



778 BANSHEE SQUADRON ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADETS

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Information for New Recruits and Parents

The Staff, Cadets and Sponsor of 778 Banshee Squadron wish to take this opportunity to welcome you to one of the top squadrons in the Greater Toronto Area.

The squadron was established in January 1969. In 2009 778 Squadron will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary. This will be an exciting time for both the long time serving members and for the cadets that have now joined the ranks of 778.

This letter will assist in answering a number for questions that the parents have asked over the past few weeks.

Communication

The following lines of communication have been established in order to pass information to the cadets and parents.

These methods include:

- The Squadron Website – www.778banshee.com
- Telephone messages – by way of an out going message at the office 905-770-0948
- NCO call outs – The Senior members of the flights will be calling to inform you of events and sudden changes if the squadron training.
- Mass e-mail messages – sent to the parents informing them of events happening at 778.

Events Calendar

A monthly calendar will be posted on the squadron website and sent out via e-mail to the parents keeping you informed of the activities taking place over the following month.

Optional Training

778 squadron offers optional training to the cadets that wish to join the many teams/groups within our walls. This training includes:

- Ground School for the senior cadets that wish to become pilots
- Sports Team – we have a competitive sports team that competes in several events throughout the year
- Competition Marching Band
- Precision Drill Team
- Model Club – if enough members show an interest
- Effective Speaking – we will teach your sons and daughters how to effectively address large groups of adults and their peers

Who to Contact

If your parents have questions about cadets who do they contact?

If you are a parent or guardian you may contact us directly, while on the other hand your son or daughter is encouraged to ask questions to their peers or seniors in their assigned flights.

Position	Name/Email	Phone Numbers
Commanding Officer	Major M. Holowatyj CO@778banshee.com	(905) 770-0948
Deputy Commanding Officer	Captain P.Jones DCO@778banshee.com	(905) 770-0948
Administration Officer	Captain P. Jones Same address as above	(905) 770-0948
Assistant Administration Officer	<u>Not Assigned at This time</u>	(905) 770-0948
Training Officer	Capt W. Westernacher-Schneider TrgO@778banshee.com	(905) 770-0948
Supply Officer	<u>Not Assigned at This time</u>	(905) 770-0948
Assistant Training Officer	Second Lieutenant M. Gamage ATrgO@778banshee.com	(905) 770-0948
Band Officer	Second Lieutenant D. Ellis-Mobbs BandO@778banshee.com	(905) 770-0948
Recruiting/Flight Instructor	<u>No Staff member assigned</u>	(905) 770-0948
Level Officer/Instructor	No Staff member assigned at this time	(905) 770-0948

Dress Code

After this evening and until your son or daughter has been issued a uniform they will be expected to wear the following:

- White long sleeve shirt (ironed with no wrinkles)
- Black or navy blue tie (no design)
- Black or navy blue pants
- Black shoes
- Hair cut with no hair in your eyes, not touching the collar of the shirt or the ears (Male recruits)
- Long hair is to be placed in a pony tail (female recruits)

What to Bring

On your first night of training you will need to bring a briefcase, book bag or back pack along with a note book or binder and pen to take notes during your classroom sessions.

Hours of operation

The mandatory training night takes place at Richmond Green Secondary School every Thursday evening between the hours of 1845hrs (6:45pm) to 2130hrs (9:30pm)

Our Optional training night takes place between 1900hrs and 2100hrs at Richmond Green Secondary School on Monday evenings.

Uniforms

You son or daughter will be measured for a uniform in early November once you have proven that you want to join the rest of the cadets in the squadron. Your uniform will be issued soon after you have been sworn in.

Swearing In

Your son or daughter will officially become a member of 778 Banshee Squadron the night the Commanding Officer has the recruits recite a pledge in front of the staff and the cadets at the Commanding Officer's **Parade on 4 Dec 2008** at Richmond Green Secondary School. This is a night that parents will want to attend due to the fact that recruits will only be sworn in once.

We would like to thank you for introducing your sons and daughters to one of the top youth development programs in North America.

Yours truly,

Mark Holowatyj, CD
Major
Commanding Officer
778 Banshee Squadron