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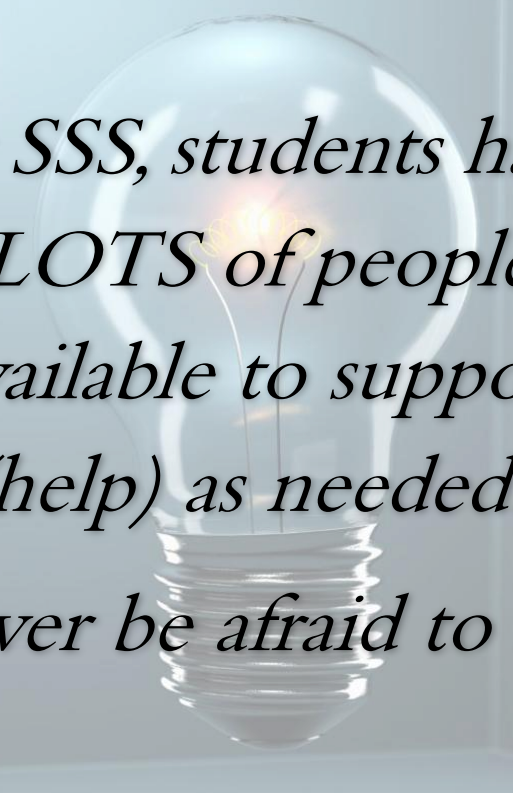
May 2025

Smithers Secondary School

Some General Information

Being SSS Gryphons





*At SSS, students have
LOTS of people
available to support
(help) as needed!
Never be afraid to ask!*

Some of Our Resources for Students

Administrators

Principal: Julie Krall

Vice Principal: Craig Bolton

Grade 8 Student Advisor

Shirley White

Grade 8 IEP Case Manager

Tisha Witt

Grade 8 – 12 Prevention Worker

Inder Grewal

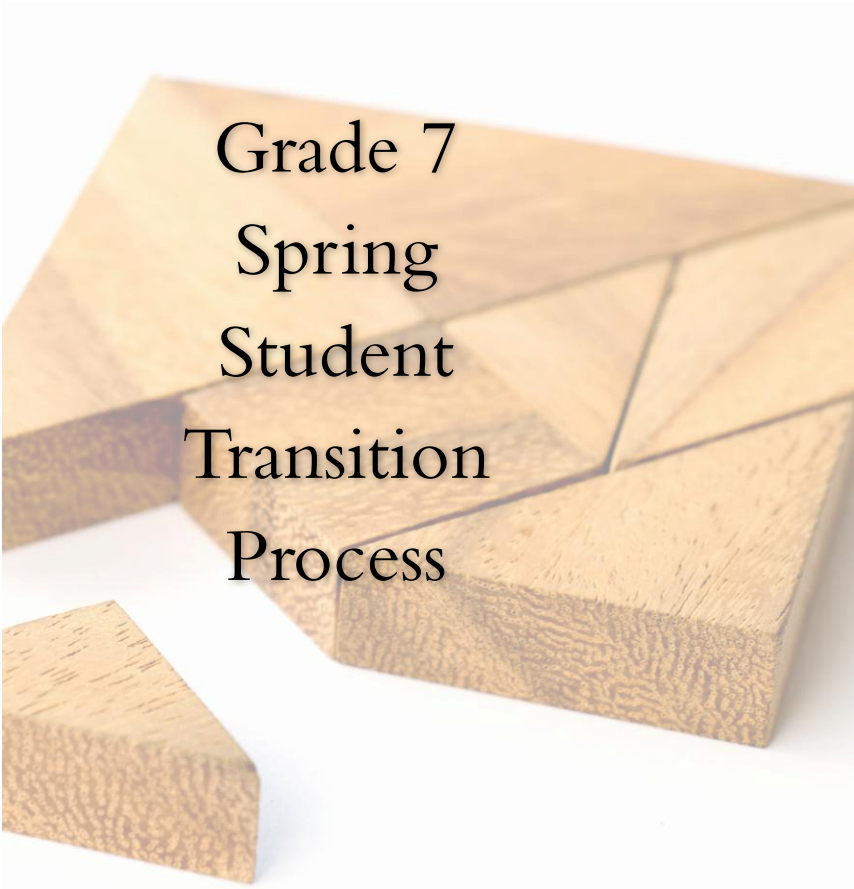
SSS Learning Centre Staff

Student Education Assistants (SEAs)

