



Fredericton High School

**Grade 8 Orientation
2025**

Fast Facts for Black Kats

Almost 2400 Students at FHS this year (2357 May 2025)

Over 220 staff (teachers, Admin, EA's, etc)

FHS was founded in 1785 (the oldest English High School in Canada), however the current building was opened in 1973.

Three floors in the building (ie, C012, C12, C122)

27% of our population are International students (as defined by arrival within last 3 years). As of today, 74 International countries are represented.



FHS INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY



FREDERICTON HIGH SCHOOL **BLACK KATS**

2025/2026 FHS Administration

Mr. Peter Batt
Principal

Ms. Jenna Esligar
(A,B)
Vice Principal

Mrs. Amy Thompson
(C,D,F)
Vice Principal

Ms. Sara Bamford
(G,H,I,J,K)
Vice Principal

Mr. Fred Connors
(L,M,N)
Vice Principal

Mrs. Laurie Pearson
(O,P,Q,R-Sh)
Vice Principal

Mr. Mark Garnett
(E,Si-Z)
Vice Principal

School Counselling Department

Mr. Peter Cook
(Last Names A-Co)

Mrs. Cristel Hamilton
(Last Names Cr-Hi; but not E)

Mr. Adam Dionne
(Last Names Ho-Mc)

Mrs. Suzanne Maxwell
(Last Names Me-Sc)

Mrs. Diane Langille
(Last Names E, and Se-Z)

Resource Support

SPR's of Resource

- Marla McCarthy
- Erin Mahar

Resource Teachers:

- Will be assigned (if you are on a PLP) based on your last name)



Grade 9 Courses

Semester Courses

- Semester 1:
September – end of January

- Semester 2:
February – end of June

5 Periods per semester

60% is a pass mark in High School



1) English 9A

2) English 9B

3) Phys. Ed. 9

4) French (PIF9 or *FILA 9*)

5) *Math 9A

6) *Math 9B

7) *Science 9

8) *Social Studies 9

* If you are in French
Immersion these
courses will be
delivered in French

(Half Semester Courses (45 hours each but blocked together/switch at report card)

9) Technology 9 / Personal Wellness 9

10) Music 9 (keyboard) / Visual Arts 9

SAMPLE Student Schedule

Student Name: _____

Day	Terms			HR	PD1	PD2	PD3	PD4	PD5
A	24-25	S1	Q1	Homeroom NGHRA1308.62 Carroll, Tyler Room: Upper Gym HR(A) 24-25	Social Studies 9 HESSBA0090.1 Saunders, Shana Room: C120 PD1(A) S1	Physical Education 9 PEPEA0090.2 Thomas, Michael Room: Gym PD2(A) S1	Mathematics A 9 MEFMBD0090.12 Angus, Andrew Room: C17 PD3(A) S1	Eng Lang Arts A 9 EELAC0092.11 Haggerty, LeeAnn Room: E124 PD4(A) S1	Personal Wellness 9 PEPEK0090.3 Laberge, Louise Room: C111 PD5(A) Q1
			Q2						Technology 9 IETEA0090.10 Lewis, Robert Room: E136 PD5(A) Q2
		S2	Q3		Eng Lang Arts B 9 EELAD0092.12 Jackson, Amanda Room: C103 PD1(A) S2	Post Int French 9 SLPOBA0090.8 Johnson, Suzannah Room: C160 PD2(A) S2	Mathematics B 9 MEFMBE0090.7 Buckler, Tiffany Room: C137 PD3(A) S2	Music 9 FEMUD0090.14 Webber, Gregory Room: B18 PD4(A) Q3	Science 9 SEGEBA0090.11 Gee, Garrett Room: C73 PD5(A) S2
			Q4					Visual Arts 9 FEVID0090.19 Milne, Alison Room: C3/C4 PD4(A) Q4	

FHS Schedule

2025/2026



MORNING

- 8:30am start
- 3 Classes in the morning
- Classes are 1 hour each

AFTERNOON

- 2 Classes in the Afternoon
- Classes are 1 hour each
- 3:30pm end

***15 minute breaks in between each class**

(locker, snack/water, washroom, travel to next class)

***1 hour for lunch**

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- A hand is shown writing the word "STUDY" in large, bold, black letters on a yellow sticky note. The sticky note is placed over a calendar grid. The calendar shows days of the week (TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT) and subjects like BIOLOGY, HISTORY, COM. SCI., SCIENCE, and ART. The word "STUDY" is written across the sticky note, which is positioned over the "WED" and "THU" columns.



