

## 2020-2021

Information for New Students

## Staff and Student Population

At Chatham-Kent Secondary School, there will be approximately 1,100 students. There will be 246 students in grade nine and approximately 240 grade twelve students or students who have returned to complete University or College entrance requirements. C.K.S.S. has approximately 74 teachers and 5 Educational Assistants.

## General Information

The school address is:
285 McNaughton Avenue East
Chatham, Ontario
N7L 2G7
Phone: (519) 352-2870 Fax: (519) 352-2908 Website: http://ckss.Ikdsb.net
C.K.S.S. is located in School Bus Zone 8

Parents are encouraged to provide their email address to CKSS so they may receive school memos \& school newsletters.
The school colours are blue and gold. The school teams are called the Golden Hawks. The school motto is SCIENTIA PER USUM ... "Knowledge through Experience".


CAMP HAWK WILL RUN DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL. Please check the CKSS website at http://ckss.Ikdsb.net for all the information you will need!

## Registration

All students register at CKSS the last week in August.
If you cannot register, your parent or brother or sister may register for you.

## Cash only please

## Fees Payable at Registration (Cash Only Please):

Student Activity Fee $\$ 35.00$
Gym Uniform \$25.00
Classroom Consumables (varies with subject)

## Your Timetable

When you have paid your registration fees, you will receive only ONE timetable. Please make extra copies of your timetable in case you lose the original. See the copy of a timetable included in this booklet.

## Peer Helpers and Peer Tutors

Grade 9 students have the opportunity to request a Peer Helper or Tutor. Peer Helpers are senior students available to talk confidentially with grade 9 students to "help" them adjust socially. Tutors are available to assist students academically.

## School Photographs

Photographs will be taken at the school on Friday, September 18 ${ }^{\text {th }}$, 2020. These pictures will be used for both student cards and the yearbook. Copies will be available for students to purchase if they so wish. If you do not want your photograph placed in the yearbook, please contact the school and request a form to be filled out indicating your choice.

## The First Day at C.K.S.S.

School begins on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th - at 8:00 a.m. First Period fun and introductions will be planned for all grade nine students. Students will report to the Ed Myers gymnasium on the first day of school. Niner's Night is Wednesday, September 16th. We would love to have all our grade nines attend, don't miss out!

## Lockers

Your locker will be assigned on the day of registration or the first day of school. Locks will be provided by the school. PLEASE LEAVE YOUR LOCK ON THE LOCKER. Any student locks put on lockers prior to this time will be cut off. The school is not responsible for items taken from your locker. Money or other valuables should not be left in your locker. Leave them at home. The locker you are assigned will be yours for the duration of your high school career. Please take care of this locker as you are responsible for its condition. Students are NOT allowed to share lockers. All locker concerns should be directed to the main office.

## The Student Handbook/Planner

An electronic version of the handbook/planner can be found on the CKSS website. Students should familiarize themselves with the rules and policies outlined in the handbook/planner.

## CKSS Student Success Program

The Student Success Team works with school staff, students, parents and the wider community to ensure that, together, we help all students earn the credits necessary to graduate. Through Grade 8 to 9 Transition programs, credit recovery classes, after school homework help sessions, pathways programs, etc., CKSS is committed to the success of each and every student.

## The Cafeteria

Students may purchase reasonably priced hot meals, sandwiches, salads etc. from the cafeteria. They may also bring their own lunches and eat them in the cafeteria. All food and drinks purchased in the cafeteria must be eaten there Microwaves are available to re-heat leftovers.

## Eating In and Around the School

Eating in the school is permitted in the cafeteria only. Food, snacks and beverages purchased at the variety stores must be eaten there, NOT on the school property. Please use garbage and recycling receptacles provided on and around the school grounds.

## Your Student Council

The Student Council consists of the following executive officers: Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Secretary and Minister of Finance. In addition to this executive, every homeroom elects a representative to the Council. Their job is to make your concerns known to the Council and report meeting results to you. You will have the opportunity to elect a homeroom representative in September.

## Dress Code

The dress code is based on the premise that positive clothing projects a positive image. Clothing that depicts alcohol, vulgarity, sexism, racism, profanity, illegal drugs and/or violence portrays a negative image. By the same token, tank tops for boys and spaghetti straps and backless clothing for girls, and shorts and blouses that expose the midriff are also unacceptable. Students will not wear shorts shorter than mid-thigh or clothing that shows underwear, or see through tops. Slips, bras, boxer shorts, etc. will not be worn as outerwear. In essence, students are expected to dress in a neat, clean and respectable manner. Footwear is essential at all times. Student decision making in terms of what to wear is a learning experience; however, the final decision on matters of appropriateness, rests with the Principal. A strict dress code exists in the technology area and the science labs for safety reasons.

## Backpacks and Coats

Backpacks and coats are to be left in your lockers as they are a safety hazard in the classrooms.

## Your Student Athletic Association

The Student Athletic Association consists of students and staff advisors. Its purpose is to assist in the operation of the athletic programme in the areas of fundraising, timing, scoring, selling foods, maintaining roster boards, and taking tickets at all athletic events. You do not have to be an athlete to join. You just have to be a willing worker.

## Physical Education

Physical education students wear a white or yellow T-shirt (Hawk insignia), navy blue shorts (plain) and white socks. These are sold at registration and at the school HAWK SHOP during the first week of school at a cost of approximately $\$ 25.00$ including tax (cash only). The HAWK SHOP is located on the first floor at the front of the school opposite the Student Services office. We strongly recommend that you buy a uniform on registration day.

Running shoes with a non-marking sole must be worn during all gym activities. All students must carry a gym bag or backpack for their equipment. ***STUDENTS SHOULD NEVER, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, LEAVE ANY MONEY OR VALUABLES IN THE CHANGE ROOM***

The school may make arrangements for students to use the school vault for large sums of money and valuables.

## Team Sports and Clubs

2020-2021 activities may include:

| VARSITY SPORTS |  | OTHER CLUBS \& ORGANIZATIONS |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Badminton | Baseball | Visual Arts Club | Math Enrichment |
| Basketball | Soccer | Bands | Musical |
| Cross Country | Volleyball | School Reach Team | Interact Club |
| Curling |  | Cheerleading | Skills Canada Club |
| Football |  | Computer Club | Yearbook |
| Golf |  | Improv Team | Science Olympics |
| Hockey Boys |  | Chess Club | Christian Fellowship |
| Hockey Girls | Student Athletic Association | Anti-Bullying |  |
| Rugby-Girls | Dance Team | Arts Council |  |
| Tennis | Choir | National Theatre School |  |
| Track \& Field |  | Gay Straight Alliance |  |