Aboriginal Support Workers

Front Office Secretaries

Learning Commons Staff



Grade 7 Spring Student Transition Process

** If your grade 7 student has an IEP their Grade 8 SSS Case Manager – Tisha Witt – will be contacting your family in mid September 2026 **

First Class Visit (March 2026)

- Initial SSS Transition Team visits to Grade 7 classes
- Focus on Grade 8 course selection sheet, ADST and other possible alternate electives

Second Class Visit and Elementary and Secondary staff conversations (April/ May 2026)

- Focus: What to expect in Grade 8 followed by Q&A
- SSS Transition Team & Administration met each elementary transition team regarding high priority grade 7 students and those who have learning needs (after school)

Grade 7 class visit to SSS (Mid May 2026)

- Each Grade 7 class had an SSS campus orientation for a morning

Additional meetings as needed (June 2026)

- For a Few Grade 7s: Individual Transition Meetings
- Elementary Staff, SSS Administration and IEP Case Managers will work together to set up these meetings/conversations



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

ALL ABOUT GRADE 8 STUDENTS

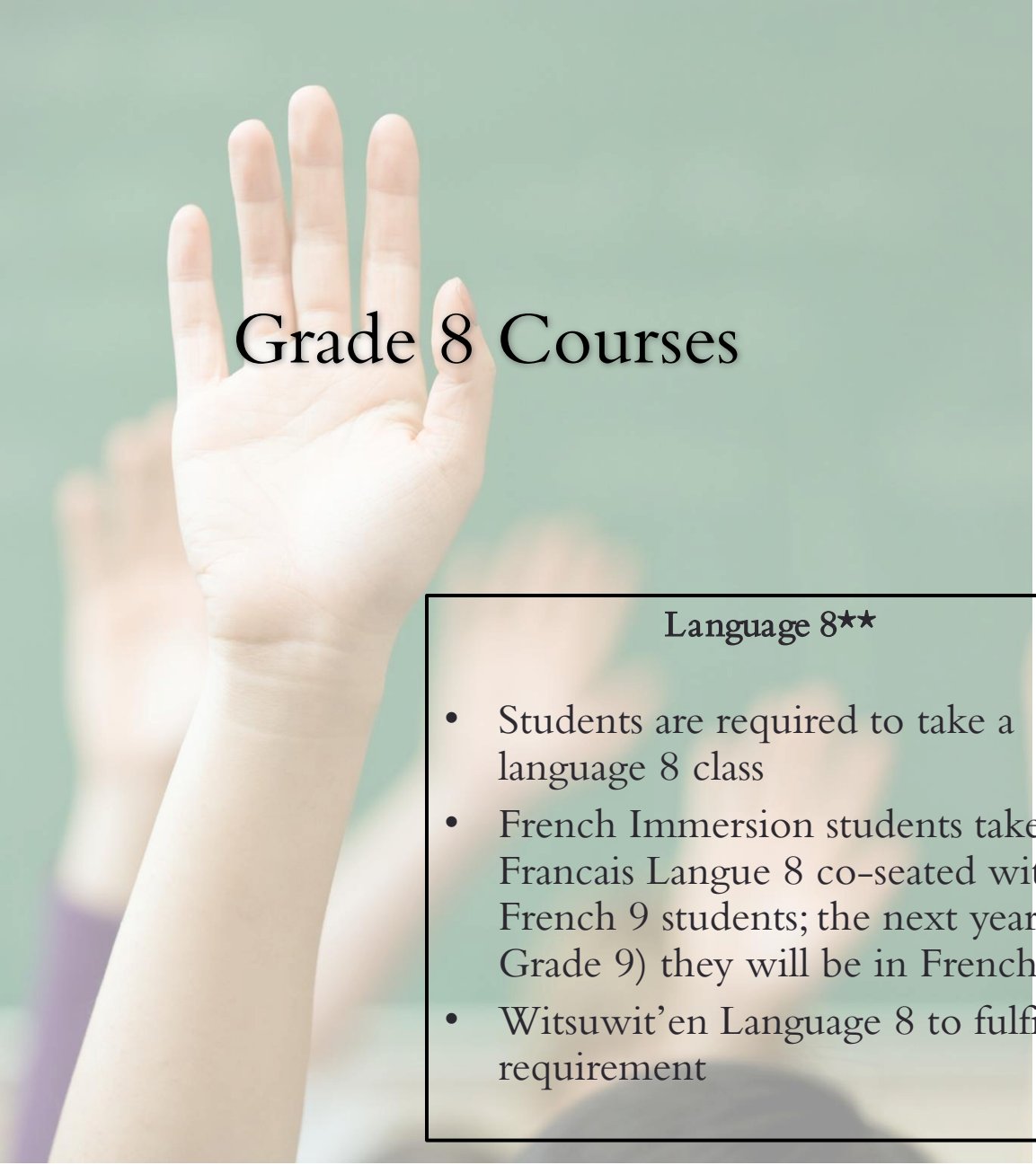
½ DAY
SCHEDULES
LOCKS/ LOCKERS
TOUR
ASSEMBLY





