



SULLIVAN HEIGHTS SECONDARY

June 2024 Newsletter



Principal's Message

June has swept in, and the end of the school year has arrived. So many great events and activities have taken place since Spring Break. We have amazing students at Sullivan and a supportive and helpful staff who provide them with so many great opportunities. There is still much to do before we say farewell for the summer, but this newsletter will also provide you with some important information ahead of our summer shut down.

Congratulations to the Graduates of 2024 who celebrated together at a wonderful Dinner and Dance May 31st at Newlands Golf & Country Club, and then followed that with a successfully entertaining Dry Grad. A big thank you to our Dry Grad committee and all our parent volunteers who helped support this event. As well, we had a lovely Commencement Ceremony June 5th at the Bell Centre for the Performing Arts. It was a smashing success as our school community acknowledged the many accomplishments of our 2024 Grad class.

In Fine Arts, the Musical Theatre program performed *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* this year and it was a show to see! The actors were amazing, and the pit orchestra were a wonderful accompaniment to a really engaging story. On June 7th the Music Program held their year end show for a great crowd who were entertained by the great music on stage. We have incredible musicians who performed pieces they had been working on over the course of the semester.

In Athletics, Sullivan Heights was awarded the BC School Sports Most Inspirational School Award and presented with a banner at this year's awards banquet in Kelowna. In addition, we hosted the Senior Girls Soccer Provincial Championships and participated in the tournament for the first time in the school's history. We had a small contingent of athletes also competed at the Track & Field Provincial Championships in Nanaimo this year with Arden Mathis winning a silver medal in the 400m Hurdles. Sullivan's Flag Football team, coached by Ms. Hill, also won a banner as Surrey champions, defeating Fleetwood Park in the final and going a perfect 12-0. Congratulations to all our athletes for representing Sullivan with great athleticism and fair play!

I cannot leave without congratulating and thanking all of the teachers and staff who have contributed to the success of these events, programs and teams.

As this is my final newsletter, I want to thank the Sullivan community for welcoming me into the family, for your continued support, and for trusting your child's learning to me and our team. The opportunity to share in the experiences, challenges and successes of our Sullivan Heights community have made me a better administrator and I will carry this experience on with me to Fraser Heights. I learned so much about this school and why this community is so special. I hope, in some way, I have role-modelled the attributes of a Sullivan Star, and shared in the school's success. I will take the wonderful memories with me into my next challenge.

I'll take a moment here too, to congratulate Mr. Nik Kirincic from Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary as your new Principal. He is a dedicated, tireless worker, who is extremely positive, and will fit into this community without question. He's also getting to work with a strong team of administrators who are amazing people and will continue to uphold the values that make Sullivan great.

Thank you Sulli! Sincerely,

D. Baldasso Proud Principal Sullivan Heights Secondary School



Sullivan Heights Secondary June Newsletter

This newsletter is filled with important information for the coming school.

- Summer Office Hours
- Summer Transitions Program (new Grade 8's)
- Bell Schedule 2024-2025
- School Fees 2024-2025
- Important Dates

More information will be shared formally in August regarding school start up and the coming school year. That will be emailed out in late August.

Summer Office Hours

The main office will be open Mondays to Thursdays

10am to 2pm – Closed Fridays

Closed Thursday, August 1st and Friday, August 2nd

Regular Office Hours Return August 26th
8am to 2pm

Summer Transitions Program

This program is designed for our new incoming Grade 8's to help them “transition” to life at Sullivan Heights. It is a common program among all the secondary schools in Surrey and their respective family of schools. Our program will be running from July 2nd to July 12th. Mr. Gonsales and Ms. Soga will be working with our newest students and getting them accustomed to high school life. There will be several activities over the course of the two weeks that will explore high school life and what it's all about. We look forward to having our newest Stars become part of the Sulli family!





Sullivan Heights 2024-2025 Bell Schedules

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	*Friday*
Block A 8:20-9:39 (79 mins)	Block C 8:20-9:39 (79 mins)	Block B 8:20-9:39 (79 mins)	Block D 8:20-9:39 (79 mins)	ROTATE 8:20-9:39 (79 mins)
Block B 9:44-11:05 (81 mins)	Block D 9:44-11:05 (81 mins)	Block A 9:44-11:05 (81 mins)	Block C 9:44-11:05 (81 mins)	ROTATE 9:44-11:05 (81 mins)
Lunch 11:05-11:45	Lunch 11:05-11:45	Lunch 11:05-11:45	Lunch 11:05-11:45	Lunch 11:05-11:45
Block C 11:50-1:09 (79 mins)	Block A 11:50-1:09 (79 mins)	Block D 11:50-1:09 (79 mins)	Block B 11:50-1:09 (79 mins)	ROTATE 11:50-1:09 (79 mins)
Block D 1:14-2:33 (79 mins)	Block B 1:14-2:33 (79 mins)	Block C 1:14-2:33 (79 mins)	Block A 1:14-2:33 (79 mins)	ROTATE 1:14-2:33 (79 mins)



