



Fredericton High School

**Grade 8 Orientation
2026**

FREDERICTON HIGH SCHOOL BLACK KATS

2026/2027 FHS Administration

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Vice Principal

Mr. Mark Garnett
(E,Si-Z)

Vice Principal

Fast Facts for Black Kats

Over 2400 Students at FHS this year (May 2026)

Over 240 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)

28% 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



School Counselling Department

Mr. Peter Cook

(Last Names A,B)

Mrs. Cristel Hamilton

(Last Names C,D,F)

Mr. Bruce Van Stone

(Last Names G,H,I,J,K)

Mr. Adam Dionne

(Last Names L,M,N)

Mrs. Suzanne Maxwell

(Last Names O,P,Q,R-Sh)

Mrs. Erin Bray

(Last Names E, and Si-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

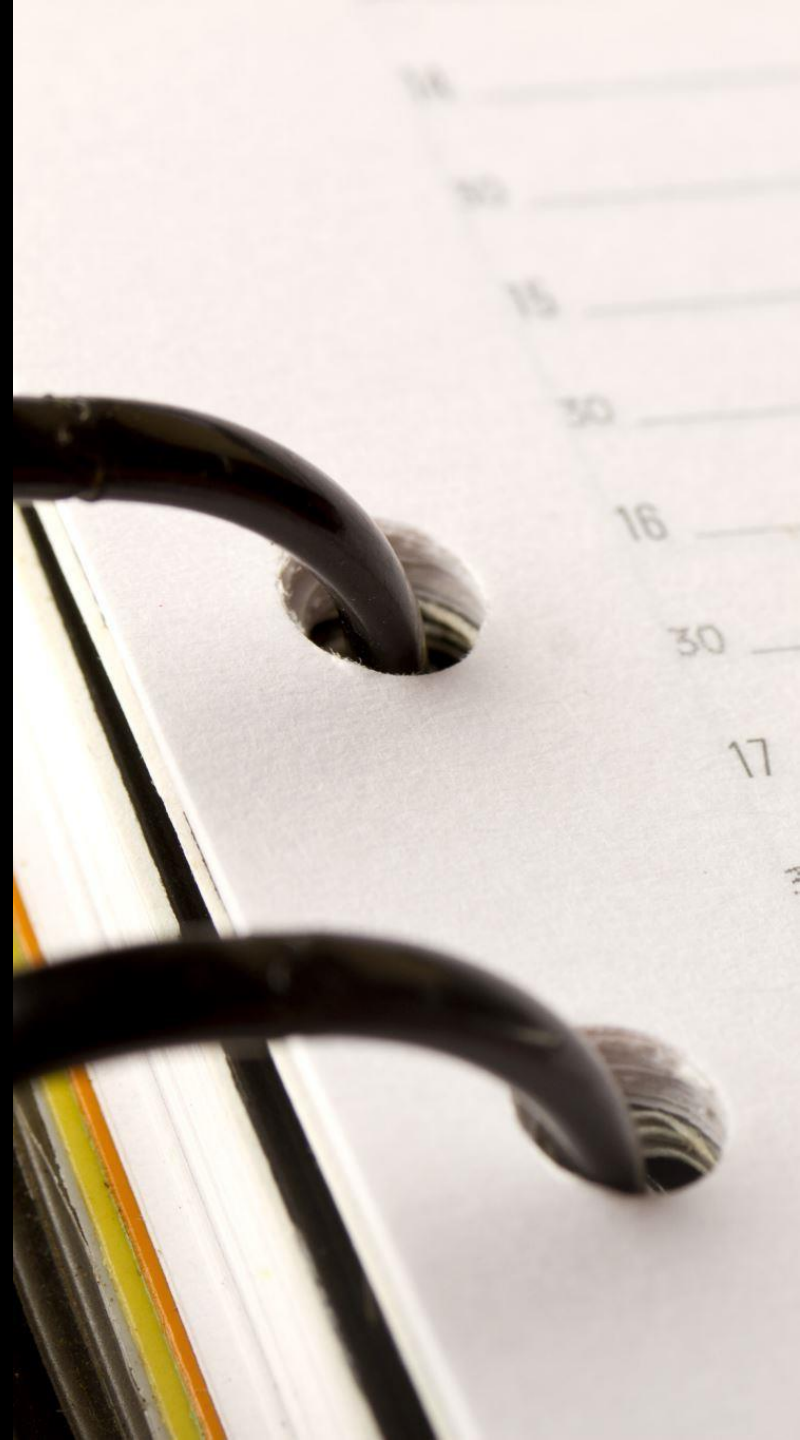
Semester Courses

- **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 9

2) English 9



****Full year course****

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

***** Will be some
combination of
these 4 courses

SAMPLE Student Schedule

Student Name: _____

| | PD1 | PD2 | PD3 | PD4 | PD5 |
|------------|---|---|---|---|--|
| Semester 1 | Personal Wellness 9 PEPEK0090.1 Sorensen, Michael Room: C139 PD1(A) Q1 | Mathematics A 9 MEFMBD0090.3 Gauvin, Nigel Room: C70 PD2(A) S1 | Post Int French 9 SLPOBA0090.4 Cameron, Shannon Room: C107 PD3(A) S1 | Social Studies 9 HESSBA0090.5 Saunders, Shana Room: C120 PD4(A) S1 | English Language Arts 9 EELABB0090.18 Addleman, Joseph Room: PD5(A) 26-27 |
| | Visual Arts 9 FEVID0090.2 Belyea, Sue Room: C013 PD1(A) Q2 | | | | |
| Semester 2 | Science 9 SEGEBA0090.12 Dijkman, Heinrich Room: C72 PD1(A) S2 | Mathematics B 9 MEFMBE0090.4 Morehouse, Evan Room: C24 PD2(A) S2 | Physical Education 9 PEPEA0090.15 Carson, David Room: Gym PD3(A) S2 | Music 9 FEMUD0090.14 Webber, Gregory Room: B18 PD4(A) Q3 | |
| | | | | Technology 9 IETEA0090.19 Lewis, Robert Room: E136 PD4(A) Q4 | |

FHS Schedule

2026/2027



MORNING

-3 Classes in
the morning

-Classes are 1
hour each

AFTERNOON

-2 Classes in
the Afternoon

-Classes are 1
hour each

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

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

***1 hour for lunch**



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



FHS SRC (Student Representative Council)

Here to bring our school together!

- What we do
- Our Team
- Events at a Glance
- How to get involved
- [SRC 25-26 Recap Video](#)





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 [Promo video](#)
- 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



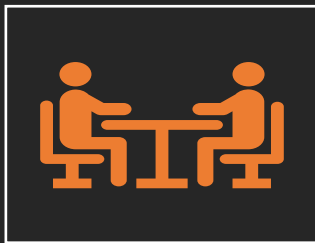
ATHLETICS

- **SPRING SPORTS**

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



FAQ's from Grade 8's



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



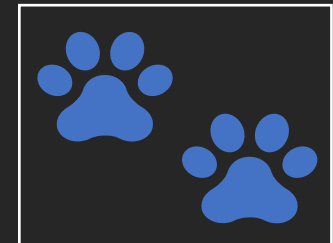
Does every grade eat at the same time?

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.**

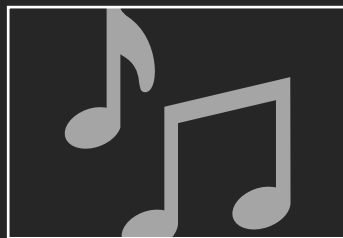
