

HD STAFFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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WELCOME BACK SKYHAWKS!

Where does the time go!! I hope everyone had an amazing and relaxing summer with family and friends. It is really important to take time to rest, reconnect and recharge in the beautiful BC summers. While we are always a little sad to see summer come to an end, we are very excited about another fantastic year ahead at HD Stafford Middle School!

Many of our staff have already been in, getting ready for our new and returning Skyhawks to break through the door - and we can't wait to see their smiling faces in a week! I would like to send a special welcome to our new Grade 6 students, the HDSMS class of 2025. Our school has so much to offer and we are excited to have you join the great legacy of the Skyhawks family.

We are also excited to share that all our extra-curricular opportunities will be returning for students in the fall! We want to encourage all students to become involved in the many aspect of Skyhawks culture that make HDSMS such an amazing place to work and learn. There are so many ways to enrich your middle school experience within our community through academics, explorations, extra-curricular clubs, music, and athletics. So get involved!

Parents we invite you to become involved partners in all aspects of the school. To help you get the year started off right, below is some important information you will need about the first few days of school. Please take some time to read through it carefully.

STAYING CONNECTED

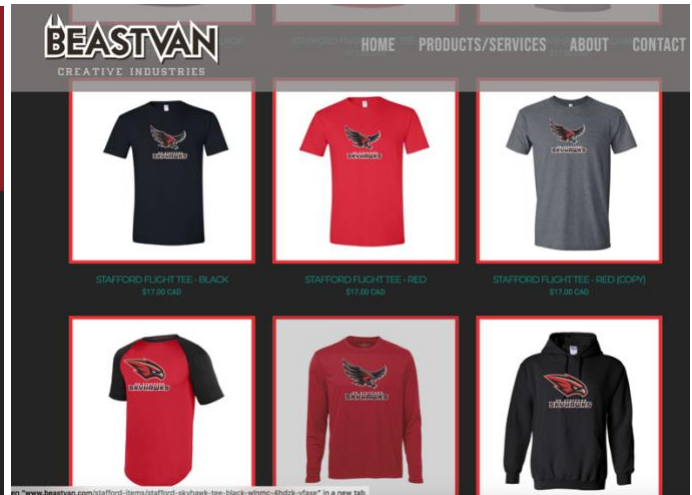
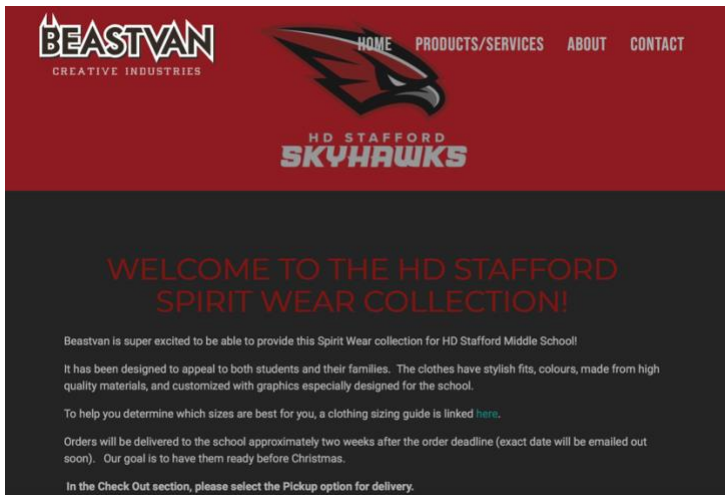
- HDSMS will continue to work towards being a completely paperless school when it comes to communication with parents. In order to stay informed, please be sure you use at least one of the following on-line methods:
 - **Email:** Email is a primary form of communication via MYEDBC or School Messenger. Please complete the school verification form that is sent home to ensure we have the most update contact information. The verification forms will be sent home with your child in the first two weeks of school.
 - **Attendance:** If your child is going to be away from school – you can email hdsattendance@sd35.bc.ca to report the absence.
 - **Twitter:** Follow our feed at [www.twitter.com/HDSMSskyhawks](https://twitter.com/HDSMSskyhawks)
 - **Instagram:** Follow us at www.instagram.com/HDSMSskyhawks
 - **Website:** Stay up-to-date at hdsms.sd35.bc.ca
 - **Vimeo:** Check out our media! <https://vimeo.com/hdsmsskyhawks>

Every weekend, we will email and share through social media and website our **STAFFORD SCOOP** newsletter. This contains important information and images of the amazing things that went on this past week and upcoming events at HD Stafford, so be sure to check it out!



HD STAFFORD SKYHAWKS SPIRIT WEAR STORE IS LIVE!

We are very excited to roll out the new **online Skyhawks Apparel Store** to all staff, students and our Stafford community!