Sullivan Heights Important Calendar Dates 2024-2025

September	
3	First day of School
27	Non-Instructional Day – No School
30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No School
October	
14	Thanksgiving – No School
17	Early Dismissal Day – Parent-Teacher Conferences
25	Non-Instructional Day – No School
November	
8	Non-Instructional Day – No School
11	Remembrance Day
14	Early Dismissal Day (CSL day)
21	Report Cards Published
December	
Dec 23 – Jan 3	Winter Break – School Closed
January	
6	School Re-Opens
27-28	School Completion Days
29	Semester 2 Begins

February	
17	Family Day – No School
21	Non-Instructional Day – No School
March	
17-21	Spring Break
24-28	School Closure Days
31	School Re-Opens
April	
3	Early Dismissal Day – Parent-Teacher Conferences
16	Early Dismissal Day (CSL day)
18	Good Friday – School Closed
21	Easter Monday – School Closed
24	Report Cards Published
May	
2	Non-Instructional Day – No School
19	Victoria Day – School Closed
26	Non-Instructional Day – No School
June	
23-25	School Completion Days
27	Administrative Day/School Closed

Explore our Sullivan Heights website to find contact information, calendar and continual updated information. You can also follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and our StarGazer App. Simply click on the following icons to get started.



2024-2025 Surrey School Calendar

Legend	
	Schools open/re-open
	Non-instructional day (no classes)
	Schools closed

	Sept. 3, 2024	Schools open
	Sept. 27, 2024	Non-instructional day
	Sept. 30, 2024	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
	Oct. 14, 2024	Thanksgiving Day
	Oct. 25, 2024	Non-instructional day
	Nov. 8, 2024	Non-instructional day
	Nov. 11, 2024	Remembrance Day
	Dec. 23 - Jan. 3, 2025	Winter break
	Jan. 6, 2025	Schools reopen after winter break
	Feb. 17, 2025	Family Day
	Feb. 21, 2025	Non-instructional day
	Mar. 17 - Mar. 21, 2025	Spring Break
	Mar. 24 - Mar. 28, 2025	School closure days
	March 31, 2025	Schools reopen after spring break
	April 18, 2025	Good Friday
	April 21, 2025	Easter Monday
	May 2, 2025	Non-instructional day
	May 19, 2025	Victoria Day
	May 26, 2025	Non-instructional day
	June 27, 2025	Administrative day/schools close

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School Fees and Optional Enhancements to Programs*

2024/2025

These fees may be subject to change depending on circumstances

Basic Student Fee

Student Activity Fee – Grade 8 \$25

(Student fee includes: Grade 8 Planner \$5; Student Council Leadership & Events \$7; Athletics & Intramurals \$8; Locks and Locker maintenance \$5; Student Go-Card).

Camp Fee - Grade 8 \$25

Includes transportation to and from camp, facility rental, lunch and snacks and an SHSS t-shirt

Student Activity Fee – Grades 9 – 12 \$25

(Student fee includes: Scheduling app & School Messenger \$5; Student Council Leadership & Events \$7; Athletics & Intramurals \$8; Locks and Locker maintenance \$5; Student Go-Card).

Optional Enhancements and Extracurricular Activities:

Individual teams may have additional fees depending on tournaments and competitions entered

Athletics	Basketball Sr. Boys	\$200
	Sr. Girls	\$150
	Jr. Boys	\$175
	Jr. Girls/Gr 8 Boys	\$150
	Gr 8 Girls	\$100
	Ball Hockey	\$125
	Volleyball Jr. & Sr.	\$75
	Gr 8	\$75
	Soccer	\$75
	Field Hockey	\$75
	Ice Hockey	\$150
	Kabaddi	\$50
	Boys/Girls Rugby	\$50
	Badminton	\$50
	Cross Country/Track/ Ultimate/Swimming	\$50
	Flag Football	\$50
	Jr. Varsity Football	\$400
	Sr. Varsity Football	\$500
Career Education		
Work Experience/Co-op	TB Test	\$70

Business Co-Op		\$25
Additional fees will apply		
Graduation Commencement Ceremony		\$50
Yearbook (Earlybird)	August - January	\$60
Yearbook	February – June	\$70
Workbooks	Accounting	\$25
	Science 8-10	\$15
	Chemistry 11/12	\$25 - \$30
	French 10 - 12	\$21
	Math (incl FOM 11)	\$15 - \$30
	Foundations of Math 12	\$30 - \$45
	Spanish 9/11/12	\$25
Deposit for texts or calculators (fully refundable upon return)	Graphing calculator	\$150
Instrument Rental		\$50 - \$100
AP Fees (English) (subject to change)		\$100

*See full description of fees and enhancements on the attached appendix.

Appendix: Legislation and School Fees

Instruction is provided free of charge to all students registered in a school's education program sufficient to meet the general requirements of graduation, and it shall provide free of charge any resource material necessary to participate in that program. The School Act permits the charging of fees for certain items. In Surrey secondary schools, the following structure applies through Board Policy 9802 related to fees and any costs for students or families. Any school fees will be communicated to parents and students of each school's community on an annual basis.

