



École Secondaire Windsor Secondary School

FAMILY NEWSLETTER- SEPTEMBER 2023

We would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Səlilwətał Nation, on whose unceded traditional territory École Windsor Secondary resides.

IMPORTANT DATES:

SEPTEMBER 5

First Day

9:45am- Grade 8 Student & Parent Welcome Assembly in the Multi Purpose Room (see details on page 5)

10:30am- Grade 9 Assembly – Multi Purpose Room

11:15am- Grade 10 Assembly – Multi Purpose Room

12:45pm- Grade 11 Assembly – Multi Purpose Room

1:30pm- Grade 12 Assembly – Multi Purpose Room

SEPTEMBER 6

8:31am- Homeroom: Grades 9-12 receive timetables, Gr 8 MSTeams login

9:10am- Regular Wednesday classes

7:00pm- Grade 8 Parent Night & Cheakamus Retreat Information

SEPTEMBER 7

8:31am- Homeroom: Timetables, password assistance, attendance

9:10am- Regular Thursday classes

SEPTEMBER 8

9:10am- Regular Friday classes

SEPTEMBER 11

Fall Athletics Night

7:00pm Mandatory for all students (& a parent/guardian) who wish to participate in Fall Athletics. See Fall Athletics Flyer for specific details (page 8)

SEPTEMBER 13

Photo Day

9:20am- Students will be called by grade to the small gym to have their photo taken.

SEPTEMBER 20

Grade 8 Cheakamus Retreat

SEPTEMBER 27

Staff Collaboration Day

9:50am- Late start for students (see page 10)

SEPTEMBER 29

Orange Shirt day

SEPTEMBER 30

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no classes)

WELCOME

To the École Windsor Secondary Community

With the 2023-2024 school year poised to begin next week on Tuesday September 5th, on behalf of everyone at École Windsor Secondary, we would like to welcome you back to school! We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer. The summer break provides us all with an opportunity to prepare for the upcoming ten months and the high energy that comes with a secondary school year. If you are new to Windsor, we know that you will appreciate being a part of our vibrant community school.

School Plan

Over the last two years, a committed group of students, staff and parents dedicated energy and time to developing Windsor's School Plan and implementing a model to guide us as we strive to provide an outstanding educational experience for students. We will continue to develop our five values that represent Windsor: Community, Growth, Integrity, Kindness, and Self-Expression, and implement our School Plan, as we view this to be a document that changes and evolves with our school.

New Staff

Laurence Bolton – Librarian (replacing Lisa Ottenbreit on secondment to SFU)

Kostas Roumeliotis – Band

Nick Gill – Economics and Marketing

Kelly Pershick– English

Alison Lum – Foods

Caren Hall – Vice-Principal

We are also pleased to be welcoming back to Windsor:

Anne Ouellet – French Immersion

WELCOME

Daily Schedule

We will be using the semester system this year and students will be taking four classes each day for five months before changing to a different four courses for the final five months. Classes will be seventy minutes in length. There will be three classes in the morning, an hour-long lunch break, and then one class in the afternoon.

Tutorial will again be in place and is scheduled to start at 8:31 am. Classroom teachers will provide students with their tutorial schedule during the first week of class. Tutorial time is the primary way for students to seek additional support and enrichment from their teachers. Teachers may also require students to attend tutorial at their discretion to ensure that a student is able to be successful in the class. We appreciate your support in setting the tone that tutorial is in fact time when the school is in session and not just optional or 'flex' in nature. On occasion, the Counselling Department and Administration may require students to be present during tutorial time.

Cafeteria Service

Our cafeteria will be open for service at lunchtime. There will be no service in the morning nor during the day. Our cafeteria will not be open until the third week of September.

International Homestays Needed!

Our International Student Program is seeking new homestay families as we return to our normal numbers of international students wanting to attend our schools. Homestay families play an integral part in the experience for international students and are part of the strength of our programs. There is a particular need for homestay placements East of the Seymour. If you are interested, please contact our Director of International Student Programs, Amy Shoup at ashoup@sd44.ca.

WELCOME

Student Course Assignments

The ability to change course assignments is limited to students with INCOMPLETE or INCORRECT timetables. Forms need to be picked up at student services AND signed by parents before counsellors can start to reschedule. Students must continue attending classes they have been assigned a new class and counsellors will contact students once changes are made or if more information is needed. The deadline for course changes is September 15th.

