

# **FRASER RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL**

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION & ANSWERS**

### **What time does school Start?**

The first floor is open at 8am for students.  
Student can make their way to homeroom at 8:31 am  
All students should be in their homeroom by 8:36 am



### **What do I do if I am late for School?**

You must check in at the office.

### **What do I do if I am going to be absent from school?**

Your parent/guardian should call the school to report your absence. The number is 604-517-1800. A message stating your name, your division or homeroom teacher and the reason for your absence should be given. The answering machine is available 24 hours a day.

### **What do I do if I have a doctor's appointment or have to leave school early?**

Your parent or guardian should phone the school office (604-517-1800) to let the school know what time you will need to leave. Alternatively, your parent or guardian may send a note, or email. [fraserriver@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:fraserriver@sd40.bc.ca)

### **What do I do if I get sick while I am at school?**

Let your teacher know. The teacher will contact the office (either by phone or with a note) and then you may go to the office. If your parent needs to be called, the school secretary will arrange that.



**It is very important that no students come to school sick.**

### **Will I have homework?**

Yes, you will sometimes have homework. You should write your homework assignments in your student planner (or other dedicated notebook for recording assignments) It is very important to stay organized. The Office has planners for sale - \$6 each.

### **If I have a problem, whom can I talk to?**

If you have a problem, you can talk to your Teacher, the School Counsellors –Ms. Maureen Quinn or Ms. Tanya Kliefoth or the Youth & Child Care Workers – Mark or Aaron. You can also talk to Mr. Pattern, the Vice-Principal and Ms. Harrison, the Principal. Remember that all staff members are here to help kids.

### **Is there a dress code at FRMS?**

All students and staff are expected to dress in a way that supports and promotes a positive learning environment. Clothing and accessories that contain obscene, discriminatory or suggestive symbols, words or pictures are not permitted. We ask that individuals respect the guidelines and learning environment when choosing attire for school.

### **What if other kids are bothering me?**

If other kids are bothering you, just ignore them and move away or politely ask them to stop and then move away. If they continue to bother you, let a staff member know so that he or she can help. No one has the right to bother you at school. (Remember, if someone ignores you or asks you to stop when you are bothering them, be sure to stop bugging them!)

### **Will there be recess during the day and what do I do on rainy days?**

There is a Nutrition Break worked into each individual class's schedule. This is the time to use the washroom, eat a nutritious snack and go outside for some fresh air and exercise. If, on the odd occasion that an indoor day is called, you will stay in your classroom at recess. During an indoor lunch you remain in your classroom.

**\*Please note that students should dress for the weather\***



### **Can I leave school at recess or lunch?**

No. We ask that students stay at school for recess and lunch and not leave school property. Depending on what group you are in you will either play first or eat first. This will switch halfway through the year. Only if you have a note of permission from your parent or guardian are you allowed to go home at lunchtime. This does not include going to the store.

### **Does FRMS Have a Lunch Program?**

Yes. It is an online ordering system with Simply Foods. You will need to create an account at:

<https://simplyfoods.ahotlunch.ca/login>

If your family needs help with meals, you can apply for subsidy at:

<https://newwestschools.ca/programs-services/fuel-up/subsidies/subsidy-application-form/>

There are hot and cold items, gluten free and vegetarian options



### **Can I bring my Personal Electronic Device to School?**

Personal electronic devices are allowed in classrooms under staff supervision only. Once school has started your electronic devices should be locked away in your locker. From time to time, with the Teacher's permission, you may be allowed to use your device for class activities. Any other time, including in class without permission, in the hallways, and outside during nutrition break or lunch, you will be asked to put the device away. If you continue to use your device without permission it will be taken for the day and will be given back at the end of the day. Personal electronic devices should not be used for taking pictures, videos or voice recordings unless authorized by a Staff Member.

**Any personal items are brought to school at your own risk.**

### **Does everyone get a locker?**

Yes, each student will have a locker to keep their school supplies in. Make sure you record your lock combination privately and only tell your teacher. Do not use tape on the locker, only use magnets to hang things up. You are responsible for keeping your own locker clean. The office has locks to buy for \$6 each

### **What if I forget my lock combination?**

Each teacher will record your locker combination. If you forget the combination, ask for help from your teacher or the office. The office has locks for sale \$6 per lock.

### **Who are the administrators at FRMS?**

Ms. Jennifer Harrison is the Principal, [jharrison@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:jharrison@sd40.bc.ca)

Mr. Gary Pattern is the Vice-Principal, [gpattern@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:gpattern@sd40.bc.ca)

### **Who works in the school office?**

Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Ziemiński are the school secretaries.

