



**Dear SHS Families,**

We are pleased to share an FAQ regarding the addition of Parent Lunch Time Supervisors for the school year.

## **Why Have We Added Parent Lunch Time Supervisors?**

Across the Sturgeon School Division, schools are seeking ways to enhance safe and caring learning environments while supporting staff well-being. At Sturgeon Heights, we are addressing this by ensuring our staff can more consistently have lunch breaks—a practice that doesn't currently exist.

As a closed-campus school, we welcome Parent Supervisors—valued members of our school community—who contribute to creating additional adult connections and meaningful student engagement during the school day.

Currently, two Parent Supervisors are on duty each lunch hour, focusing on enriching the student experience by:

- Creating a positive and structured environment that fosters social-emotional learning.
- Allowing teachers and educational assistants to develop and lead programs, such as positive playground initiatives.
- Building strong connections with students through greetings, check-ins, and supportive interactions.
- Modeling and reinforcing respectful behavior and positive social interactions.
- Assisting with recess activities, sports, and games to help students engage more fully.

## **Are Parent Lunch Time Supervisors Trained?**

Our Parent Lunch Time Supervisors are passionate members of our school community, including parents and grandparents, who work alongside teaching staff. They are casual employees of Sturgeon Public Schools and have completed both Criminal Record and Child Intervention Checks.

While they do not provide direct intervention with students, they collaborate closely with staff to promptly report and address any concerns.

### **Are There Teachers and Educational Assistants still supervising at Lunch?**

Yes, there is always a teacher and an Educational Assistant present outside with the students. During our lunch recess programming, we have a total of 23 supervision slots to cover, and our two Parent Supervisors help by filling four of these positions.

### **Why Is There a Fee?**

For the 2024–2025 school year, a \$13 per student fee helps cover the cost of these additional supervisors. This fee directly funds the salaries of Parent Supervisors. Currently, we have two daily positions filled, ensuring consistent support for our students.

The fee is for our grade 1-9 students. Kindergarten students are on different programs, schedules and fee structures.

### **What If My Student Is in Jr. High and Stays Inside?**

The supervision fee is a per-student charge designed to ensure a safe and well-supervised environment for all students. Whether Jr. High students spend their break times outside, at The Nest, or in the gymnasium, adequate supervision is essential.

Parent Supervisors are typically assigned to outdoor spaces, where most students gather during break times. This arrangement allows us to allocate resources effectively while maintaining safety for the entire student body.

### **Do Other Schools Have Similar Programs?**

Although this initiative is new to Sturgeon Heights and the Sturgeon School Division, it is a common practice in neighboring divisions. In similar schools within our community, fees for this range from \$50–\$60 per student. In SPS, similar schools have added a \$35 fee as they have more supervisors in place. Our fee of \$13 reflects our current staffing of only two supervisors per day.

I hope that helps answer a few of the questions that are out there regarding parent supervisors. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support,

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Principal