2023/24 Grade Administrator and Counsellor Assignments			
Grade	Administrator	Counsellor	
8	Caren Hall	Sue Maquignaz	smaquignaz@sd44.ca
9	Kelly Curry	Mancy So	mso@sd44.ca
10	Caren Hall	David Lavallée	dlavallee@sd44.ca
11	Kelly Curry	A-R Sue Maquignaz	smaquignaz@sd44.ca
		S-Z Steve Martin	stmartin@sd44.ca
12	John McGowan	Steve Martin	stmartin@sd44.ca
International	Caren Hall	Mancy So	mso@sd44.ca
Choices	By Grade as Above	David Lavallée	dlavallee@sd44.ca

We look forward to another amazing year at our school. Our sincere thanks to the students, the staff, and the Windsor community for making our school a wonderful place to learn and grow.

Kind regards,

John McGowan, Kelly Curry and Caren Hall
Windsor School Administrative Team

2023 OPENING WEEK SCHEDULE & UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday, September 5th - First Day

9:45am Grade 8 Student & Parent Welcome Assembly – Multi Purpose Room

10:15am Grade 8 Homeroom (Students & Parents)

10:40am Semester 1 Rotation through classes - Supported by Ambassadors

11:00am Grade 8 Student Homeroom & Locker Assignment

11:00am Parent Social Hosted by Windsor PAC in the Library

10:30am Grade 9 Assembly – Multi Purpose Room

11:15am Grade 10 Assembly – Multi Purpose Room

12:45pm Grade 11 Assembly – Multi Purpose Room

1:30pm Grade 12 Assembly – Multi Purpose Room

Wednesday, September 6th – Block rotation: 3, 1, 2, 4

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9:10am Regular Wednesday classes

7:00pm Grade 8 Parent Night & Cheakamus Retreat Information

2023 OPENING WEEK SCHEDULE & UPCOMING DATES (cont.)

Thursday, September 7th - Block Rotation: 1, 2, 3, 4

8:31am Homeroom: Timetables, password assistance, attendance

9:10am Regular Thursday classes

Friday, September 8th - Block Rotation: 2, 3, 1, 4

9:10am Regular Friday classes

Monday, September 11th - Fall Athletics Night

7:00pm Mandatory for all students (& a parent/guardian) who wish to participate in Fall Athletics. See Fall Athletics Flyer for specific details (page 8)

Wednesday, September 13th - Photo Day

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Wednesday, September 20th - Grade 8 Cheakamus Retreat

For all updated calendar dates please click here:

<https://www.sd44.ca/school/windsor/Calendar/calendar.aspx>

HOMEROOMS

Grade	Last Name Begins	Homeroom	Room	Teacher
8	A - B	H08-01	E404	W. Martin
	C - D	H08-02	E401	A. Shobridge
	E - G	H08-03	E507	M. Roberts
	H - K	H08-04	E210	C. Dubé
	L - M	H08-05	D411	D. Embley
	N - R	H08-06	C404	T. Lazarova
	S	H08-07	E207	C. Misceo
	T - Z	H08-08	E400	M. Ballou
9	A - B	H09-01	E505	A. Francis
	C - F	H09-02	E510	B. Farrell
	G - Ke	H09-03	A316	A. Ng
	Kh - Maz	H09-04	C406	M. Burnett
	Mc - O	H09-05	J203	S. Lonsbrough
	P - Sh	H09-06	D410	C. Dang
	Si - Z	H09-07	E500	P. Tadey
10	A - B	H10-01	J504	M. Kelsch
	C - E	H10-02	E414	A. Anderson
	F - Hoo	H10-03	C206	M. Heaven
	Hop - L	H10-04	E509	T. Luchinski
	M - N	H10-05	E205	S. Myers
	O - Rog	H10-06	E408	M. Pruner
	Rol - S	H10-07	J206	A. Van Samang
	T - Z	H10-08	E506	E. Minn
11	A - B	H11-01	E403	K. Pershick
	C - E	H11-02	D218	A. Lum
	F - J	H11-03	E411	A. Rodrigue
	K - Ma	H11-04	E214	K. Wood
	Mc - P	H11-05	E211	A. Bennett
	R - S	H11-06	A317	P. Ryan
	T - Z	H11-07	C204	A. Kozak
12	A - B	H12-01	E208	N. Deminger
	C - D	H12-02	E503	J. D'Aurora
	E - G	H12-03	E501	K. Lonneberg
	H - K	H12-04	E511	I. Chou
	L - Mc	H12-05	Small Gym	J. Schuman
	Me - R	H12-06	E209	D. Laufer
	S - Te	H12-07	A314	K. Layton
	Th - Z	H12-08	Small Gym	M. Fong
INTL	A - G	HIS-01	E407	C. Sherman
	H - P	HIS-02	E405	C. Bradshaw
	R - Z	HIS-03	Library	L. Bolton
SE	A - Z	HSE-01	E200	J. Drew

