



Saltfleet District High School

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Hello!

Welcome to Saltfleet District High School, Class of 2028! I hope that you have enjoyed your summer break... relaxing, unwinding and spending time with family and friends.

Grade 9 Orientation Day

Please join us on **Tuesday, August 27th** for our Grade 9 Orientation Day. The day will start at 9am and will end at 2:30 pm. In the morning you will receive your timetable, go for a tour to find your classes, and meet senior mentors. Students will receive their laptop if they have completed the required forms that are available to parents/caregivers in the Parent Portal. Lunch will be provided (vegetarian and halal options will be available). It's a fantastic way to learn more about the transition to secondary school and meet some other new Storm. Since it is scheduled for 6 hours with various activities, students are encouraged to attend on their own. Please contact the school if your child has special needs requiring additional support on this day. You'll also get a chance to meet some of the staff who will be supporting you as you transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9, like the school Administration, Guidance Counsellors, Student Success teachers, Learning Resource teachers, and a variety of grade 9 teachers. No registration is required – just show up on the 27th at 9am! (unfortunately, school buses do not start until the first day of school so students will need to arrange their own transportation for this day).

Bell Schedule

Please see below for the full day schedule.

The Admin. Team

I am very fortunate to be working alongside two amazing Vice Principals – Ms. Tracy Hale (working with students with last names A-K) and Mr. Nick Jeffrey (working with students with last names L-Z). Please feel free to contact us if you require support or assistance with any matter; we will always do our best to help you. In addition, we know that your success and well-being are directly connected to you becoming a high school graduate. Working with our talented and dedicated staff, we all want you to graduate and have many rewarding opportunities and experiences during your time at Saltfleet!



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The First Few Days

Students return for the first day of the school year on **Tuesday, September 3rd**. Classes start at 8:00am. Please bring a combination lock with you on the first day of school so you can be assigned a locker by your period 1 teacher. Please also make note that picture day is on September 17th (retakes are October 24th). You will have the opportunity to purchase photo packages online, but even if you do not want to purchase photos, it is still important to get your photo taken for your student card. Students can download a digital copy of their ID card which is provided free of charge to all students.

Timetables can be seen via the Parent Portal during the final week of August. Guidance counsellors will be back in the school August 27th and August 28th, by appointment, if any timetable changes are required. Timetable changes may be limited due to how full our classes are this year, but we always try to meet students' needs. Paper copies of timetables will also be available for pick up in the front foyer on September 3rd if you are unable to attend the Orientation Day on August 27th.

Information about school buses will be available on the HWSTS parent portal on August 19th. If you have questions about transportation, please check the Hamilton Wentworth Student Transportation Services (HWSTS) website at hamiltonschoolbus.ca or call 905-523-2318.

The Learning Environment & PPM 128

The environment in which we learn is very important to all of us at Saltfleet. It is crucial for all students to feel safe and welcome. If you come across any issues, please make sure a staff member is made aware so that we can support you. You can approach us in the halls or come down and see us in the main office. A Student Handbook containing information about the Code of Conduct will be posted on the Saltfleet website shortly. We encourage students and families to read this document together.

All students will have the use of a laptop or iPad. Please ensure these devices are charged and brought to school daily as they may be used in the classroom for educational purposes, as directed by the teacher. This includes accessing educational resources, collaborating on assignments, and other activities that support learning objectives.

In the spring, the Ministry of Education updated PPM 128 which strengthens the Provincial Code of Conduct's restrictions on the use of personal mobile devices in schools. These updates also prohibit possession and use of vaping, nicotine, cannabis and smoking products. It is important for all students and families to understand the expectations when it comes to cell



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phone use and vaping in any HWDSB secondary school. We will spend time at the beginning of the school year ensuring that all students and families receive this important information. However, the short version is that, first, students must have their personal mobile devices stored out of view and powered off (or on silent mode) during instructional time unless permitted by the educator for educational use. Students may use their phones during breaks and lunch. Second, there is no vaping or smoking on school property at all, under any circumstances. There will be consequences for students accessing their cell phones during instructional time and for students vaping at school, so we wanted to begin sharing this awareness information now. Additional information will be shared in the weeks ahead by HWDSB and by Saltfleet to support students and families in understanding and complying with this updated Provincial Code of Conduct.

Drop Off and Pick up

Many students arrive at Saltfleet on school buses or walk. If you are being dropped off by a parent, please ensure that you enter from Picardy Drive on the through road and do not enter the parking lot at any time. Cars may stop on the left side of the lane as buses will stop on the right side. It is very busy so please drive carefully.

