



SAUGEEN DISTRICT SENIOR SCHOOL  
**ROYALS**

So, you're going to be an SDSS  
Royal now... what exactly does  
that mean?

Please remember  
that due to the  
unknowns of  
Covid for the fall,  
many of these  
expectations may  
now differ and/or  
continue to  
change. Use this  
information as a  
general guideline  
only. 😊

What is  
**NORMAL?**

Although you may be a bit nervous about changing schools, a change is an awesome opportunity to...



Meet new friends, teachers and staff



Enjoy a brand new classroom and school



Enjoy lunches in the cafeteria or be able to head out for lunch with friends



Try new things, join some teams, take part in clubs and field trips



Become a little more independent



Have a fresh start if you need one... 😊

# Let's take a minute to meet the SDSS Admin and Intermediate staff!

**Ms. Paylor** is the Principal of SDSS. She is very excited to welcome the latest group of Royals to the school!



**Mrs. Wilkins** is one of two SDSS Vice-Principals and mainly works with grades 9-12.

**Mrs. Tolton** is one of two Vice-Principals at SDSS. She is most often found with the grade 7 and 8 students.





**Mr. Alexander  
(Gr. 7)**



**Mr. Lawrence  
(Learning Lounge  
/ Resource)**



**Mr. Jacobi  
(Gr. 7)**



**Ms. Fraizinger  
(Resource/ELL)**

# **Teaching Staff**



**Mme. Laville  
(Core French)**





Mr. Keeling  
(Gr. 7/8)



Mrs. Sollors  
(Gr. 8)



Mrs. Jacobi  
(Gr. 8)



Mr. Rushton  
(Gr. 7)



Ms. Whyte  
(Gr. 8)



Mme. Walker  
(Gr. 8 FI on leave)



Mr. Patterson  
(Music)



Mlle. Clarke  
(Gr. 7/8 FI)



Mr. Gardhouse  
(Remote/Prep)



Ms. Vaccariello  
(Grade 7/FI Prep)



Mrs. Leppington  
(Gr. 8)

You will also get a chance to get to know some fantastic Educational Assistants, awesome Office Staff, a great custodial team, and the friendly cafeteria staff.



The “Royal” Family is looking forward to meeting you!

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

- The daily timetable here at SDSS will look quite similar to your grade six one.
- We have two nutrition breaks in the day; you get eating time and outside time at each one.
- The school day begins at 8:55am and ends at 3:15pm.
- You are expected to be on time for school in the morning and when returning from lunch. If you are late, you will need to get a late slip from the Office. Repeated "lates" will result in detentions and contact with home.



## **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 new grade 7 and 8 students are to arrive at SDSS between 8:40AM and 8:50AM on September 7, 2021. Students are to report to the bus loop entrance of the school. Please continue to check the Board website for updates to this plan.

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

**Walkers** – Students who walk to school are to navigate their way to SDSS and meet their peers and staff in the bus loop area.

**Drop Off** – Students who receive a ride to school are to have their parent 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. Parents are to drop off students at the back of the school, not the front. Students make their way on foot to the bus loop area.

# Changes to Routine

- If you are sick or going to be absent for an event or appointment, your parent is responsible for calling the office to let them know.
- If you are going out for lunch (first break only), or are leaving during the day, you must sign out in your classroom. **You will not be able to leave the property without the appropriate permission. (call, lunch note, email etc.)**
- \*Change from grade 6 - If you are off the bus at the end of the day, you do **NOT** need to have a note or let the office know.
- If you are absent on a snow day – ALL students who do NOT ride a bus must have a parent call the office

# Attendance

First and foremost, you are expected to attend school every day. A letter of concern will be sent home from the office should you reach 15 days absent. Please consider that even two days missed a month will add up to a whole month of instructional time over the year!

If you have been away from school, it is important for you to remember that YOU are responsible for any work missed. Please touch base with ALL of your teachers as soon as you return to school. 😊

# Lockers – Yes... you all get one! 😊

- You will have a locker for your personal use this year. You are expected to leave NOTHING in the classroom at the end of the day.
- You must provide a combination lock for your locker. If you don't have a lock, you can purchase one from the office for \$5 on your first day. All students will be asked to complete a locker contract.
- Please take a few minutes each day to ensure that your locker is organized. Lunch kits and gym clothes should go home to be cleaned on a regular basis!

On the floor = lost and found/garbage

# Gym/School Supplies/Planners?

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A list of suggested school supplies is in the handbook that will be sent to families. In general, you will find it to be very similar to last year but perhaps with a few more binders.



Students at SDSS do NOT all receive a daily planner, however, each of you are expected to have a way to keep track of your work and due dates. (planner, folder, notebook, app?)



You are expected to have gym clothes and non-marking runners here every day.



# Homeroom and Rotary Classes

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All students will have a homeroom and a homeroom teacher although you may or may not start the day in your own class.



Most classes will have some degree of rotary classes where you will have a different teacher for science or history or geography for example.



All classes will have Phys. Ed in the main school gym as well as music in the 7/8 music room downstairs.

# Cafeteria/Lunchroom Expectations

- ✓ Lunch breaks will happen in the cafeteria or inside your homeroom classroom. Food will be available for purchase at first break only.
- ✓ At lunchtime you are expected to use your "restaurant manners" including...
  - Using a quiet voice/having polite conversation
  - Remaining seated in one spot - no walking around
  - Maturity... absolutely no throwing food/silliness

If you can't follow rules in the lunchroom, or on the way there, you will lose the freedom of choosing where to sit.

# Yard/Recess Expectations

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You will be outside for 20 minutes twice a day, it is important that you are dressed for the weather



If you borrow school equipment from the classroom bin, it must be brought inside each recess or it is likely to disappear... you are also welcome to bring your own basketball, football etc.



When travelling to and from the yard, you are expected to be in quiet lines in the hallways as senior classes will be going on.



You are NOT to enter the building for any reason without the permission of the yard duty teachers.

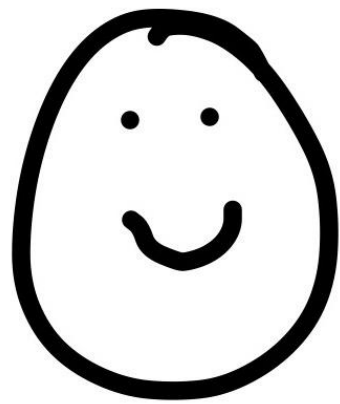
# Can I use my phone/device at school?

- Phones are not permitted in the hallways, lunchroom, or on the yard.
- The ONLY time you should have your phone on you/out of your locker is when you are travelling to or from school or if a teacher has **specifically given permission** for you to bring your devices to class.
- A code of conduct addressing this issue along with many others will be shared with students in the fall.
- If your phone is confiscated (taken away) by a staff member, it will be sent to the office and your name and the date is recorded. A second offence gets you a chat with an administrator and a third offense requires a parent to pick up the device from the office.
- If everyone follows the expectations, nobody loses the privilege of device use... it's easy. 😊

# Things to keep in mind...

- You will get out what you choose to put in... best effort = best year. 😊
- As a school, we are a team... be mindful of your teammates and always work toward success for ALL!
- Get involved!!! There are lots of activities to add interest/enjoyment to your year. It's also a great way to meet some new friends.
- Remember that you have a “clean slate” coming to SDSS. Take this opportunity to have a fresh start if you need one. Consider “who” you would like to be moving forward. What impression do you want to make?
- **Be yourself... there's no one better! 😊**





Do you have  
any  
Questions?

