



Hello/Hadih Grade 7 Students, Parents and Guardians,

We are eager to welcome you to Smithers Secondary School next September and look forward to sharing your high school journey with you! The **Welcome Newsletter** attached to this document highlights many of the frequently asked questions regarding Grade 8. Please take the time to read this info and keep handy for future reference.

Students: In May, SSS will be organizing a scavenger hunt for you at the Smithers Secondary campus. Your high school advisor, Ms. Shirley White, will also be visiting you in your Grade 7 class to let you know about Grade 8 and to answer questions you might have about high school life.

Parents/Guardians: On May 28th, 2026, at 7PM, in the Learning Commons (library) we will be offering an informational meeting to answer remaining questions you/your student has about high school.

Some Housekeeping Instructions:

- Please complete the course selection form and have your child bring it back to their Grade 7 teacher no later than **Monday, March 9th**.
- Please complete the **SSS Registration Form** and **attached forms** and return these registration forms to your elementary school secretary by **April 10, 2026**.
- Students who do not meet this due date will still need to complete and submit these forms before starting classes at Smithers Secondary School.
- As new members of Smithers Secondary School, Grade 8 students are required to pay a onetime **\$100 student fee**. The fee breakdown is as follows:

\$10 - SSS issued combination lock

\$85 - Textbook/ Technology fee

\$ 5 - Gryphon Spirit Activity Fee

- **Please do not include payment at this time.** This fee can be paid by cheque or cash in class by your student on the first or second day of class or parents can choose to make payment themselves during the first week by cash, cheque and or debit/credit in the SSS front office.

If parents/guardians have questions or concerns about Grade 8 that have not been answered in the included **Welcome Newsletter**, please plan to attend the Information Meeting: Thursday May 28th at 7pm. You can also reach out to:

- Julie Krall (SSS Principal) jkrall@sd54.bc.ca
- Shirley White (Grade 8 Student Advisor) swhite@sd54.bc.ca
- Tisha Witt (SSS Learner Support Teacher) tisha.witt@sd54.bc.ca

Sincerely,

The SSS Transition Team