



# THOMAS HANEY SECONDARY SCHOOL

*Member of the Canadian Coalition of Self-Directed Learning*

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Dear THSS Families,

Welcome back to another exciting school year at Haney! I hope this letter finds you refreshed, rejuvenated, and filled with anticipation for the wonderful learning experiences that lie ahead. Whether you are a returning student, a new student, a dedicated staff member, or a valued parent/guardian/caregiver, I want to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to each and every one of you.

At THSS, we believe in creating an inclusive and supportive learning environment that nurtures the intellectual, emotional, and social growth of our students. We are committed to fostering a culture where all individuals are respected, valued, and empowered to reach their full potential. As the principal of this incredible school, it is my privilege and responsibility to lead with a focus on cultural leadership to develop and sustain a climate that supports student learning.

On January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Premier Eby announced that all school districts had until July 1, 2024, to have policies in place that restrict students' cellphone use in the classroom during instructional time. While many of our students have cell phones and have grown accustomed to regular usage, students will **not** be permitted to use personal digital devices during instructional time. Supporting our students to use technology appropriately is a shared responsibility of the home and the school. While changing cell phone culture may be difficult, it is necessary to ensure effective use of instructional and learning time. We appreciate your support in reinforcing this message with students and helping to develop healthy habits.

Parents and students are strongly encouraged to use our [school website](#) as a source of information. Moreover, make sure you are connected to the [Parent Portal](#) and that your child is connected to [MyClass](#) and make sure that popups are enabled for your browser. These programs provide online access to critical information related to each student's school/fieldtrip/sports fees, attendance, permission forms, school schedule, report cards, etc. ***\*\* Please be sure to review family contact information to ensure that details are correct and up to date. To do this, log into the Parent Portal and click on the "Welcome (your name)" in the top right corner.*** If you ever have a concern, please do not hesitate to contact any of your child's teachers, the counsellors, or administration.

**The 2026-2027 student schedules will be available to view through student MyClass accounts later in the day on Friday, September 4th.** Until that date, all student accounts are deactivated. Parent MyClass accounts will open later in September. All students will receive a paper copy of their schedule on the first day of school, September 8.

Student MyClass log-in information is only sent to individual students' school email accounts. Their log in ID is their student number. A password should have been emailed to them on their SD42 email address. Their district email address is their [StudentNumber@me.sd42.ca](mailto:StudentNumber@me.sd42.ca). If students have not yet signed up for their Student MyClass account, click on the [MyClass Student Guide](#).

Students needing MyClass help will be able to have teacher assistance when they return to school on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Our Admin and counselling team will continue to balance classes through September to accommodate class size and composition requirements. The course change request process will be communicated to students during the first week of school.

If you need to contact any of the Administration regarding a student or school issue, please see your 'appropriate' person:

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| [ Mr. Sharpe – Grade 12       | <a href="mailto:Colin_Sharpe@sd42.ca">Colin_Sharpe@sd42.ca</a> |
| [ Mr. Kater – Grades 8 and 10 | <a href="mailto:Steve_Kater@sd42.ca">Steve_Kater@sd42.ca</a>   |
| [ Mrs. Rowe – Grades 9 and 11 | <a href="mailto:Lara_Rowe@sd42.ca">Lara_Rowe@sd42.ca</a>       |

**Counselling:** Counsellors will be in the building the week prior to school start-up. They are available via email or can use TEAMS to address questions or concerns about counselling support needs. Discussions about schedules/timetables are to occur in the first week of school. All students are expected to follow their schedules until a new schedule/change has been made!

- Mr. Grill – All Grade 8's and 10's, as well as grade 12's with last names M-Z: [Daniel\\_Grill@sd42.ca](mailto:Daniel_Grill@sd42.ca)
- Ms. McPhedran – All grade 9's & 11's, as well as grade 12's with last names A-L: [Kaley\\_McPhedran@sd42.ca](mailto:Kaley_McPhedran@sd42.ca)

**Student Fees & Lockers:** We encourage you to pay your child's student fees (\$35.00) on the Parent Portal as soon as possible. Moreover, locker distribution will occur the week before school starts for all students who have paid their fees.

