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Dear Parents / Guardians / Incoming Gr. 9 Students:

I am pleased to officially welcome our incoming Gr. 9 students to Sydenham High School for next year. I hope you all had a wonderful graduation recognizing your accomplishments in elementary school.

Students are invited to attend SHS on the morning of **Wednesday, August 27th**, for Grade 9 orientation. See below for more information on this day, as well as additional details for your information as you plan for the transition to Grade 9.

If you need to reach us over the summer, email general inquiries to Mrs. Sandra Thomlinson, Office Manager, at sydhs@limestone.on.ca. The Main Office and Student Services re-opens on Monday, August 25th, with Student Services open by appointment only on Monday, August 25th, Tuesday, August 26th and Thursday, August 28th. To book an appointment, use this link: [online booking system](#).

School starts back on **Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, 2025**. A link to the school calendar can be found here: [School Year Calendar](#)

Have a safe summer! We look forward to meeting you in the fall.

Mrs. Molly Slate,
Principal

INFORMATION ITEMS

Gr. 9 Timetables

Timetables for our incoming grade 9 students were distributed by their grade 8 teacher during the last week of school for students in our feeder schools (Elginburg, Harrowsmith, Loughborough, Perth Road, Prince Charles). For those students coming from out of area/out of board, timetables will be available for pick up in the main office July 7 – 10th and July 14 – 17th (8:30 AM – 2:30 PM). Students will be able to [check Aspen](#) for their timetable the last week of August and will get a printout on our orientation day.

Gr. 9 Orientation – Wednesday, August 27th (9:30 a.m. – Noon)

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Main Gym (student leaders will be at the entrances to gather students as they arrive), where they will receive a start-up package (updated schedule, and handouts). At 10:00 a.m., students will rotate through a series of six stations designed to help them be comfortable with the start of school (how to open a lock and find their locker, each class and washrooms, library use, activities to join, etc.).



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At 11:15 a.m., students are invited to a BBQ lunch on the front lawn to meet and socialize with staff and students. A vegetarian option will be available, and students with other dietary requests are asked to contact the Main Office one week in advance. Students should be picked up at **noon**.

Fees

Families can pay school fees through [School Day](#), an online payment and permissions program. The start-up fee is \$10.00 for a lock. Later in the school year, students will be able to purchase an optional student card (\$10.00) and a yearbook (\$40.00, received the next school year). Each product will be made available for payment in the fall, and parents with a school-day account will receive an email. Fees for individual extracurricular activities will be communicated by each staff advisor. Fall Sports include basketball, volleyball, field hockey, football, and golf. Fees range from \$85.00 to \$400.00. Check the announcements for start-up information, including the week before school. If financial support is required for any activities, reach out to the school.

Communication

Follow the school website [news stories](#) for updates. Ensure your contact information is updated if you make changes as we regularly send emails to share important information. LDSB also offers several electronic tools to support communication, including *Communicates* (Board and schools push *important messages* to students, families, and staff via *voicemail, email, or text message*), and the *School Messenger App* (student attendance management tool that allows for *two-way communication* between schools and families).

Key Dates

For a list of upcoming dates, follow our month-by-month calendar on the school website, listen to PA announcements or see a copy of our [announcements](#) on the school website. A link to the school calendar can be found here: [School Year Calendar](#) School starts back on **Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, 2025**. Photo Day will be on **September 17, 2025**, and ordering information will come home in the fall.

2025-2026 Student Schedules / School Daily Schedule

The daily schedule follows. Students wanting to change their current schedule may email a counsellor (visit the [staff](#) website page for all emails) or book an appointment through the [online booking system](#) by grade (Gr. 9 – Mr. Rob McDougall, Gr. 10 – Mr. Jason Wimmer, Gr. 11 – Ms. Michelle Fraser, and Gr. 12 – Mrs. Katherine English. Our Vice Principals also have primary responsibilities for the following grades: Gr. 9 & Gr. 11 (Ms. Stevens), Gr. 10 & Gr. 12 (Ms. Ward).



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DAILY TIMETABLE (WEEK A)

PERIOD	TIME
Slot A	8:20 - 9:35 a.m.
Break	9:35 - 9:45 a.m.
Slot B	9:45 - 11:00 a.m.
Break	11:00 - 11:15 a.m.
Slot C*	11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
LUNCH	12:30 - 1:20 p.m.
Slot D	1:20 - 2:35 p.m.

* SHS runs a week A/B schedule. On Week B – periods C and D flip.

School Supplies

Students will require the necessary school supplies for individual courses as outlined: *Physical Education* - t-shirt, shorts / sweats, gym shoes (outdoor shoes will not be allowed in the gym); *Technology* – no shorts, closed-toe shoes; long hair tied back; *Science* – your teacher will instruct you on clothing for lab days; *Mathematics* – scientific calculator. We recommend purchasing the Casio FX-991 ESPLUS2 calculator. It can be purchased on [Amazon](#) or at [Staples](#).; and *General* – as communicated on first day handouts or by the classroom teacher for specific activities/locations. We also recommend, in addition to pens and pencils, that students consider bringing dry erase whiteboard markers to school daily. The LDSB Student Clothing Procedure is available [here](#).

Textbooks and Lockers - Classroom teachers issue books at the beginning of a term. Students should take care of any textbooks assigned to them. The Main Office will assign lockers and students will find out their locker at orientation or first day (listed on their timetable). Students must use a school lock and occupy lockers assigned to them. Students will be responsible for items found in the locker and should not give their combination to anyone else. Failure to abide by school rules may mean a loss of locker privileges. Lockers may be opened by the school if necessary.

Access to Technology – Students will be given the option to sign out a device for the school year. Devices are made available by classroom teachers when the class requires for daily use. Computers are also available in the library. Students with specialized technology needs should contact the Learning Program Support teacher Mr. Rob McDougall.

Medical Plans - We ask parents to notify the school if your child develops or has any changes to any emergency medical conditions. We will work together to complete a Medical Plan of Care (Epilepsy, Type 1 Diabetes, Asthma, Anaphylaxis, or any other life-threatening condition).