Lockers and Fees

- Each SSS student is assigned a locker for their own use.
- Students must purchase \$10 school lock from the office in September.
- There is also a \$85 textbook deposit; this is returned after graduation once all books are returned in good condition.
- One- time \$5 Gryphon Spirit Activity Fee which goes towards help fund all the various activities hosted by Student leadership.



Grade 8 Courses

Language 8**

- Students are required to take a language 8 class
- French Immersion students take Francais Langue 8 co-seated with French 9 students; the next year (in Grade 9) they will be in French 10
- Witsuwit'en Language 8 to fulfill requirement

1. English
2. Social Studies
3. Math
4. Science
5. Physical Education
- 6a) French or Francais Langue (FRAL) **
or
- 6b) Witsuwit'en Language 8 **
7. Elective – (9 to choose from)
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**ADST – Textiles , Props ,Effects and Costumes ,
Outdoor Pursuits , Art & Design in Action, Build,
Design & Explore**

Band , Drama , Guitar and Choir

Grade 8 Timetable Example #1

	Semester One: September to January	Semester Two: February to June
8:43-10:05	ADST –Art & Design in Action Semester One	PE 8 Semester Two
10:10 -11:32	Humanities 8 Year Long	
11:32-11:45	Break	
11:45– 1:07	Drama 8 Semester One	French & Careers 8 Semester Two
1:07- 1:48	Lunch	
1:48 – 3:10	Math & Science 8 Year Long	



Physical Education 8
Change of Clothes, Indoor shoes
Plus be prepared to go outdoors



Supplies

Each Teacher will give specifics



Reporting: What to Expect

Formal Report Cards:

- Middle & End of Semester Long Courses
- Three Times for Linear Courses
- MyEd Portal Information & Printed Copies

Informal Reports:

- Interims
- Core Competency goals and self reflection
- On-going Feedback from Teachers/Staff

Suggestions:

- Communicate Early... Email is a great way to connect with Teachers
- Come to Parent-Teacher Interviews



Lunch Hour

- Students have many different options for lunch hour at SSS
- SSS campus is an “open campus”
- Many students choose to bring a lunch from home and/or can access food from the **Gryphon Grub Hub**
- Pizza days Mondays and Thursdays – \$3 a slice
- Students can eat any of the open classrooms, round room, benches or outside on nice days
- Various activities happen at lunch (gym, learning commons, student leadership, clubs) Students are encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities!



