# 2019 Sir John Franklin High School Grade 9 Frequently Asked Questions:

## When does the school day start and end?

Classes start at 8:30am and end at 3:30pm. Students are able to enter the school any time after 7:30am. They can enter through the front doors or the doors by NACC.

# How do students get to Sir John?

Students are able to get to Sir John in many different ways. They can walk, get a ride with a parent or friend, take the city bus or ride a bike etc.

#### Do all YK1 students follow the same calendar?

Sir John Franklin students follow the YK1 high school schedule. This is different from the elementary school schedule.

#### What does the school day schedule look like?

	Regular School Day	STIP Thursdays
Period 1	8:30-9:55	8:30-9:45
Period 2	10:05-11:30	9:55-11:10
Lunch	11:30-12:30	11:10-11:50
Period 3	12:30-1:55	11:50-1:05
Period 4	2:05-3:30	1:15-2:30

## What time is lunch? Are students allowed to leave? What is available to students?

Most days lunch is from 11:30-12:30. On assembly days and shortened STIP days, lunch hour is at a different time. Students are able to buy food from the canteen, microwave their own food or leave the school during lunchtime. Students are allowed to eat throughout the school, including classrooms, tables at the top of the school and the foyer.

## Are there foods that cannot be sent to school?

Sir John does not restrict the food that is brought into the school. Students with allergies should be aware of their own allergies and make appropriate decisions for themselves.

# What sports, activities and clubs are available?

There are variety of options available to students throughout the year including school sports, lunchtime intramurals, and various clubs and specialty days throughout the year. One of the best of ways to find out about these are by listening to announcements or following the school on social media.

Facebook: Sir John Franklin High School

Instagram: @sirjohnfalcons Twitter: @sjf\_school App: SirJohn2Go

#### What is the school dress code?

Students are expected to dress respectfully. Students are expected to remove their hats when they enter the school as there are no hats or hoods allowed. If you wish to purchase Sir John Franklin swag, you can at the Falcons Nest.

## Are there computers available for students?

Each department has at least one laptop cart or chromebook cart. There are also 3 computer labs available for students. In the library, there are computers available as well as a chromebook cart.

# Whom do I contact if I have a question or concern?

You may contact the main office and they will be able to direct you to the correct person who would be able to answer your questions.

# Whom do I contact if I think my child may need special equipment or support?

You can contact one of our Program Support Teachers. angela.martin@ykl.nt.ca or denise.hurley@ykl.nt.ca

# Are students required to complete community service hours?

One of the graduation requirements is 25 hours of community service. These must be completed in order for a student to receive a high school diploma.

# What supplies will my child need for high school?

Textbooks and books are loaned to students through the library when they are required by a course. These must be returned at the end of the semester in which the course occurred. Students will have a locker assigned to them with a school lock already on it. The basic school supplies requires are a binder, paper/notebooks, pens, pencils, geometry set and a scientific calculator.

## Can students leave the school grounds during the day?

Students are able to leave school grounds for lunch hour without notifying the main office. However, if they will be missing class or leaving class they need to sign out at the main office before leaving. A parent or guardian should call in to verify this absence from class.

## What happens if my child will be missing school due to sickness or other reasons?

All absences must be excused with the school. You may do this by calling the main office to excuse your child from class. If your child gets sick at school they may leave however, they need to sign out at the office and a parent or guardian should call the office to verify the absence. Students should talk with each of their teachers if they know they will be missing class, as they are still responsible for content and assignments covered during this time.

#### How will I know how my child is doing in classes and if they are in class?

There are daily call-outs informing parents if their child was absent from a class and was not excused. It is possible to sign up for email notifications for this as well. In addition to this, it is possible for parents to have a PowerSchool account set up. Through this, it is possible for parents/guardians to have up to date marks for each class as well as if there are any missing assignments. It is also possible to see absences and lates through PowerSchool.

#### When are report cards sent home?

There are two sets of report cards in each semester. A mid-term report comes out half way through the semester and the other one comes out at the end of the semester. Semester 1 ends at the end of January. Semester 2 ends at the end of June. Students are called down by grade level at the end of the day in order to receive their report card.

#### Do grade 9's write exams?

Yes, grade 9's write exams. During the exam period, there are no classes. Students are only required to attend for their exams. The school is open during this time and students are welcome to come to study. Teachers schedule time when they are available for extra help during this period as well.