Fairview Junior High 2023-24

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Welcome grade 6 and 7 families to Fairview Junior High! Below you will find a list of frequently asked questions. If any of your questions remain unanswered, please feel free to email us at fvjh@hrce.ca

* + **What is Fairview Junior High address?**

155 Rosedale Avenue Halifax NS B3N 2K2 902-457-8960 x 0

* + **What is our Website address?**

[**https://fvj.hrce.ca**](https://fvj.hrce.ca)

We encourage you to check it frequently throughout the year to learn of upcoming events. You can also access your child’s PowerSchool login portal here, and every student can access their gnspes accounts from the website as well. We encourage you to check your child’s PowerSchool information periodically, especially during the first few months of junior high, to see how they are progressing in each of their multiple subjects. PowerSchool shows if a student has missed an assignment, if it is late, and how students do on particular assignments in each course.

* + **How do I find information about bussing for my child?** All bussing information can be found by clicking on the following link <https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/student-transportation>.
	+ **When do students start school in September?** The first day of classes for our students is **September 7.**
	+ **When will I find out which homeroom class my child is in for the 2023-2024 school year?** Students will find out which homeroom class they have been placed in on the first day of school.
	+ **Can I come with my child on the first day of school in September?** While we can appreciate everyone’s nervousness on the first day at a brand new school, parents/guardians are not permitted to enter the school. Staff will be waiting to meet them as they arrive and will make sure that they know where to go. Rest assured we will take excellent care of them.
	+ **What is the procedure on the first day of school?** All students will be expected to wait outside until the bell rings at 8:15 am. Staff will be on hand starting at 7:55 to chat and meet students. When the bell rings, staff will escort the students into the gym/divide students up outside by class. At that time, students will be divided into their homeroom classes and taken as a group to their classroom.
	+ **What supplies are required for grade 6 and 7?** Supply lists will be posted on the FVJH school website by June 30. An email with the supply list was also sent to each grade 6 Principal and they were asked to email to the grade 6 parents at each elementary school.
	+ **Will students receive locks and lockers?** To be determined.
	+ **Does FVJH have a playground?**

The outside space consists of a basketball court and a soccer field.

* + **Does FVJH have a cafeteria?**

There is not a cafeteria space at FVJH where students can eat. Students will eat in their homeroom classroom.

* + **Does FVJH have microwaves for heating up lunches?**

There are no microwaves to heat up lunches.

* + **What time does the school day begin and end?** We ask that students not arrive at the school grounds before 7:55 am. Students are not supervised before this time. The first bell of the day starting glasses rings at 8:15am. The lunch break is from 11:15am to 12:25pm, and the bell rings at 2:25pm, to signal the end of the school day.
	+ **Do grade 7s have recess?** There is no recess in junior high, however there are approximately 3 movement breaks (for change classes) each morning. Also all students are welcome to our breakfast program cart at the main entrance as they enter the building.
	+ **Do grade 6s have recess?** There is recess for elementary during the morning.
	+ **What is the lunchtime routine?** We are working on a plan for lunch for students.
	+ **Will students have to go outside during lunch?** Weather permitting, all students go outside at lunch, unless they are signed up as part of an activity or club at lunchtime. It is our philosophy that students need time outside in the fresh air whenever possible. Outside is where our lunch monitors are assigned when the weather permits. Please note that more information on lunchtime will be provided to parents closer to the beginning of school in September. This will include information on students leaving property and supervision. School administration along with lunch monitors supervises lunch every day while students are inside and outside.
	+ **Are grade 6 and 7 students eligible to try out for sports teams?** Yes. Please encourage your child to try out and join as many activities as possible.
	+ **What is the safe arrival number?** If your child is going to be late or absent, we ask that you leave a message on the main office phone by calling (902) 457- 8960 extension 0. If your child is going to be absent please call 1-833-582-6940. Also available on school website.
	+ **What is the procedure if my child has to leave school during the school day?** We ask that a parent/guardian call the main office to sign out the child.
	+ **Is the school locked during the day?** Yes, all doors of FVJH are locked during the school day. There is a buzzer located near the main entrance.
	+ **Does FVJH have a school library?** Yes, we have a school library and the librarian works at FVJH three days a week.
	+ **Are students permitted to bring scooters and bikes to school?** Students who choose to ride their bikes or scooters or skateboards to school, do so at their own risk and are not permitted to use them during the school day. There is a bike rack on site and bikes are not permitted in the building. FVJH is not responsible for any damage, lost or stolen property.
	+ **Will supports and resources be available if my child has challenges or special needs?**

At FVJH we will have the same access to supports for our students, such as a resource teacher, learning center teacher, school counsellor, speech language pathologist, school psychologist, autism specialist, EPAs, and SchoolsPlus. We have been meeting with our feeder elementary teams, along with student services personnel to prepare for the fall.

* + **Do grade 7 students change classes during the school day?** Yes. All junior high students typically move from class to class every hour. Students will travel to 3 levels of FVJH at different times.
	+ **Do grade 6 students change classes during the school day?** Only for music, French, physical education and band.
	+ **Do grade 6 and 7 students change clothing before and after Physical Education class?** Whenever possible we encourage students to come dressed for Phys Ed. class on those days. If your child does need to change however, they will have access to the washrooms or locker rooms nearest the gymnasium to do so. A reminder that students are expected to come prepared with gym shoes for Phys Ed. class.