STUDENT/PARENT FALL ATHLETICS NIGHT



FALL ATHLETICS NIGHT 7PM MONDAY SEPT. 11TH IN THE WINDSOR MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

In our efforts to increase communication with athletes and parents prior to each season, we are hosting our fall athletics information evening on Monday September 11th at 7pm. Traditionally, parent/player meetings are held after teams have been selected, we believe it is best to provide information in advance of signing up for a specific sport. Hosting the team meeting prior to tryouts allows parents and students to make informed decisions of the commitment and expectation required for various teams. Tryouts will begin Tuesday Sept. 12th

It is the expectation of the Windsor Athletic department that **all student athletes** intending to take part in a fall sport, along with one parent/guardian for each student, will attend the evening. Those unable to attend are to contact the Athletic Director, Mr. Fong, at mfong@sd44.ca.

Dates for Winter and Spring sport student/parent evenings will be provided later in the year.

Aquatics
8-12

Boys Soccer
8-12

Cross Country
8-12

Girls Volleyball
8-12

Football 9-12

Girls Field
Hockey
8-12

Boys Rugby
8

Parent/athlete
team meetings
with coaches

ADJUSTED BELL SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 27

9:50AM - STUDENT LATE START FOR STAFF COLLABORATION

COLLABORATION DAY BELL SCHEDULE

(Sept 27, Oct 25, Jan 24, Feb 28, Apr 24)

8:31 - 9:50	Collaboration Time
9:50 - 10:50	1
10:50 - 10:55	Transition
10:55 - 11:55	2
11:55 - 12:00	Transition
12:00 - 1:00	3
1:00 - 2:00	Lunch
2:00 - 3:00	4

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

TO REPORT AN ABSENCE:

- Email windsor@sd44.ca (preferred)
- ✳ Please remember to include the words **absence** or **attendance** in the subject line
- or Call Attendance Line: **604-903-3707**

WHEN REPORTING ABSENCES

-You may report an absence on same the day until 3:00 p.m., in advance for a future date if you know ahead of time, or for previous dates that were missed.

Please indicate:

- First Name
- Last Name (if leaving a voice message please spell the last name)
- Grade
- Date of absence (whole day/portion of the day)
- Explanation for absence (“excused”, “ill”, “appointment”, “vacation”).
It is critical that student absence explanations are specific to ensure accurate reporting to the School District and Public Health Unit.
- Your name & relationship with the student. (Only messages from parents and legal guardians are accepted)

KEEP US IN THE LOOP!

Please remember to update your contact information with the school when changes occur.

When changing your mailing address, please attach a copy of proof of address. An example would be a utility bill, BCID, Drivers Licence, credit card invoice etc.

Thank you for helping us to keep up to date!

PARKING AT WINDSOR



Windsor has limited parking for students. In order to park at Windsor students must:

- register their vehicles in the office
- adhere to the parking regulations
- display decal on their windshield

LOCKERS

All grade 8 students will be receiving lockers at the start of the school year, on Tuesday, September 5th.

Students in grades 9-12 will receive a message on their school email this week where they can let us know if they would like a locker this year.

Lockers 2023-24

Grade 8 students will be assigned a locker. Grade 9-12 students can request a locker until September 6th by filling out this form.

* Required

1. Please type your initials (first and last name only).

*

2. Your grade *

3. Would you like to have a locker this year? *

Yes

No