PAC GENERAL INFORMATION:

Our PAC works to help create effective partnerships between the school and parent community. Building the triangle of support between parent, school, and child will create powerful learning opportunities and ensure our children's success.

Each and every parent or guardian is a member of our PAC. We encourage you to join us for the monthly meetings to participate in the building of PAC community and create learning opportunities for your child.

If you're interested to be more involved in the PAC, daytime or evening, reach out to hdsmspresident@gmail.com or hdsmspac@gmail.com.

Keep updated with PAC fundraisers and info through Facebook and Instagram at:



[HDSMS Parent Group](#)



[HD Stafford Middle School PAC](#)



[@hdsms_pac](#)

If you have any questions or if you are interested to volunteer at our PAC initiatives, please contact hdsmspac@gmail.com

The 2022/23 HDSMS PAC EXECUTIVE:

Name	Position	Email
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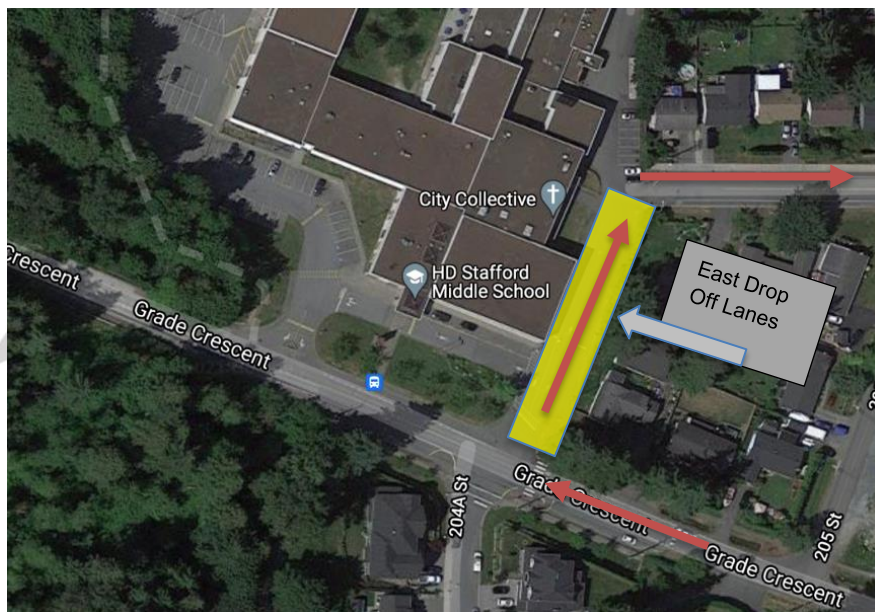
HOW TO BE PART OF THE PAC ~ COMMITTEES

Fundraising	Hot lunches	Hawk's Nest	Event planning
Long Term planning	Bulletin decorating	Lunch program volunteer	Event volunteer
Popcorn	Social media	Shadow a committee member	Shadow an executive position

INFORMATION FOR THE FIRST WEEK

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL – TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2021 (8:30am -11:30am)

- Only our “GRADE 6s” and all “New Students to Stafford in Gr.7 & 8” will attend on the first day of school (8:30am – 11:30am).
- A snack will be provided for all students and they do not need bring their backpack or school supplies this day.
- We will be blocking the drive through portion of the parking lot – so please plan to drop off your child in the designated “drop off lanes” on the east side of the school (see below)



- Many parents may choose to park on 48th Ave (by City Park Field) and walk their child to the school as the drop off zone can be quite busy in the morning.
- All students will be meeting outside the front of the school in morning. Skyhawks Staff will be outside ready to welcome and assist your child in this area.
- Once there, we will ask students will find the table that their last name begins with:
 - Table 1: Student's last names starting with letters A-C (RED TABLE)
 - Table 2: Student's last names starting with letters D-H (YELLOW TABLE)
 - Table 3: Student's last names starting with letters J-L (GREEN TABLE)
 - Table 4: Student's last names starting with letters M-R (BLUE TABLE)
 - Table 5: Student's last names starting with letters S-Z & Questions (PURPLE TABLE)
- Students will then be given their name tag and their class number. Students will remain outside until the main front doors open and staff give them an Incredible Skyhawks Welcome!

- We have designed an orientation morning for all our new Skyhawks complete with activities, tours, lockers, and plenty of time to answer any questions that may come up.
- The first day will end at 11:30am - so please plan to pick up your child (or have them walk home) at that time. Busses will be picking up students who have been approved confirmed by transportation.

FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL – WEDNESDAY – FRIDAY (SEPT 7TH – 9TH)

- The first day for **ALL STUDENTS (Gr.6-8)** is **Wednesday, September 7th from 8:35 – 2:48pm**
- If your child is attending HD Stafford Middle School, but is unable to attend the first week – please email alyon@sd35.bc.ca as critical student counts will be taken in the first week.
- **Grade 6 Students:**
 - Will go to the Main Gym entering along the side entrance with WEB Leaders and SEAs ushering them to this space.
 - From there WEB leaders will take them to their classrooms.
- **Returning Students in Grades 7 & 8:**
 - Parents will be receiving an email from their Grade 7 or 8 teacher on Tuesday afternoon that will tell them which entrance they will be meeting their class on Wednesday morning.
- **Students who have not registered (any grade):**
 - Students who are new and have not registered should report to the office.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

- Exploration rotations for all grades will start on Thursday, September 8th
 - Teachers will let students know what their first exploration (Tech Arts, OACES, Textiles/Visual Art, Cooking) will be and Exploration teachers will be “picking up” students from their homeroom classes.
- Friday, September 9th will be our first Spirit Day of the year: Stafford Pride!
 - Be sure to wear your Skyhawks gear and colours
- Photo Day is on Thursday, September 20, 2022
- Professional Development Day – September 23th, 2022
- Orange Shirt Day – September 29th, 2022
- National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – September 30th, 2022

HD STAFFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE:

	Monday & Thursday	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
Welcome Bell	8:30am	8:30am
Block 1	8:35 – 9:49am	8:35 – 9:55am
FLOCK	9:49-10:14am	No Flock
Recess	10:14-10:29am	9:55-10:10am
Block 2	10:29- 11:43am	10:10 – 11:30am
Lunch	11:43-12:16pm	11:30-12:03pm
Block 3	12:16-1:30pm	12:03 – 1:23pm
Class Change	1:30-1:34pm	1:23-1:28pm
Block 4	1:34-2:48pm	1:28-2:48pm

HD STAFFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR

- This year, our school calendar will be available on-line. You can access it by going to our [school website under quick links](#) or by [clicking here](#).

LOCKERS:

- Attached is the “[Student Locker Conditions of Use](#)” which outlines the expectations for students that are using lockers at HD Stafford. Staff will be helping students familiarize themselves with locks, lockers and expectations in the first couple of weeks of school.

2022 - 2023 STAFFING

- As with every year, there have been some changes in our staff. We will be updating the website shortly with the [full staff directory](#) so be sure to check that out in the coming days.

SCHOOL FEES AND FORMS

- This year we will be using School Cash Online for payment of school fees, field trips etc. Please [click here](#) for information on how to register and pay through this method.
- School fees cover student agendas, locks, supplies for explorations (woodwork, metalwork, electronics, foods, sewing and visual arts), and school presentations.
- **This year, we will be collecting parent consents through an online form rather than on paper.** At the beginning of the school year, an email will be sent to the primary guardian of each child as indicated in MYEDBC. Instructions will be included in that email.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

- School supply lists can be found on the [“School Start Up” link](#) on our website. Students will need these supplies for the first full day of school on Wednesday, September 8th.
 - [Grade 6 Supply List](#)
 - [Grade 7 Supply List](#)
 - [Grade 8 Supply List](#)

CLASS COMPOSITION & PLACEMENTS

- In the Spring of last year, our staff worked extremely hard to create classes for students to best meet their learning needs. There are many factors that go into this process including meetings with previous teachers, resource staff and support staff to ensure the best placement for all students. Ensuring students are into their classes during the first week will allow for those crucial relationships between staff and students to begin sooner while establishing important routines for the entire year.
- We understand that this can be an anxious time for students, however middle school is designed to encourage positive connections with peers and staff. This often results in new connections and friendships within the first weeks of school.
- As registrations are continuing to come in this week, classes are continually being adjusted accordingly and so, to that end, students will come on Wednesday, September 7th to their homeroom class.
- Out of respect for the class creation process, very few changes will be made for the first six weeks of school unless there are truly extraordinary circumstances.

We are extremely excited to get the year underway! We have amazing students, parents and staff at HD Stafford Middle School and look forward to making our Skyhawks community even stronger this year!

Sincerely,

Mr. John Hantke
Proud Principal
HD Stafford Middle School

Ms. Erin Favero
Proud Vice Principal
HD Stafford Middle School

SKYHAWKS

GRADE 6 AND NEW STUDENTS TO
STAFFORD

First Day of School!



WHERE: Meet out front of the school!

Check-in according to your last name at
your table:

A-C- Red Table
D-H- Yellow Table
J-L- Green Table
M-R- Blue Table
S-Z- Purple Table



WHEN: Tuesday September 6th
8:30 - 11:30 am

We will be starting at 8:30 so please come
by 8:15 to ensure you are signed in and
ready to go!

SNACK PROVIDED
No need for backpacks or school supplies



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