



2021-09-13

Dear Guildford Park Parents and Caregivers:

Our start up and the first week of school went quite smoothly. Staff and students seem very pleased to have face to face classes all day. The energy and the vibe of this wonderful school community is back. We have lots of new students register and we have about 1380 students this year. Numbers change daily with various families moving in and out. We would like to thank all our parents and caregivers for helping our "Sabres" to be ready for school. Everyone is excited to have somewhat of a normal year. The purpose of this letter is to share updates, upcoming dates, and important information.

Health Protocols

Just a reminder about our main health restriction is that all staff, students, and visitors must wear a mask at all times in the building. We have extra masks at the main entrances. Everyone must wash or sanitize their hands frequently. We also encourage for students to go outside at lunch and use the closest door to their room to enter and exit.

For families, it is important that you continue to perform a Daily Health Check on your children and keep them at home if they are not feeling well. If your child's symptoms are consistent with COVID related symptoms, please call 8-1-1 to get information on next steps for your family.

Please also see the Vaccination Letter from the Fraser Health Authority that was sent last week. The District has asked us to share this important information to our families.

PAC Meeting – First One of the Year!

This coming Wednesday, September 15, 2021 is the first Parent Advisory Council Meeting. All parents are welcome. The meeting will start at 6pm in the Community Building just off the back-parking lot. Due to COVID health restrictions, we have to host face to face meetings in large spaces. Masks must be worn, and parents need to sign in for contact tracing purposes. For those who are not able to attend in person, we will also have the meeting on Zoom. Meeting details for Zoom are below.

Parents can meet the PAC Chairs and the new Principal, Mr. Jeff Johnstone. Information will be shared about the return to school this fall and updates. Looking forward to meeting our parent community. Coffee and light snacks will be provided.
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82346632760?pwd=MzlmMWxpeXB2cmJJbVZzVnpleHVjQT09>

Meeting ID: 823 4663 2760

Passcode: w7RQbg

Grade 8 Parent Orientation

Also, this Wednesday, September 15, 2021, we are hosting our Grade 8 Parent Orientation right after the PAC meeting. We encourage our new Grade 8 families to get acquainted with the school and the staff that are working with your children. Staff will introduce themselves and share how the Grade 8 Program works at Guildford Park. We will provide a brief tour of the spaces the Grade 8's use as well. The meeting will start in the Community Building and will also be on Zoom for those who are not able to meet in person.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83026010905?pwd=SWpsRGdtOSsveEZoSWhlQm5GVWtzQT09>

Meeting ID: 830 2601 0905

Passcode: a09grk

Locker Assignments

The online locker assignment system will be active this week for students to choose a locker. Please see below the schedule.

Grade 12's Wednesday at 3:30 pm

Grade 11's Wednesday at 5:00 pm

Grade 10's Thursday at 3:30 pm

Grade 9's Thursday at 5:00 pm

Grade 8's Friday at 3:30 pm



TO SIGN IN:

1. Go to <https://gpsabres.lockerassignment.com/> or follow the link on the APP <https://gpsabres.appazur.com/help/get-the-app>
2. Your LOGIN NAME will be your STUDENT NUMBER (on your schedule)
3. **PASSWORD:**

Initials and Student Number



Student and School Fees

Re: Online Payment for School Expenses

School Cash Online provides you with the convenience of paying online for school items such as school fees, yearbooks, field trips and athletic fees. We really want to save you time when paying for school expenses, so we can't wait for you to take advantage of this opportunity. **School Cash Online** is a safe and secured way to pay without the need for cash or cheques – fees can be paid through 3 different payment methods: credit card, myWallet and eCheque.

Register Online: Note: **School Cash On-Line offers communications in different languages - please see the 'Select Tab' at top right corner of the home page.**

Step 1: Please go to www.gpsabres.ca select the **Parent tab** at the top of page then select **Pay Fees Online** to register online (it takes less than 5 minutes!). Once you have registered your child, you will be able to see when they have a new item posted online for purchase. You also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school expense due, so you don't have to worry about missing the deadline.

Step 2: Register by selecting the **"Get Started Now"** and following the steps.

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, select the **"click here"** option, login in and add each of your children to your household account.

School Fees & Optional Enhancements and Extracurricular Activities

Basic Student Fee: Student Activity Fee	\$25.00
Graduation Ceremony (Grade 12 students only)	\$45.00
Yearbook	\$45.00
Art Sketchbook	\$10.00
First Aid Certificate	\$5.00
Food Safe Workbook & Certificate	\$20.00
Deposit for Graphing Calculator <i>(fully refundable upon return)</i>	\$100.00
Athletics (one-time fee per school year) <i>(Additional fees vary depending on team cost)</i>	\$60.00

At this time only the student fee, yearbook and graduation ceremony fee are listed in the school cash online catalogue. If you would like to pay for school fees at the school office, we can accept payment in cash (exact change only) or by cheque made payable to Guildford Park Secondary. Thank you.

Upcoming Dates

September 15	PAC Meeting, 6 pm (Community Building)
	Grade 8 Parent Orientation, 6 pm
September 17	Grade 8 Breakfast
September 22/23	Grade 8 Retreat
September 24	Photo Day
September 27	Professional Day – School Closed
September 29	Terry Fox Run
September 30	Truth and Reconciliation Day – School Closed
October 12-15	Communicating Student Learning Week
October 11	Thanksgiving – School Closed
October 28	Parent Teacher Interviews



Sincerely,

Mr. J. Johnstone, Ms. J. Johnson, Mr. M. Moloney, Ms. A. Biggar,
GP Admin Team