

Frances Kelsey Secondary Hockey Academy FAQs

1. Where do students store their gear? There is a shed (Shed #3 near portables at front of the school on the path that goes along the field toward Kerry Park) at the school that is dedicated to Hockey Academy and the school hockey team in which to store gear. Overnight allowed. The shed has a punch code that will be shared with all Hockey Academy students and parents. Kerry Park also allows us to use their "Flex Room" located across from changeroom #1. Gear can be stored there during KP office hours (as there is a key to sign out) and no gear is to be left in the Flex Room overnight.

2. How do students get from the rink to the school? The rink is walking distance to the school. The shed is not too far to walk gear over, especially if the gear bags have wheels. Most parents/students arrange carpooling, so 1 parent drops the students off at the rink and another parent picks the students up & drops them off at school.

3. What times does the Academy run? This will depend if there are two classes or one. If there are two groups, and the school schedule remains the same as it is this year, this is what we have:

Monday: Off-Ice for both groups

9:18-10:34: Grades 10-12 **Off-Ice (either dryland or PE)**

10:37-11:53: Grades 8/9 **Off-Ice (either dryland or PE)**

Tuesday: On-Ice for both groups

9:00-10:00: Grade 8/9 **On-Ice**

10:20-11:20: Grades 10-12 **On-Ice**

Wednesday: On-Ice

12:45-1:45: Grades 10-12 **On-Ice**

1:55-2:55: Grades 8/9 **On-Ice**

Thursday:

7:50-8:50 am: Grades 8/9 **On-Ice Before School**

12:40-1:56: **Off-Ice:** Grades 8/9 **(either dryland or PE)**

1:59-3:15 **Off-Ice:** Grades 10-12 **(either dryland or PE)**

Friday:

7:50-8:50 am: Grades 10-12: **On-Ice Before School**

9:18-10:34 am: Grades 10-12: **Off-Ice (either dryland or PE)**

10:37-11:53: Grades 8/9: **Off-Ice (either dryland or PE)**

- 4. Where do they do the off-ice?** Off-ice is run at the schools in a variety of facilities (Main gym, Small gym, Mezzanine and weight room, school fields, and at Kerry Park facilities (Dennis McLean room, community hall, KP sport fields and playing surfaces). Off-ice is sport specific working on agility, explosive power, core strength, flexibility etc...
- 5. Who are the instructional staff?** James Gaertner, Evan Vasarhely, Colby Robinson + guest instructors
- 6. What is the staff/student ratio?** Based on a full class of 25-30 students, on-ice is 2 Instructors & 1 Goalie Instructor and off-ice is 1 off-Ice instructor. Academic teacher attends & co-teaches both on-ice and off-ice. Goalie instruction provided for a minimum of 2 goalies/maximum of 4 per group.
- 7. How many students per class?** 24-30 students per class.
- 8. Do I have to pay the full \$1420 when I register?** The total fee for the Academy is \$1420 but as a convenience to parents, RPM will accept a \$284 deposit is required with the registration, as well as post-dated payments for Sept 1-Dec 1 of \$284 each. We accept visa, mastercard, amex and etransfer. Payments are the parent's responsibility. E-transfer's must be set to reoccurring payment prior to Sept 1-Dec 1.. Please include child's 1st name, last name and school on any e-transfers.
- 9. Can I get a tax receipt?** Yes, you can login to your account at www.rpmhockey.com anytime, click on 'billing' and all the invoices will be there, just select one and 'download'.
- 10. What do I get for \$1420?** Students will get on-ice, off-ice, events, classroom sessions and guest speakers.
- 11. Do students get graded on the Hockey Academy & how are they marked?** Yes, students are marked & graded by the academic teacher. The grades are based on several components including attendance, effort, attitude, assignments, volunteer work and being prepared for all aspects of the program.
- 12. If my child is a Recreational Hockey Player can they still get an A (grades 10-12) or Extending (grades 8/9) in Hockey?** Students are marked as individuals, if they are on-time, prepared, work to the best of their ability, hand all assignments in on time etc...they have a good chance of getting an A or Extending.
- 13. What if my son/daughter gets injured?** If a student is unable to participate in the Academy on-ice, off-ice or events for longer than 3 weeks, RPM will pro-rate fees. **If the student is sick or injured, parents need to communicate with the teachers and the RPM office, email holly@rpmhockey.com**
- 14. Do all levels train together?** Yes, classes are comprised of Recreational and Rep level players but Instructors will break the students up according to ability and teach them separately.
- 15. Do students have time to shower before going back to school?** Yes, but they need to shower quickly.
- 16. What do the students get for Academic credit?** The Hockey Academy at FKSS is a 4 credit BAA Elective.
- 17. What happens to PHE?** Students will get 4 PE credits for taking Hockey Academy. Students may also sign up to take more PHE courses in Semester 2.

18. What happens if I register and my child changes their mind? The deposit is refundable (minus \$25 admin fee) up to May 31/2024. **If you decide to withdraw you need to email holly@rpmhockey.com** to arrange a refund and contact the school. Withdrawing after Sept 1, you may receive a pro-rated refund minus admin fees. The deposit is not refundable after May 31/24.

19. Are there games? There are no games against other schools with Hockey Academy. There are scrimmages with the students from within the Hockey Academy class.

20. What is the difference between the Hockey Academy, the school team and the Shawinigan Lake Academy? RPM Hockey Academy is a class, for which students receive course credits. FKSS has a competitive school hockey team called Whalers, for which there are tryouts at the start of the school hockey league (October). Whalers is an extra-curricular team that is separate from Hockey Academy. Shawinigan Lake School is a private school that offers its own hockey program.

21. Do I need a second set of gear? A second set of gear is not required. Parents can drop off gear either at the school or at Kerry Park on ice-session days.

Communication – all Academy correspondence is done by email. When registering, please provide 1 email address that is checked regularly. Please make sure you are not unsubscribed, you must click ‘yes, to receive promo material’ online under ‘settings’.

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Receipts: You can access receipts anytime, login to your account and click on ‘billing’

Account Changes: Update address, email, credit card info online anytime by logging into your account, click on ‘settings’

Primary Email: We communicate primarily by email, so please provide an email address that you check daily. Please ensure you have selected ‘Yes, to receive promo material’ under settings, so you receive all academy correspondence. You should also ensure RPM Postmaster is a ‘safe sender’ so our emails do not go into ‘junk mail’.