

Open House 2021 Question and Answers

Is there a day that we can tour the school?

Grade 5's usually visit Hedges in December to meet our team, experience some activities and see the school. Students registered for Hedges also visit at the end of June to watch a video and a brief presentation, and to meet some teachers and classmates. We are unsure if this will occur in June 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions. Your elementary school will share this information with you should the opportunity become available.

Is there an additional cost for lunch?

There is no cost for students to stay for lunch.

How early can students get into the school?

Many students arrive 10-15 minutes before the bell goes. Our doors open at 8:30am when the bell goes. If your child is involved in before school activities (sports or clubs), the school would be open for this.

How many grade 6 classes will you have?

We will have 5 or 6 classes but are not sure as we have not received our staffing amounts yet.

Should we buy our child their band instrument before school starts in the Fall?

You are welcome to purchase it before school starts. You can also rent an instrument through Hedges or a music store like St. John's music. Instrument selection night usually occurs in person in May but will take a different format this year. Mr. Guidry will contact band students (and parents) in the Spring to talk about instrument selection and your next steps. First lesson night occurs in late September (in person or virtual) where your child will work with an instrument clinician who will teach them their first notes and how to care for their instrument. Contact matthew.guidry@sjasd.ca if you would like more information.

How many elementary schools feed into Hedges?

Our school community includes three catchment area Early Years schools: Buchanan, Crestview and Lakewood. We also have students from other elementary schools that live in our catchment that are joining us next year as well. These students are from Heritage, Stevenson, Sansome, Voyageur, Linwood, Sansome and Robert Browning.

What day does school start next year?

An official school day calendar will be shared in June. We anticipate a Wednesday, September 8, 2021 start date for students.

Will students have Home Ec?

Yes, students rotate through 3 sections of Practical Arts (Sewing, Technology (with photography and digital art, Woodworking).

Will students be issued locks and lockers?

Yes, they will as long as Covid restrictions are lifted.

When do we receive information on bussing?

In June, you will receive information on your child's bus pick up location and the time.

We were denied bussing and would like to negotiate this.

If your child in grade 6 walks 1.6 km or more to get to Hedges, they qualify for bussing. If you live closer than 1.6 km, you may have the option, in October 2021, to apply for a purchase seat.

Can we make a request for my child to be with a friend?

We have transition meetings with the elementary schools to collect information about our incoming students. The schools assist us with making sure every student has at least one friend in their homeroom. We place students from various schools in each home room to build community as middle school learners. If you feel strongly about your child having a certain classmate in their room next year, please talk to your elementary school.

Do we need to buy locks for the lockers?

No. Locks and lockers are school property. We supply locks for students. If a student forgets their combination, we are able to look this up for them.

For students that are biking to school, is there somewhere to lock up their bikes?

We have a bike corral on the West side of the school. Students are required to bring their own lock to lock up their bike inside the corral. The corral is locked after students arrive and is opened at lunch and at the end of the day.

What are the prices for the canteen?

We will post the canteen menu in June as we are not permitted to operate during Covid. There are a variety of items offered. Pizza is available on Fridays as well.

What if band is not allowed, can they switch to art?

Band may begin with students playing their instruments at home and learning rhythm and music theory in class. Your child should stick with band as they will enjoy it. If band was cancelled, then we would have all students taking part in art.

Do you have soccer in your list of activities?

We offer soccer for intramurals, but it isn't a sport that students play inter school.

Who are the teachers for grade 6?

You will be notified of your child's teachers in June.

How many students are in each class?

This number is determined by enrollment and may fluctuate throughout the year. We have classes anywhere from 22-27 students in the past.

Do we get a form to sign up for activities?

There is no form for activities. We announce to students what sports and activities, including clubs, are being offered during the month and where they should sign up. This information will also be on our website in our daily announcement post.

When will students be assigned a classroom?

Once transition meetings have taken place, we create the grade 6 classroom groupings. This information will be in your child's June report card. School day calendars and other important information will also be included.