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Fredericton High School

Leaders in Academic Excellence and Inclusive Education

...ing bus and/or school operations

**A Wealth of
Knowledge at
your Fingertips**

<https://frederictonhigh.nbed.ca/>

**Instagram: fredericton_high
fhs_src**



Performing Arts at FHS

- Production: Ms. Vermeersch & Ms. Senechal
- Glee Choir: Ms. Vermeersch
- String Ensemble: Ms. Milne
- Concert Band: Mr. Webber
- Jazz Ensemble: Mr. Woodcock
- Tech Crew: Mr. Webber

FHS ATHLETICS

Athletics
Director:
Dave Carson



- Instagram:
fhsathletics72

ATHLETICS

- **FALL SPORTS**

- Football - Mid August
- Baseball, Softball, Golf, & Soccer Early Sept
- Cross Country - Mid Sept
- Swimming - Late Sept



ATHLETICS

- **WINTER SPORTS**
 - Hockey - Late Sept
 - Basketball - Mid Oct
 - Wrestling - Late Oct



ATHLETICS

- **SPRING SPORTS**
 - Badminton - Late Feb
 - Volleyball - Early March
 - Rugby - Mid March
 - Track - Mid April



Q&A from Grade 8's

QUESTION

ANSWER

When do I get to pick my own courses?

Every March students will pick their courses for the next school year. Students will have some choices for their Grade 10 year (about 5 choices to make for going into Grade 10)

What options are there for music class?

In Grade 9 everyone takes Keyboarding, but in grade 10 (if you pick Music as your choice from a select list) there are options for Guitar, Instrumental, Beginner Band, and Chorale.

How are report cards different?

Marks are reflected by percentage. A pass is 60%. You will receive a mid-term mark in November. Then final marks from semester 1 at the end of January. For semester 2, mid-term marks are in April, with final marks at end of June.

Q&A from Grade 8's

QUESTION

ANSWER

How big are the lockers?

½ size to yourself (usually)

Do Grade 9's have exams?

No but there is a Demonstration of Learning week

Who do I see if I want to switch my courses?

In the upper years there are small windows of time to switch your course selections. This is done through your School Counsellor and sometime your VP.

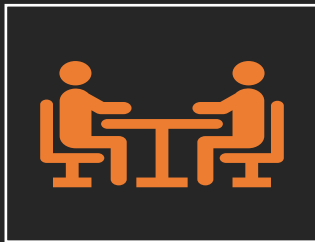
Can I switch my course if I do not like my teacher?

No

Can I listen to music/have my phone in class?

This depends of the class and the situation.

More...Questions Answered



What is the deal with Lunch time? Can I leave building at lunch to go outside?

YES, although there are lots of options in the building



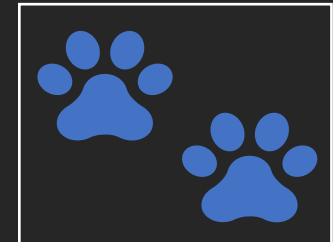
Does every grade eat at the same time?

YES



Do we have time for snack breaks/washroom breaks?

YES but you need to stay in building on these breaks.



Do I have to eat in the cafeteria? **NO.**

You may also eat in Kats Klub rooms at lunch (Look for Paw Print on Door)



What doors do I enter?
The doors you are dropped off at in the morning by your bus. If unsure, Main Office doors.



What if I am late?
All doors lock once the first class begins so the only door you can come in after that is the Main Office (Priestman Street side). You must sign in.



Can we carry our backpacks?
YES

Questions about Courses

What other languages are offered? **Spanish 110, Spanish 120, and Intro to Wolastoqey 110.**

Are there advanced classes in certain subjects? If so, when can we start taking them? **A couple options in Grade 10, more in Grade 11/12**

Is extra help offered? **Your teachers will let you know at the beginning of the semester when they offer extra help at noon or if it is by request.**

Does our behaviour in Grade 9 & 10 impact our choices for courses in Grade 11 & 12? **Yes, in some classes that have a special application form, such as Cooperative Education, and Outdoor Education.**



