy Martin
NCD-White Water Management Bursary	Kate Prince
Nechako Environment & Stewardship Bursary	JT Hayter
Newland Ent. Ltd. Education Scholarship	Ty Breitreutz
NTU Academic/Closed Scholarships	Carsen Wenger/Keenen Ogi
Nichollette Prince Bursary	Addy Martin
Pharmasave Bursaries	Julie Hebert, Carsen Wenger
Principal's Award	Ellie Mai Prince
Reg. Dist. Of Bulk. Nechako Area "C" Bursary	Ty Breitreutz
School District Scholarships (MOE)	Hudson Black, Julie Hebert, Molly Murdock, Aaron McVey, Carsen Wenger, Mercedes Whitely, Isaiah Whynacht, Ellie Mai Prince, Ty Breitreutz, JT Hayter, Addy Martin, Keenen Ogi, Leland Gauthier, Christopher Arriaza, James Kosmick, Jazlyn Felix
Sharon Ottesen Memorial Bursary	Carsen Wenger
Stuart Lake Hospital Aux. Bursary	Jazlyn Felix
Stuart Lake Senior's Assoc. Bursary	JT Hayter
Stuart-Nechako Woodlot Bursary	JT Hayter
Taba Bursary	Molly Murdock
Tanizul Timber Ltd. Bursaries	Jazlyn Felix, Ellie Mai Prince
Thompson Award	Julie Hebert
Tl'azt'en Nation Bursary	Ellie Mai Prince
Ubleis Logging Ltd. Bursary	Ty Breitreutz
UNBC Academic Achievers Award	Mercedes Whitely
Woodlot 1880 Bursary	JT Hayter
YRB Bursary	Molly Murdock