



THOMAS HANEY SECONDARY SCHOOL

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September Newsletter

Good afternoon THSS Families,

School start-up is behind us, and we are off to a great start here at Thomas Haney. Over the last two weeks, counsellors and administrators have been working hard to connect with students and visit classes. Our Grade 8's appear to be easing into the transition and we are starting to see and feel some excitement from our Grad Class of 2027. The energy in the building is positive, and the students are starting to hit their stride. By most accounts, this has been a very smooth and successful start-up.

Our first PAC meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 29th at 7:00 pm** in the library. My deepest appreciation for those parents that put their names forward to stand for PAC. Only schools with a functioning PAC are eligible to claim the Provincial Gaming Grant. Grant money goes towards supporting extracurricular programming, such as clubs and teams, as well as supporting special initiatives. Meetings will be held periodically and emailed out via the Portal. While open to all, our PAC executive are the only ones with voting rights. If you have any questions or concerns or would like to bring something up at a future PAC meeting, please email thomashanepac@gmail.com

Traffic out front of our school, especially in the morning and at the end of the day, can be very hectic and congested. As safety is our highest priority, drivers are encouraged to exercise extreme caution when dropping off or picking up students, entering or exiting the parking lot, or driving through the school zone. Tickets for speeding in a school zone start at \$196.00 and increase exponentially depending on the rate of speed. As for driving, students who have their licenses are reminded not to overload (only one passenger who is not immediate family), and to drive at a slow rate in the parking lot. Moreover, pedestrians should be looking both ways prior to crossing the street or entrance way, remove their earbuds, and pay attention to their surroundings. As a school we will communicate with parents if and when we notice a concern and we appreciate your support in reinforcing the message of safety.

My deepest appreciation for the warm welcome to THSS. I have been super impressed by the number of students that have approached me to introduce themselves and get to know me. In addition, it has been a pleasure to welcome all our new students and staff. As our community grows, so too does our school. THSS is now the largest school in the district. Despite its size, it has such a healthy and collaborative climate and culture. Nothing but positive vibes so far.

I look forward to meeting you all and working with students & families over the course of the year.

Be well and take care.

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Colin Sharpe
Principal

School Vaccination Information for Parents

Getting vaccinated on schedule is the best way to protect yourself from many dangerous diseases. Public health regularly checks immunization records for students in Grades 6 and 9 to help make sure they are up to date on vaccines.

We offer all routine vaccines needed for students in Grades 6 and 9 when students are in school.

Families can check their child’s immunization records online to see if they need any vaccines by logging into immunizationconsent.gov.bc.ca/s/ then looking at “Immunization forecast”.



Give consent for the child’s vaccines online

This year, students, parents, or caregivers of students in Grades 6 and 9 have the option to provide consent for vaccines online. **You can fill out consent now or any time before the school clinic.**

To give online consent for immunizations, scan this QR code or go to immunizationconsent.gov.bc.ca/s/.



Note: If you identify as Indigenous (First Nations, Métis or Inuit), please contact your local health unit to learn about additional vaccines that may be available to Indigenous students.

If vaccines are needed, please see [Vaccines | HealthLink BC](#) for more information on the specific vaccine your child needs.

What if the child had vaccines but they are not on their immunization record?

If the child’s record is missing vaccines they already had, please do the following:

- Find the paper record at home, if one was given to you at the time of vaccination.
- If you do not have records at home, contact the health care provider who gave the vaccines and ask for a copy of the immunization record.
- Report the immunizations by:
 - Scanning this QR code to submit the records
 - or
 - Submitting it online by going to: FraserHealth.ca/immunizationform.



For more information

- B.C.’s immunization schedule: [Immunizations schedule for children | HealthLink BC](#)
- Fraser Health information and resources on immunizations: FraserHealth.ca/immunize

If you have questions, please call your local public health unit.

Public Health Units					
Abbotsford 604-864-3400	Agassiz 604-793-7160	Burnaby 604-918-7605	Chilliwack 604-702-4900	Cloverdale 604-575-5100	Guildford 604-587-4750
Hope 604-860-7630	Langley 604-539-2900	Maple Ridge 604-476-7000	Mission 604-814-5500	New Westminster 604-777-6740	TriCities (Port Moody) 604-949-7200
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