Basic School Supplies

Students will need to provide their own basic supplies and equipment for their own personal use at school. This includes supplies such as paper, writing tools, calculators, notebooks, gym strip, sewing kits, and some other items needed for various electives.

Inability to pay fees

The district's hardship policy is an important part of our fees. No student will be denied the ability to participate in any part of the school's educational programs as a result of an inability to pay. Every school must develop a process whereby fees may be waived because of financial hardship. The process must incorporate the principles of fairness, confidentiality, and sensitivity, while maintaining family respect and dignity. All letters to parents requesting payment of a fee will include a statement that explains the school district's fee waiver policy and the protection of privacy.

Student Activity Fee

This fee is charged to all students and is in the range of \$20-25 per student. Each school will communicate to parents and students the breakdown of where the funds from activity fees are directed. Typical activities supported by these fees are:

- Student Go Cards
- Student Council Events
- On-line Scheduler / planner
- Athletics
- Locks and locker maintenance
- Junior Program (Grades 8 & 9)

Athletics

Participation in athletics and organized sports is an important part of a school's culture. Each secondary school is unique in the sports offered and the levels at which they participate. Students can expect a cost for participation which is dependent on the level of the sport, the number of games or tournaments played, the travel involved as well as other factors including fees for referees which are paid by the school. A significant portion of the costs associated with athletics go to the provincial bodies that organize these events. Every attempt is made to keep costs to a minimum and it is normal practice to have parents pay in a lump sum at the beginning of any one sport season, so parents understand the true costs involved for full participation. No school shall generate an ongoing surplus as the result of collection of fees for athletic programs and organized extracurricular sports.

Certification

Some programs include a component that offers an external certificate recognizing unique qualifications. Examples are St. John's First Aid, Food Safe, Superhost, and Worldhost. These certificates help prepare students for employment and schools charge a fee to recover the cost of certification. The cost to the student will match the cost to the school for the certificate.

Examinations

Some programs offer external examinations where students can obtain credit for post-secondary institutions as a result of successfully completing the exam. International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement are examples. Where students take these exams, a fee is charged to recover the cost of the examination and the fee shall be less than or equal to the actual cost of the exam.

Field trips

Students may be charged fees for expenses such as transportation, accommodation, meals, entrance fees and equipment rentals for optional field trips, or other extracurricular outings or events. Students will not be charged fees for any field studies/field trips where attendance is mandatory as part of a course or program.

Graduation Ceremonies

The graduation ceremony is an important tradition that represents the end of a student's school experience. Costs do apply as these extracurricular events are hosted in a variety of venues across the district and different traditions and formats require different levels of student costs. No student will be denied the ability to participate in a graduation ceremony due to an inability to pay the cost. Every effort is made to keep costs to a minimum and no school will compile an ongoing surplus as a result of monies collected to host a graduation ceremony.

Materials consumed in a course

In courses that consume materials (e.g. art, cooking, woodworking, metalwork, science) schools can only charge for materials or goods that are surplus to what would be necessary for the student to meet the expected outcomes in a course. If a student is going beyond the basic requirements of a course and creating projects for personal use (e.g. creating a table of mahogany rather than plywood), then the student may bring their own materials from home or the cost for the materials for these enhanced projects may be recovered through a fee.

Musical Instruments

A board may charge a fee for the rental of a musical instrument for the student's personal use, or the student may provide their own instrument when he/she is part of a fine arts class or a course with a musical component.

Students in Apprenticeship Programs

Where students participate in a trades program that results in certification or is part of an Industry Training Authority apprenticeship, fees may be charged for the rental of tools, equipment and materials necessary for participation in the program or the Board may require the student to purchase his or her own tools, equipment and materials required for the program.

Textbook or Calculator Deposits

In accordance with the School Act, the Board may require deposits for educational resource materials, such as textbooks, novels and other resource materials. The Board will refund all of the deposit to the student upon return of the educational resource materials in good condition. Students will be advised of terms of the deposit at the time the deposit is required. Waiver procedures must be in place for all deposits.

Uniforms

Students sometimes need special clothing (uniforms for band or for cafeteria) to participate in an educational program. These clothes are not a requirement to participate in a program but are logical savings for parents where clothes could be soiled or damaged in shops or the cafeteria. If the clothes (e.g. band or choir uniforms) are owned by the school, a fully refundable deposit may be required to ensure the return in good condition.

Workbooks

Workbooks are optional enhancements to educational programs. These workbooks are designed for a student's personal use as they will write in the books during the course of instruction. Where a workbook is regularly used as part of a course and a student does not wish to purchase their own workbook, one will be provided, and students will not be permitted to write in the workbook.

Where there is an optional fee for a workbook, that fee will match as close as reasonably possible to the exact cost of the workbook to the school. No school will accumulate an ongoing surplus as a result of workbook fees.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are common in schools and are optional. The cost for a yearbook for a school shall be directly related to the development and publishing costs of the yearbook and no school shall generate an ongoing surplus as the result of the fees charged to students who wish to buy a yearbook.