



FRANCES KELSEY SECONDARY SCHOOL

WELCOME TO THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR



WHAT TO EXPECT...

Tuesday, September 2nd **Grade 8 ONLY**

- Grade 8s meet in the gym at 9:00am.
2-hour early dismissal at 1:15PM
- Please note that busses will be running at 1:15. **It is very important that you share with your student their afternoon bus number please.**

Wednesday, September 3rd – First regular day of classes for **ALL** students

- All students will go to their pick up block for schedules (pick up lists will be posted in the dome/foyer).
- Gr. 8s will be called to the gym for an assembly.
- There will be a school BBQ for all students and staff at lunch.

NEW TO THE SCHOOL?

If you are new to our school and haven't had a tour yet, please join our counsellor and peer counsellors on August 27th at 10:00 am.

GENERAL INFORMATION...

Counsellors: A-L: [Nic Schofield](#)
M-Z: To be determined

Course Changes: Grade 10 – 12 course changes were made in June. There will be no course changes during the first week of school. Any changes will be made through counsellors. If needed, there will be opportunity for course changes during the second week of school.

Staff Contact Information: Staff emails are on our website www.fkss.sd79.bc.ca

Portal: <https://fkss.sd79.bc.ca/myed-bc-parent-portal/> for schedules, learning updates, attendance

Yearbooks: Yearbooks can be purchased early in September for a reduced price. Yearbooks can be purchased online. <https://sd79.schoolcashonline.com/>

Photographs: Lifetouch Photography will be here Tuesday, September 9th, for both the yearbooks and personal photos. This photo is also used for the student ID card.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES...

Students should have the following basic supplies; they will be advised of any additional requirements by subject teachers.

10 – 12 pencils and blue or black pens, fine tip black felt pen, pencil crayons, 1 pair of scissors, an eraser, ruler, 3 ring binder(s) to hold 4 subjects, lined paper, PE strip, a reusable water bottle.

ATTENDANCE...

Consistent attendance to classes is important for student success. If your child will be away for a class or a day, arriving late or signing out early you can report this in advance through the School Messenger app.

<https://home.schoolmessenger.ca/>. Students must sign out at the main office with a parent email, note or phone call (if it if they are leaving early).

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE...

If you haven't already done so, please follow these instructions to create your School Cash Online account any time after August 29th. It is a parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school fees, Kelsey Kafé cards, yearbook, Kelsey gear and field trips. You can pay with credit card or echeque. Please note that this is the preferred method of payment.

- Create your profile:
<https://sd79.schoolcashonline.com/> and click "Get Started Today".
- Confirm your email: Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details. Stay connected by selecting "Yes" to email notifications about upcoming fees.
- Add a student: Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your student's details.

LUNCHES...

The Kelsey Kafé has many affordable options for students made by our culinary program. Students can purchase a lunch card through School Cash Online <https://sd79.schoolcashonline.com/>, or at the main office. The Kafé also has a Square so students can pay with debit/credit card at the time of their lunch purchase.

SCHOOL FEES...

Student Activity Fees: Students are charged a yearly \$25 fee that helps defray the costs of: guest presentations, school events, special assemblies, intramurals and agenda books.

Textbook Fee: A one-time \$25 fee is charged to all Gr. 8 students and any new students. If students leave Kelsey before graduation and no books are lost or damaged, this fee will be refunded. If students graduate from Kelsey this \$25 fee will offset the cost of graduation expenses.

All fees can be paid online.

<https://sd79.schoolcashonline.com/>

SCHOOL BUSES...

If you are new to the Cowichan Valley School District or have not previously registered for bussing, an online fillable registration and printable form can be found at <https://sd79.bc.ca/services/transportation/>. If you have any questions, please contact the transportation Registration Clerk at busregistration@sd79.bc.ca or call 250-748-1066 ext 276. Please note that if your student already has a bus pass, they will continue to use it from year to year.