

DAVID THOMPSON SECONDARY SCHOOL

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WELCOME TO GRADE 8!

ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND:

- Gr 8 Rock Solid Permission Form (white)
- Student Emergency Release Form (golden rod/yellow)
- Student Threat/Violence Notice (white)

SCHOOL START-UP FORMS: please complete online by September 11

The remainder of the school start-up forms are to be completed online via Clevr. An email will be distributed in early September from SD6 and/or DTSS, which will include a link to access these forms.

TIMETABLE:

Students will receive their timetables at the Grade 8 Orientation on August 28.

SCHOOL FEES GRADE 8

School fees	\$15.00
Lock	\$10.00 (optional & refundable when you graduate from DTSS)
Total	\$25.00

Yearbooks: TBA early October (optional)

These fees will be collected at the Grade 8 Orientation or on the first day of school. Please bring a cheque payable to DTSS or exact cash. A separate cheque for each student is preferred, since these are collected in Homeroom.

GRADE 8 ORIENTATION:

An orientation is scheduled for **August 28 from 9:00-12:00**. Students will be provided their timetables and convert them into weekly schedules; tour the school and locate their classes; receive their locker combinations; and log into the school network and set up their H drive profile. Students will need a pen or pencil.

There will be a Grade 8 Parent Orientation on September 5 from 4:00 pm to 5:00pm in the DTSS theatre.

School Bus Pick Up Schedule for August 28:

Spillimacheen Garage	7:30 a.m.	Canal Flats School	7:35 a.m.
Brisco Store	7:40 a.m.	Coys/Columere Park	7:50 a.m.
Hewitt Road	8:05 a.m.	Dutch Creek Gas Station	8:00 a.m.
Edgewater Post Office	8:10 a.m.	Fairmont Esso	8:05 a.m.
Radium Hot Springs Esso	8:25 a.m.	Columbia Lake Band Hall	8:15 a.m.
Juniper Heights	8:35 a.m.	Windermere School	8:20 a.m.
Black Forest Heights	8:40 a.m.		

GRADE 8 FIRST WEEK

Tuesday, September 5 DAY 1

- 8:50 - 9:20 Homeroom period
- 9:20 - 9:50 Block 2 (B1)
- 9:50 - 10:20 Block 3 (C1)
- 10:20 – 10:50 Block 4 (D1)
- Busses leave

Wednesday, September 6 DAY 2

- 8:50 - 9:20 Home Room
- 9:25 – 10:13 B2 Block
- 10:28 to 11:51 A2 Block
- Lunch 11:51 – 12:30
- Regular classes 12:30 – 3:23

Thursday, September 7 DAY 1

- 8:50 – 10:13 (A1)
- 10:28 – 11:51 Welcome Back Assembly
- 12:30 - 3:23 Regular classes

Friday, September 8 DAY 2

- 8:30 - 9:50 Pancake breakfast.
- 9:55 – 10:55 B2 block
- Lunch 10:55 – 11:25
- Regular classes 11:25 – 1:30

Tuesday, September 12 – Rock Solid Parent Orientation

Please join us as a parent facilitator for Rock Solid. Training will be held at the school at 5:00 pm @ DTSS

Rock Solid – Date TBA

Rock Solid, a community based school program, is a combined classroom and outdoor experience designed to increase resiliency in Grade 8 students making the transition to high school. Rock Solid is a unique program that helps students to identify their strengths, values, and supports. It uses experiential education to promote healthy choices, reframe challenges as learning opportunities, and help students connect with school and community supports, and with each other. Students will be challenged with outdoor activities, guided through structured reflection, and supported in applying the lessons and insights learned into their lives. Our goal is to promote healthy personal development through physical challenges and social interaction.

There are two components of Rock Solid. The first part consists of a classroom session that will be held during school time in early September. The second component is an outdoor session that will be held at Fairmont Ski Hill. Lunch and snacks will be provided. The students will be bussed from the high school and will return before the regular days end. Rock Solid is a program hosted by East Kootenay Addiction Services Society in partnership with School District #6.

Permission forms will be given out on the first day of school and are to be returned the following day.

If you have any questions, please contact Heather English at heather.english@sd6.bc.ca.

OTHER IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION

COMMUNICATION:

School Newsletters

Would you like to receive the DTSS Newsletter notification in an email? Please ensure an active email address is correct on the verification form. Families may also follow DTSS news from our website, <http://www.sd6.bc.ca/school/dtss/pages/default.aspx/>, where one also will find links to both Twitter and Facebook.

Teachers

As September progresses, it is a good idea to connect with your child's teachers. Email addresses can be found on the DTSS school website at <http://www.sd6.bc.ca/school/dtss/pages/default.aspx/>

DTSS Phone System

Phone Extension and Email addresses are available on the David Thompson Website:

<http://www.sd6.bc.ca/school/dtss/pages/default.aspx/>

Check out the staff directory, which will be updated mid-September. To leave a message regarding a student's attendance or a bus pass request please use the **Attendance Secretary voice mail extension 4504**.

Messages for Students

In the event of an emergency, parents may ask the secretarial staff to take a message for a student. You can dial **4500** or **4520** to reach a secretary in the office from 8:00 - 4:00 each day. The student's name is then posted on the TV monitor and the student may pick up the message during a break or after school. Please remember that there are approximately **525** students at DTSS, so we ask that you please restrict your messages to emergencies only. Students may not send or receive phone calls or messages on cell phones during instructional time.

BUSES:

Bus pick-up times will be printed in The Pioneer.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

DTSS code of conduct can be found on the school website [Code of Conduct | David Thompson Secondary School \(sd6.bc.ca\)](#) and posted in the school.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we look forward to seeing you on **August 28.**