- Grade 12's can select their locker Monday, August 31st from 12:00-2:00
- Grade 11's can select their locker Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> from 11:00-1:00
- Grade 10's can select their locker Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00
- Grade 8 & 9 students can select their lockers Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> between 12:00-2:00

We recommend that students pay these fees over the portal, however, a debit / credit card machine will also be available at the front doors. With respect to cross enrolled students, student fees need to be paid at the home school on record since that is the school which retains primary responsibility for the educational path and administrative tracking. International students do not pay student fees as they have already paid full tuition. **All students wanting a locker need to bring their own combination lock.**

**Tuesday, September 8th:** Upon arrival, students are to proceed directly to their Teacher Advisor (TA) block (as noted above, schedules will be accessible via MyClass). Teachers will welcome students, review opening day materials, school structures, and answer any questions. Students will be dismissed following this session.

- ❖ Grade 8 & New Students - start time 10:00 a.m.
- ❖ Grade 9-12 Students – start time 11:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>- Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>:** We will be running a full block schedule each day. See image below. **There will be no cafeteria service.** A limited menu will be available the week of September 14<sup>th</sup>, with regular service starting back on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Altered Schedule for Wednesday, Sept. 9:**

TA: 8:30 - 9:10  
A (Monday 1): 9:15 - 9:45  
B (Monday 3): 9:50 - 10:20  
C (Monday 4): 10:25 - 10:55  
D (Monday 5): 11:00 - 11:30  
**Lunch: 11:30 - 12:20**  
E (Tuesday 1): 12:20 - 12:50  
F (Tuesday 2): 12:55 - 1:25  
G (Tuesday 3): 1:30 - 2:00  
H (Tuesday 4): 2:05 - 2:45

**Altered Schedule for Thursday, Sept. 10:**

TA: 8:30 - 9:10  
A (Tuesday 5): 9:15 - 9:45  
B (Wednesday 1): 9:50 - 10:20  
C (Wednesday 2): 10:25 - 10:55  
D (Wednesday 3): 11:00 - 11:30  
**Lunch: 11:30 - 12:20**  
E (Wednesday 4): 12:20 - 12:50  
F (Wednesday 5): 12:55 - 1:25  
G (Thursday 1): 1:30 - 2:00  
H (Thursday 2): 2:05 - 2:45

**Altered Schedule for Friday, Sept. 11:**

TA: 8:30 - 9:10  
A (Thursday 3): 9:15 - 9:45  
B (Thursday 4): 9:50 - 10:20  
C (Thursday 5): 10:25 - 10:55  
D (Friday 1): 11:00 - 11:30  
**Lunch: 11:30 - 12:20**  
E (Friday 2): 12:20 - 12:50  
F (Friday 3): 12:55 - 1:25  
G (Friday 4): 1:30 - 2:00  
H (Friday 5): 2:05 - 2:45

**Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>:** we will move into our regular schedule. Please see the [THSS website](#) for details (under “Our School,” then “Bell Schedule”). **Further, this will also be Photo Day.** Please ensure your student has their photo taken. These photos will go on their school ID, as well as go in our yearbook. There will be a second sitting on October 2 for students that missed this day or need a re-take.

I encourage you to get involved, stay connected and be an active participant in your child’s education. Together, we can create a powerful partnership that will positively impact the lives of our students. Attend our student-led conferences, join our PAC or Grad Committee or volunteer your time and expertise. Your involvement and support are vital to our collective success. More information on PAC and Grad Committees will be communicated during the first couple of weeks.

As we embark on this exciting journey, I invite you to share your thoughts, ideas, and feedback with administration. I value open and transparent communication and firmly believe that collaboration is the key to success. My door is always open, and I welcome the opportunity to connect.

I am genuinely excited to work with each one of you and witness the amazing growth and accomplishments that our school community will achieve together. Let’s make this year memorable, transformative, and filled with moments of joy and learning.

Here’s to a fantastic year ahead!

Be well and take care,

Colin Sharpe  
Principal