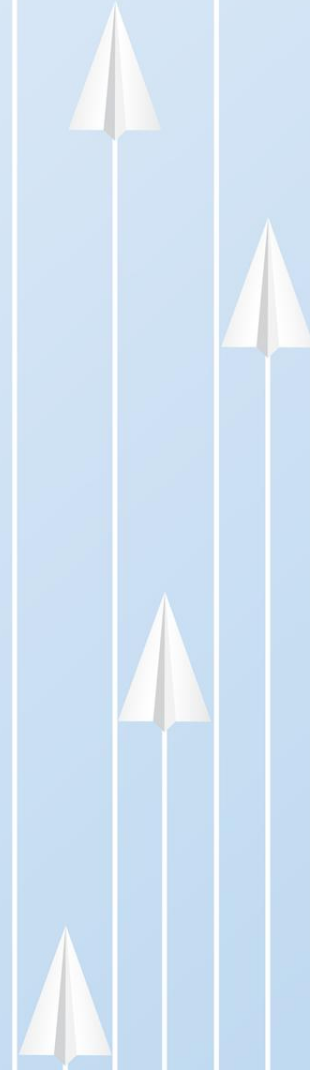


School Policies

- Electronics
 - Student Lates/Absences/Appointments
(School Messenger/Safe Arrival App)
- Sign In & Sign Out Process
- Student Absence Notifications
(Parents)
 - Computer Use
- Bullying/Safe Schools

Tips for Parents & Guardians

- Set a regular time and place for homework to be done. Give and reinforce clear expectations
- Work together with the school; if you have questions or concerns about a class, call or email the teacher
- For other concerns, contact your student's school advisor or administration
- Monitor your child's social media use
- Encourage healthy sleep, exercise, and eating habits



Student Tips

Join school clubs and teams to meet people & make friends

Ask questions

Do your homework & study for tests/assessments

Be prepared for class

Skipping out is not cool

Do not be late

Don't blow off studying – It will catch up with you!

Don't worry about the older kids... they are mostly concerned with their own school work & friend groups



TEAMS AND CLUBS

Soccer (Fall / Spring)

Cross Country Running

Wrestling

Volleyball

Basketball

Ski and Snowboard team

Squash & Climbing wall

Track and Field



Golf Team

Mtn Biking Team

Student leadership

S.T.A.T.E.

S.S.S

Improv Club

A photograph of a practice schedule titled "SSS School Sports 2025 Spring Practice Schedule". It is a table with columns for days of the week and rows for different times and activities.

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3:30-5:00	Track and Field	Girls Soccer	Track and Field	Track and Field	
SSS GYM	SSS Track	SSS Gym/Arena Field	SSS Track	SSS Track	
	Ultimate Arena Field		Ultimate Arena Field	Girls Soccer Arena Field	
			6:00-8:00	5:00-7:00	
	5:30-7:30		Club Basketball U-17 Boys	Club Basketball U-16 Girls	
	Club Basketball U-17 Boys				

Girls Soccer and Ultimate will use the Arena field for month of April.
Will transfer over to SSS Field in May once it is open.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A GRYPHON

GRYPHONS OF THE MONTH

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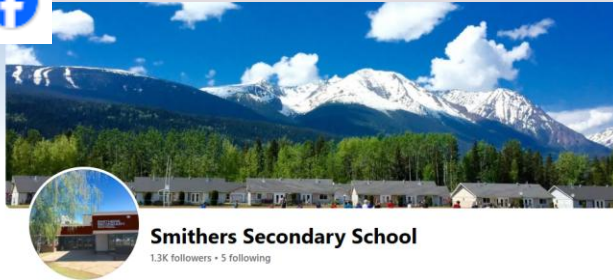
Our Gryphons of the Month are selected by our SSS staff. They are chosen for exemplifying our Gryphon SPIRIT.



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TIME FOR
QUESTIONS