**DROP OFF &
PARKING**



Bussing Information



<https://asdwbp.nbed.nb.ca/TransportationEligibility>

C-Wing

- Main Entrance side of building/Priestman Street

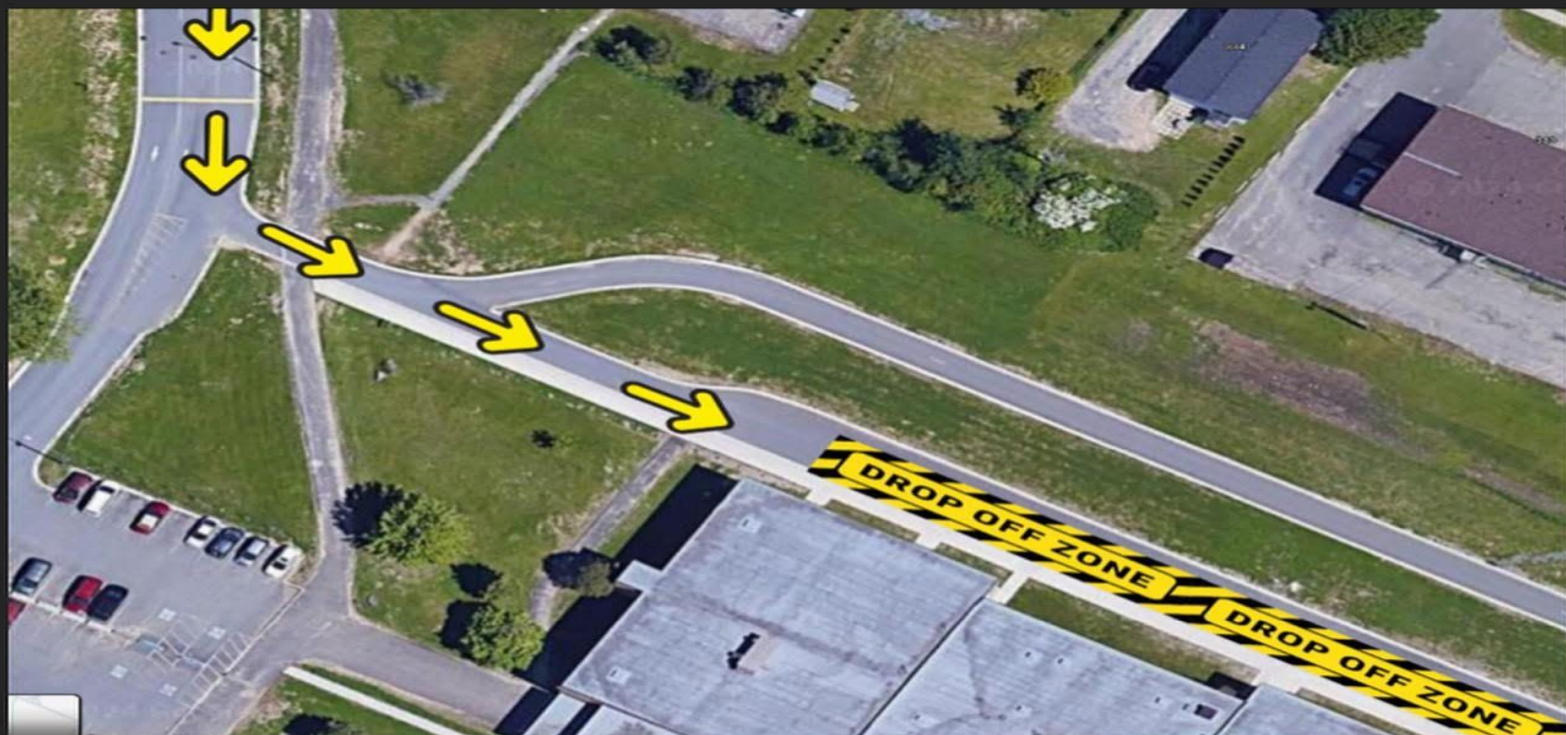
F-Wing

- District Office side of Building/Prospect Street (driveway after KFC)



Families who are dropping off students via the Priestman Street entrance should only be using the designated drop off lane. As you enter the school driveway, the drop off lane is to your left as shown above.

Student Drop Off



Once you turn left, please advance as far as you can in the Drop Off Zone (indicated above) to allow other families to pull through so that they do not add to the congestion of the main driveway.



The small parking lot in front of the building is designated for staff parking, guest parking and disabled parking. Please do not use this parking lot for drop off or turning around.

FHS Video Tour



A yellow school bus is parked in front of a historic, multi-story building with classical architectural features like arched windows and decorative carvings. The bus has "SCHOOL BUS" and "EMERGENCY DOOR" written on its side. The scene is set against a clear blue sky.

- Live Tours Are Up Next!