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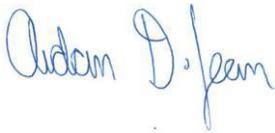
Dear future Grade 6 families,

Our High School Transition Program is growing stronger every year. This program prepares our Grade 6 students for Grade 7 by holding their Friday classes at our High School campus, and we are delighted to report that, as a result, each year our Grade 7 students start their school year excited to return and ready to learn! To our senior Elementary School students, this experience is truly a highlight, as it awards them with the responsibility of independence and introduces them to the next chapter of their academic career.

During the last weeks of this school year, we met with our Grade 5 students to teach them about the program and answer their questions. To help you to be just as prepared, we invite you to read the *Frequently Asked Questions*, attached.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Assistant Head, Elementary School

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Grade 6 Transition Program FAQ

What day will my child be attending classes at the High School?

Grade 6 students will be at the High School on Fridays, beginning, August, 31, 2018. This first Friday will also afford our students the opportunity to participate in the Opening Carnival. There will be an early dismissal at on August 31, at 2:00pm at the high school.

Do I drop off and pick-up my child at the High School on Fridays?

All Grade 6 students are to be dropped off directly at the High School as of 7:45 a.m., and can be picked up after 2:55 p.m. Drop-off and pick-up is at the student entrance on Ramezay Street. Please note that High School classes begin at 8:20 a.m., therefore we encourage students to arrive by 8:00 a.m. to give them time to settle in and get ready for their day.

If my child requires an early dismissal on a Friday, how do I proceed?

In preparation for your child's early dismissal, please notify your child's teacher or the Elementary School reception desk by phone or email in advance of Friday. The information will be communicated to the High School reception desk.

Who are my child's teachers on Fridays?

Jillian DeJean – Math and Advisor
Marina Gillis – Science
Joey Feith - Physical Education
John Narvaez-Mejia – Spanish

Will my child have access to a laptop?

All students are responsible for their laptop from Thursday through to Monday. They are expected to bring their laptop home Thursday afternoon, to the High School on Friday, and return it to the Elementary School Monday morning, fully charged.

I was told there was an insurance deposit of \$500 for the laptop. Is this correct?

All parents, Grade 6 to Grade 11 are required to put forward a \$500 deposit for laptops. You will be asked to go online via the St. George's website at the start of the year to pay your deposit. More information will be shared with you during our Curriculum Evening in early September. Once paid, the insurance deposit will follow through until Grade 11 as long as it is not used to repair any laptop damages.



My child wants to bring his/her cell phone to school on Fridays. May they do so?

Yes, students are allowed cell phones at the High School. However, they may not be used during class time unless specified by the teacher (used as a calculator, specific apps, etc.). Also please be aware that new policies and procedures will be in place next year in regards to cell phone use. This policy will be present in the 2018-2019 Student Parent Handbook.

I would like to meet my child's high school teacher for Spanish. How do I go about meeting/speaking with him?

For general inquires, you may email Senor John or leave him a voicemail to schedule a time to meet. Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews at the High School are scheduled the same way as at the elementary, via the online scheduler. You will receive further information in this regard via the Parent Bulletin. Please be aware that when meeting with the high school teachers, the interviews will take place at the High School.

How will the teachers and the high school staff be made aware of my child's medical information?

Your child's most current medical information is found in the Family Directory, which is also accessible to high school teachers and staff.

Will my child have a locker to store their items at the High School?

Due to the retrofit of the basement and in preparation for the future development of the high school spaces, the students will not have lockers, however, the students will be able to store their belongings in a classroom dedicated to them.

Are High School rules and regulations different from those at the Elementary School?

There are some rules and regulations that are different between the two campuses. We encourage you to review the [Student Handbook](#) with your child over the summer.

How will lunch be addressed at the High School?

The lunch program is included in tuition for Grades K-6. Therefore, Grade 6 students will continue to have the option of the hot lunch program on Fridays at the High School. Saporito Catering will be continue to offer pre-paid lunch cards at the High School in 2018- 2019. This card will allow parents to give their child a predetermined amount of money for their child to buy extra snacks. Students may also use cash and for the first time, debit and credit cards next year.

You may also choose to send a lunch with your child (on Fridays only). Please remember that lunches should continue to be nut/peanut free. Students also have access to the vending machines located in the cafeteria as well as microwaves to heat up their lunches and fridges for storage.



May I volunteer at the High School when Grade 6 students are involved in activities?

Yes. This is wonderful opportunity for you, as parents, to learn more about the High School, as well as remain involved with your child during this time of transition. We suggest you reach out to our Parents Activity Committee (PAC) at stgeorgesPAC@gmail.com.

Will my child have a homeroom period?

At the High School, homeroom is known as the Advisor Period. A Grade 6 teacher will continue to meet with all Grade 6 students as their Advisor during this period.

My child is anxious about the first day at the High School. What should they expect?

The Grade 6 teachers will greet the Grade 6 students in the student lounge. The teachers will tour the High School and review the schedule with them. Michael O'Connor, Assistant Head, High School, will also review school protocol and explain behavior expectations for their Fridays at the High School campus. Students will also take part in the back-to-school activities on the first Friday. This is a wonderful opportunity to volunteer as well.

It is the second Friday, and my child is still a little uneasy.

The Grade 6 teachers will continue to greet the students in the student lounge, help them with their lockers, as well as assist them in locating their classrooms and any other events/situations they may still be uneasy with. A Grade 6 teacher is always present during the lunch period, keeping a vigilant eye on the children.

The students will also have access to the gym (intramurals) during their lunch time. They may relax in the student lounge or choose to go the Learning Commons (library).

What will my child's schedule look like on Fridays?

[Click here](#) to see the Friday Schedule. Rooms will be assigned in the fall.

If my child is at the High School on Fridays, will they still take part in *Grade 7 for a Day*?

Yes, all Grade 6 students are invited to attend *Grade 7 for a Day*. This allows them the opportunity to meet incoming students, as well as take on a Leadership/Ambassador role by assisting new students.

What happens if my child is registered for After School or an ECA activity on Friday afternoons?

A teacher will be available to walk back to the Elementary campus at the end of the day with students who are registered for the Afterschool program or an ECA. It will be each student's responsibility to ensure they are at the designated meeting place at the High School, at the designated time, to meet with the accompanying teacher.