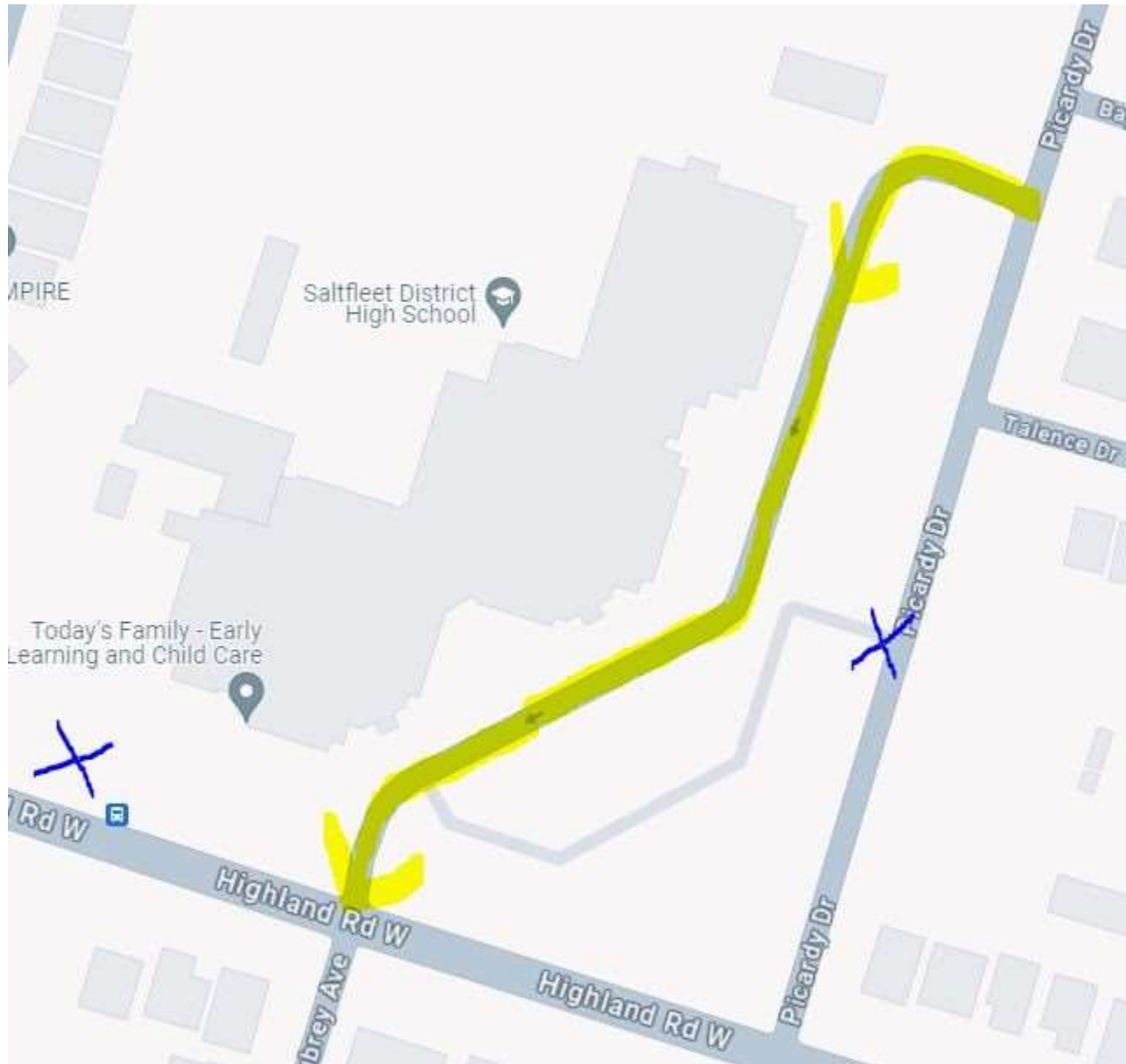


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On behalf of Ms. Hale and Mr. Jeffrey, we wish you a wonderful start to the school year. We look forward to seeing everyone! Moving from elementary to high school is a very exciting time and we're here to help make the transition as easy as possible.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at Saltfleet (905.573.3000).

We hope to see all the new Storm on August 27th!

K. Kindree

Ms. K. Kindree
Principal

SALT FLEET BELL SCHEDULE	
Time	
7:55 am	First Bell alerting students it is time to move to class.
8:00 am – 9:15 am	PERIOD ONE
9:15 am – 9:20 am	TRANSITION PERIOD
9:20 am – 10:35 am	PERIOD TWO
10:40 am – 11:55 am	PERIOD THREE (LUNCH GRADES 9 & 11)
11:55 am – 1:10 pm	PERIOD FOUR (LUNCH GRADES 10 & 12)
1:15 pm – 2:30 pm	PERIOD FIVE