

welcome to OUR CLASSROOM

Dear families,

Welcome back to a new school year! My name is Miss Finlayson, and I will be your child's homeroom teacher. I am so happy to welcome you to our classroom! This year (the LAST year of elementary school) will be challenging, but will hopefully be full of exciting learning and extracurricular opportunities for all students. I look forward to working with you in order to provide a safe and inclusive environment for your child to learn.

Like last year, students in the intermediate division will get to experience a rotary schedule, meaning they will learn from a variety of different teachers in different classrooms. I will be teaching Grade 8C homeroom (Language, Math, Health) and rotary Grade 8 Art/Drama. I have attached a class schedule with teacher names and subjects. Please let me know if you have any questions! Since many students will be in and out of the classroom, I have asked students to not keep important items in their desks. Lockers will be used this year, where students can keep their supplies. Please make sure a lock is purchased as soon as possible.

Classroom expectations: Throughout the year, your child will be expected to follow the rules and routines of our classroom. Some rules could be being on time, completing activities/assignments, or treating others with respect. I will provide many calendars, timetables, and routines to keep students in the loop, and to help them stay organized. Agendas will not be provided, but students are still expected to keep track of important dates and assignments in various ways.

As well, I rarely give out homework as I provide plenty of time in class for students to work on and finish activities, assignments, and projects. However, if students are not finished during class time, it will be their responsibility to complete assignments on their own time and ask for help if they need it.

I also post weekly to my classroom blog, "Class 8C", where students can find important reminders about work, activities, special events, or trips. I also try to incorporate talking points ("Ask Your 8th Grader") so you can have conversations with your Grade 8 at home about what they learned in school. <https://efinlayson.commons.hwdsb.on.ca/>

Supplies: Most student supplies will be provided to students. These supplies will include pencils, pens, pencil crayons, highlighters, rulers, duotangs, protractors, notebooks, and lined paper. Some supplies that students might want to have (but are not required) are a lock (for their lockers) markers, a notebook or planner, calculator, and a binder with dividers.

Please let me know if you have any questions! I look forward to working together.

Miss Finlayson (efinlays@hwdsb.on.ca)

Timetable: 8C

Period/Time	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
1 8:40-9:20	Language	Math	Math	Math	French Mme. Dedrick
2 9:20-10:00	Language	French Mme. Dedrick	Math	Science Mr. Daniels Rm: 2019	Music Mr. Wheeldon Rm: 2007
3 10:00-10:40	Math	Health Miss Finlayson	Music Mr. Wheeldon Rm: 2007	History/Geography Mr. Busato Rm: 2021	DPA Mr. Busato
Nutrition Break 10:40-11:20					
4 11:20-11:50	History/Geography Mr. Busato Rm: 2021	Language	Language	Language	Art Miss Finlayson
5 11:50-12:20	Gym Mrs. Curtis Gym B	Language	Language	History/Geography Mr. Busato Rm: 2021	Art Miss Finlayson
6 12:20-1:00	Drama Miss Finlayson	DPA	French Mme. Dedrick	DPA Mr. Daniels	Math
Nutrition Break 1:00-1:40					
7 1:40-2:20	Art Miss Finlayson	Music Mr. Wheeldon Rm: 2007	Gym Mrs. Curtis Gym B	French Mme. Dedrick	Language
8 2:20-3:00	French Mme. Dedrick	Science Mr. Daniels Rm: 2019	Science Mr. Daniels Rm: 2019	Language	Gym Mrs. Curtis Gym B