



Sept 6, 2024

Dear Parents, Guardians & Students,

Welcome back to a new school year. It is wonderful to see our many new, grade 9 students now beginning to successfully navigate their new school and establish the routines associated with high school. It is also wonderful to see all of our returning students; I always love the positive energy a new school year brings.

As we fall back into fall routines we ask that you join us in encouraging students to do everything possible to arrive on time. With a large student population it can be very disruptive when students arrive late to class; our teachers begin each class promptly and our expectations are that students are on time and ready to engage in their learning.

As classes settle in for the first semester the counselors are busy working with students to adjust timetables and at this point, most of this work is accomplished. Next week, school administration will be hosting grade-wide assemblies to connect, share information and inform our students of upcoming events.

In an effort to keep you informed, while not clogging up your inbox, my plan is to send out a *Friday Message to Families* to help keep you in the loop. This message may not occur every Friday as there are points in the year that are typically more busy than others.

Again, welcome back & I look forward to a terrific school year!

Outside the Timetable Courses

Those courses that either start before our regular school day begins (before 8:55 am), occur during lunch, or occur after the school day (3:05 pm onwards) are referred to as outside the time table classes. These classes will begin next week. If your son or daughter is registered in such a course and is unsure of the schedule, please have them refer to their 'Google Classroom.' The schedule for these classes can be found under 'Scheduling'".

Cops for Cancer (C4C)

The school fundraising effort is already underway with a number of initiatives to support this year's campaign. Please see the following [link](#) with ways you can support. It all begins tomorrow with a carwash scheduled at the school beginning at 9:00 am.

Athletics

Our gymnasiums and fields are becoming very busy spaces as the fall athletic season is underway with many try-outs already occurring or scheduled for next week. Our fall sports consist of Field Hockey, Cross-Country, Rowing, Swimming, Volleyball and Boy's Soccer. Once again, schedules for each of these teams can be found in your child's Google classroom.

Upcoming Important Dates:

Sept 11	Student Photos
Sept 13	Grade 9 ' <i>Colour Clash</i> '
Clubs Day	Sept 18
Sept 19	Meet the staff evening event