

Stratford Secondary and Elementary Schools

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July 2019 Grade 9-12 Newsletter Stratford Secondary & Elementary Schools



There is always excitement when students head back to school in September. This year we have an even more exciting

year as two schools join together as one. We extend a special welcome to our Stratford Central students and Stratford Northwestern students as we come together as Stratford Secondary and Elementary Schools (SSES). We encourage all of our students to explore their interests and get involved during this unique school year! There are many new opportunities for students to experience this year.

During the 2019-2020 school year, the staff at SSES will continue to strive for excellence in our curricular goals as well as concentrate on AMDSB's strategic direction - Engage, Inspire, Innovate...Always Learning. All teachers will be working collaboratively to ensure that students are involved in inclusive classroom practices. Also, we will continue to support student learning with up-to-date technology to help engage students in 21st century skills which include: creativity, critical thinking, communication, collaboration and problem solving.

2019-2020 Gr. 9/10 Daily Schedule:

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| P1 | 8:55am - 10:10am |
| P2 | 10:15am - 11:30am |
| P3/4 | 11:40am - 12:55pm |
| P5 Lunch | 12:55pm - 1:38pm |
| P6 | 1:38pm - 2:53pm |

2019-2020 Gr. 11/12 Daily Schedule:

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| P1 | 8:55am - 10:10am |
| P2 | 10:15am - 11:30am |
| P3 Lunch | 11:35am - 12:18pm |
| P4/5 | 12:18pm - 1:33pm |
| P6 | 1:38pm - 2:53pm |

SSES Welcome BBQ!

We welcome all students to visit the school for activities and a BBQ on **Wednesday, August 28th**. Please note the times below:



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Gr. 9: 12:00-1:00pm

Gr. 10-12: 1:00-2:00pm

September - First Day of School

We will be having a staggered start to the 2019-2020 school year. **Grade 9 students** will start school on **Tuesday, September 3, 2019**. Grade 9 students should go to the large gym when they arrive. Students should arrive no later than 8:55am.

All students in **grades 10 - 12** will start on **Wednesday, September 4, 2019**. Students should report to their period one class (lists will be posted in the front foyer and inside the back entrance beside the greenhouse) by 8:55 am.

Parking

The student parking lot is now behind the water tower. You will need to register for a spot in the office. The school parking lots will accommodate the majority of students with vehicles. Parking will be first come-first in. Students will be given a decal to display in their car window, similar to an oil-change sticker, and the parking areas will be monitored. There is overflow parking on Matilda Street where the outdoor rink is set up. Vehicles without parking decals/not parked in designated areas may be towed. Please be diligent as traffic in and around the school will be busy.

Students being dropped off by family members will be dropped off in the church parking lot on the corner of Forman and Britannia.

Throughout the school year several visitor parking spots will be designated in the Oakdale Avenue parking lot closest to the school.

Cell Phones and Backpacks



Cell phones may be used in class for educational purposes only and at the discretion of the classroom teacher.

Backpacks will be left in student lockers and are not to be in the classroom. The hallways and classrooms will be congested with the larger student population. Thank you for your cooperation.

Student Activity Cards

Students are encouraged to purchase a student activity card for \$25 available through School Cash Online after August 30. These cards are required to participate in extracurricular activities and school dances.

Locks and Lockers

All students will be assigned a locker and will not need to share. Students are expected to use their assigned locker and have a lock on it. Students can bring their own combination lock or can purchase one in the school office for \$6.00. Student lock combinations will be kept on file in the office. A gentle reminder that lockers are the property of the school.



SSES Website and AMDSB Website

Our new website is being built this summer. Stay tuned and visit

<http://sses.avonmaitlandsecondary.ca> when it

goes live! You can also access the AMDSB website for additional details www.yourschools.ca.



Community Involvement Hours

The purpose of the Community Involvement initiative is to assist students in developing a sense of civic responsibility and to promote leadership within the community by having students donate their services to people in need or to charitable/"service" organizations that depend on community volunteers. Every student must complete forty hours of community involvement prior to graduating. Please consider acquiring community involvement hours over the summer.

Community Involvement Hours Tracking Forms can be downloaded from:

<http://yourschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/CommunityInvolvementTrackingForm.pdf>

Lastly....

On behalf of the staff, have a safe and happy summer. We look forward to seeing each of you in September.

Kevin Mills
Principal