



École Intermédiaire  
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To parents and students participating in the Grade 6/7/8 Rugby Program;

Welcome to our 2024 Spring Rugby season!

Grade 6/7/8 Rugby is an introduction to the sport and our hope is that this short exposure will instill a desire to potentially continue in the fall, do some summer rugby, and continue with the sport in the future. The website for all this information is at the following: <https://dgecse.weebly.com/rugby-gr-678.html>

### **Expectations**

The spring rugby season is an introductory experience for the Gr. 6/7/8 into the game and laws of rugby through playing flag rugby and then into SEVENS rugby

There are many tactical and technical rules in rugby, including player safety. Attendance at practices and games is an integral part to player development, player safety, and to supporting the team. It is expected that players attend all practices and games as part of their commitment to the team and themselves. It is expected that Mr. Gecse will receive ample notice (at least one day) if a player is unable to attend a practice or game.

Equipment:

Players need the following:

- A) Mouthguard- optional/recommended (Mr. Gecse has them for \$5)
- B) Black shorts
- C) Cleats (soccer)
- D) Water bottle
- E) Sports bag to pack supplies in/ garbage or waterproof bag to keep dry from rain.

### **Coaching Staff**

Ashton Fuller from Yeti Rugby in Salmon Arm will be volunteering his time to support the Grade 6/7/8 rugby program. Chris Courtice, a fitness coach, will also be assisting with warm-ups and training of our rugby group. Mrs. Bev. Dewitt, a teacher at SMS, will also be committing their time to support and assist with the rugby program. My name is Derek Gecse, I am a teacher at SMS and I am involved as a co-coach, a coordinator and a manager to our Rugby 6/7/8 program. If you should have any questions, please contact me at the information provided below.

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SMS Middle Teacher/ Coach, Rugby Coordinator & Manager  
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### **Transportation**

We are hoping parents will be able to drive our players. If you have completed the paperwork listed below and it is on file for the year 2023-2024 at SMS, then you are able to drive students to and from games. NO paperwork is needed to transport ONLY your child to and from games.

Please see the attached SD#83 Private Vehicle Use Regulations. The following are needed by parents that are willing to transport their child and OTHER players on the team to games.

- 1) Drivers Information Form (See attached)
- 2) Photocopy of the following on file at the school
  - a) Driver's license
  - b) Driver's abstract record (Driving record obtained through ICBC at the following address:  
<https://www.icbc.com/driver-licensing/getting-licensed/Pages/Your-driving-record.aspx>
  - c) Vehicle registration
  - d) Vehicle insurance
- 3) Criminal Record Check (CRC) within the past five years for SD83 employees or three years for volunteers. See the process in the link provided to get a CRC.
  - please see the attached process for ONLINE OR
  - go to the local RCMP detachment and ask to complete a CRC for SD83 as a volunteer to drive students. *(There is a fee, bring the receipt to the office)*

### **To RETURN**

- All parent driver documentation listed above *(if parents are driving OTHER students besides their own child)*
- Pay Fees to the office – *RECEIPT TO MR. GECSE*
- Permission forms by Monday Apr. 15<sup>th</sup>



### **Schedule & Games**

Our Rugby season would not be complete or successful without the support of parents. Practices are Mondays 2:45 -4:30 and games are scheduled for Thursday. We hope parents are assist with our season, particularly with transportation.

### ***TENTATIVE SCHEDULE***

<b>Practices</b>	<b>Games</b>		
<b>Monday 2:45 – 4:30</b>	<b>Day &amp; Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
	Thursday May 9 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 – 4:00	Shuswap Middle School (HOME) SMS vs Ranchemo
	Thursday May 16 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 – 4:00	Shuswap Middle School (HOME) SMS vs S. Canoe
	Thursday May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	3:00 – 4:00	Ranchemo Elementary School (sd83) (AWAY) Ran vs SMS <b>6285 Ranchemo Dr, Salmon Arm, BC V1E 2P9</b>
	Thursday May 30	2: 30 – 4:30	<b>Shuswap Middle School FINAL JAMBOREE – Windup (SMS / Ran/ S.Canoe)</b>

### **RUGBY FEE STRUCTURED COSTS:**

So the rugby fee is broken into two components. There is the required fee for the school sport/program offered and then additional expenses. The additional expenses are apparel costs and are NOT required and are optional. I must have 12 or more students to order the apparel. *(Please pay at the office and bring your receipt to Mr. Gecse)*

<b>Required Costs</b>	<i>(SMS athletics, field marking, equipment, officials, Wind-up)</i>	\$30
<b>Additional Costs (optional)</b>	(Apparel – T-shirt) (minimum order is 12 shirts)	\$25 (optional)
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$25
	<b>TOTAL (with optional apparel cost)</b>	\$55

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