

Chatham-Kent Secondary School

INFORMATION FOR NEW STUDENTS



2018 – 2019

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR NEW SCHOOL

Staff and Student Population

At Chatham-Kent Secondary School, there will be approximately 1,150 students. There will be 260 students in grade nine and approximately 325 grade twelve students or students who have returned to complete University or College entrance requirements. C.K.S.S. has approximately 74 teachers and 3 Administrators.

General Information

The school address is:

285 McNaughton Avenue East
Chatham, Ontario
N7L 2G7

Phone: (519) 352-2870 Fax: (519) 352-2908

C.K.S.S. is located in **School Bus Zone 8.**

If you require a courtesy seat, please register at: <https://www.schoolbusinfo.com/> or see Main Office if you require assistance.

Stay up-to-date with CKSS daily announcements by
visiting: <http://ckss.lkdsb.net>

Follow us on Twitter! @CKSSHawks

The school colours are blue and gold. The school teams are called the Golden Hawks.



CAMP HAWK WILL RUN DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL. Please check the CKSS website at <http://ckss.lkdsb.net> for all the information you will need! Camp Hawk is for all Grade 9 students.

Registration

- All students can register at CKSS on **Tuesday, August 28th, 2018 from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** and or **Wednesday, August 29th, 2018 from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** If you cannot register, your parent or brother or sister may register for you.

Fees Payable at Registration (Cash Only if paying in person):

Student Activity Fee	\$35.00
Gym Uniform	\$35.00
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. We recommend you take a picture of it with your phone as well. See an example of a timetable at the bottom of this file.

Student Services

Counselors are available in the Student Services department to assist with course selection, pathway planning, student well-being, and school related issues.

40 Hours

A requirement for Graduation is the completion of your 40 Hours of Community Service. **A student is eligible to start their 40 hours of community service as soon as they officially graduate from grade 8.** Use the following link to download a 40 Hours record sheet. <http://www.lkdsb.net/Secondary/CommunityInvolvement/Pages/default.aspx>

myBlueprint

For students transferring into CKSS from a school using myBlueprint they will have their accounts sync'd to the school. If you do not have an account, one will become available to you after registration. This is a great tool that will help all students track and plan their progress through secondary school as well as help students explore and plan for post-secondary options. There is also a parent link to this program. Visit www.myBlueprint.ca or contact CKSS Student Services for more information on how to create a Parent account.

Peer Helpers

All 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 during their Grade 9 year. Peer Helpers will also make sure that students know when try-outs are for sports and dates and times for school clubs.

Peer Tutors and Tutors

Tutors are available to assist students academically. Peer tutors are senior students that volunteer to work with Grade 9 and Grade 10 students in a variety of subject areas. We can also provide resources and contact information for qualified tutors, (for a fee).

Power Hour

The Power Hour program is offered after school from 2:30pm – 3:30pm, Mon.-Thurs. This provides students extra time for homework and academic support service for most subjects. This one hour session is supervised by a CKSS teacher who is available to support students in many subject areas.

School Photographs

Photographs will be taken at the school on **Thursday, September 13th, 2018**. These pictures will be used for both student cards and the yearbook. Copies will be available for students to purchase if they so wish. Graduation pictures will be set up later in the school year. We encourage all potential grads to have their pictures taken; copies will be available for purchase. **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 for Grade 9's.

School begins on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th - 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 12th**. 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. Located online, under **the CKSS policies** section.

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.

ESL/ELL Program

ESL and ELL courses and resources are available each semester for those who qualify. Contact Student Services for more information on accessing supports available for our ESL/ELL students.

Learning Resource Centre. (LRC)

If you are coming to CKSS with an IEP, please contact teachers in our Learning Resource Centre to notify them of the transfer and to ask questions about supports offered through our Learning Resource Centre. They will also help you with all technical supports for your SEA equipment.

Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) and Dual Credits (For Grade 11 & 12 Students)

The **Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)** is a ministry-approved specialized program that allows students to focus their learning on a specific economic sector while meeting the requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and assists in their transition from secondary school to apprenticeship training, college, university, or the workplace. CKSS has Arts & Culture, Construction, Health & Wellness and Manufacturing. Sign up today in Student Service!

The **Dual Credit Programs** allows students to take one of 40+ alternative courses offered through St. Clair College and/or Lambton College. There are hands on courses from welding, arboriculture and baking pastry to career exploration courses such as Criminology and Health Care. See Student Services to enroll.

If these programs interest you, you may also be interested in CO-OP and OYAP.

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. Microwaves are available for student use.

Your Student Council

The Student Council consists of the following executive officers: Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Secretary and Minister of Finance. Our CKSS Student Council is responsible for organizing assemblies, dances and overseeing the social needs of our students.

Your Student Athletic Association (SAA)

The Student Athletic Association (SAA) 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. The S.A.A. volunteers with the Chatham Goodfellows and many other community organizations. You do not have to be an athlete to join!

Your Arts Council

The Arts Council meets the first Monday of each month. The executive meets weekly. This council organizes events like the annual Arts Fest, the annual Arts Banquet, Cake Walks, Barbeques, and Arts Trips to New York City and Chicago. The Arts Council supports all the arts at CKSS.

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. 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. Electronics such as laptops may be used in class at the teacher's discretion.

Physical Education

Physical education students wear a white or yellow T-shirt (Hawk insignia) and navy blue shorts (plain). These are sold at registration and at the school **HAWK SHOP** during the first week of school at a cost of \$35.00 including tax (**cash only**). We strongly recommend that you buy a uniform on registration day.

*****STUDENTS SHOULD NEVER, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, LEAVE ANY MONEY OR VALUABLES IN THE CHANGE ROOM*****

Hawk Spirit Wear

A variety of Hawk clothing items will be available to order first semester. Ordering information will be made available on the website and in the main office. Listen to announcements to find out when orders will be taken.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks can be purchased on registration day. They will also be sold in the front hall first semester. See the Main Office for more details on how you can purchase a yearbook.

Cash On-Line

Parents and guardians: Our school is a part of the School Cash Online program. Find out more about this online payment system for school items and activities. <https://www.lkdsb.net/Board/BudgetFinance/SchoolCashOnline/Pages/default.aspx>

Get involved!!

New students are always welcome to join and try out for our many sports teams, clubs and organizations!

Team Sports and Clubs

2018 – 2019 activities may include:

VARSITY SPORTS		OTHER CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS	
Badminton	Baseball	Visual Arts Club	Math Enrichment
Basketball	Soccer	Bands (Jazz/Concert)	Musical
Cross Country	Volleyball	Anti-Bullying Committee	Interact Club (Rotary International)
Curling	Rugby-Girls	Choir	Global Voices
Football	Tennis	Computer Science Club	Improv Team
Golf	Track & Field	Muskoka Woods Leadership	MyLKDSB Team
Hockey Boys	Hockey Girls	Drama Club	Salt & Light
		Chess Club	Student Council
		Student Athletic Association (SAA)	Arts Council
		Dance Team	The National Theatre Drama Festival
		Environmental Club	Gender and Sexuality Alliance

International and Newcomer Students

ESL Courses

ESL courses and resources are available each semester for those who qualify. Contact Student Services for more information on accessing supports available for our ESL/ELL students.

CKSS Ambassadors

Upon your arrival, you will be matched up with a senior student that has volunteered to be a Buddy to all new students at CKSS. These students will help you with your timetable, show you around the school, help you find your classes and much more. These students will be your go to person for all questions that you may have for regarding student life at CKSS.

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Graduation

If you are an International Student and intend to graduate from CKSS, keep in mind that in addition to doing well in your courses, you must complete 40 hours of community service and pass the literacy test or the OLC course.