You may also eat in Kats Klub rooms at lunch (Look for Paw Print on Door)

FAQ's from Grade 8's



When do I get to pick my own courses?

Every February students will pick their courses for the next school year. You will have about 3 choices to make and will learn about that in February.



Are there options for music class?

In Grade 9 everyone takes Keyboarding but if you pick Music as your course for your Creative Cluster in Grade 10 there are 4-5 options



How are report cards different than elementary/middle school?

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 end of January. For semester 2, mid term marks are at end of March, with final marks at end of June.



How big are the lockers?

½ size to yourself (usually)



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?
One Math choice in Grade 10, then many 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.

More Questions & Answers

Do Grade 9's have exams?

During Assessment Week (January & June) there will be various forms of assessment used.

What do I do if I want to switch my courses?

There is nothing to switch in Grade 9. In the upper years there are small windows of time to switch your course selections. This is done through your school counsellor and sometimes a VP.

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

No. Consideration will be given however if you have had the teacher before and were unsuccessful (and if there is another option).

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

This depends on the class and the situation. The general rule is that phones are to be away (in the class holder) unless the teacher advises otherwise.

Floors

- C Wing (Center Block) is the only part of the building that has 3 levels.
 - C123 (top floor=3 digits)
 - C23 (middle floor or main floor=2 digits)
 - C03 (bottom floor or “pit”=first number is 0)



Busses: Pick Up/Drop Off

F Wing

Prospect Street Entrance
(KFC/McDonald's side of building)



C Wing

Priestman Street Entrance
(Main Entrance/Gym Entrance side of building,
soccer field/football field)



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 below.



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.



First Day of School

Grade 9 Students ONLY – Tuesday, September 8th

- Find out homeroom teacher name/room # in cafeteria
- Go to Main Gym and look for sign with that teacher's name
- Assemble in TMT as a group
- Leave with Homeroom Teachers (schedules and lockers)
- Receive class information (course outlines, fees, required supplies)
- Orientation and fun welcome activities throughout the day
- Meet Semester One teachers

- See FHS website end of August for more dates, contact info, etc..



FHS Video Tour



• Live Tours Are Up Next!

You will be back on your bus for
11:45am.

We look forward to seeing all of
our new Black Kats in the fall!

Additional Tours on the following dates (no need to sign
up, just show up. Leaves from Main Office at 3pm sharp)

- Tuesday, Sept 1
- Wednesday, Sept 2
- Thursday, Sept 3