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Grade 8 to 9 Transitions Update

We are beginning the discussion with our grade eights about transitioning to grade nine. All secondary schools are *hosting* parent information nights. These are great opportunities for parents/ guardians and students to *ask questions, learn about the various programs and tour the schools.* Please see the chart below. Updates and changes will be sent out through School-Day and posted on the Doon website.

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| **School/ Program** | **Parent Information Nights****Date and Time** | **Application Deadlines** |
| **Huron Heights Secondary School** • Doon’s home school (depending on boundary) and offering Applied and Academic courses and Math/ Science Enrichment | **Thursday, December 6th****at 6:30pm** | Course selection instructions will be sent home with students in February. Students will select courses online at the end of February. |
| **Forest Heights Collegiate****(FHCI)**• Doon’s home school for some students (depending on boundary) and offering Applied and Academic courses and Innovate, an Enrichment Program• Extended French | **Thursday, December 6th** **at 6:30pm** | Course selection instructions will be sent home with students in February. Students will select courses online at the end of February.French students let Ms. Lussier know of their intention to attend by January 31st.  |
| **Cameron Heights Collegiate Institute (CHCI)**• International Baccalaureate (IB) | **Tuesday, November 20th at 7:00pm (**IB info only)Tuesday, January 15th at 7:00pm (grade 8-9 info for all future CHCI students) | Applications are available in the Guidance Office and online. They are to be returned to Ms. Lussier by January 15th so they can be delivered to CHCI by the January 18th deadline.  |
| **Eastwood Collegiate Institute (ECI)**• Integrated Arts Program (IAP)• ESL (English as a Second Language) | **Thursday, November 22nd at 6:30pm** | Applications for IAP are available in the Guidance Office and online. They are to be returned to Ms.Lussier by January 15th so they can be delivered to Eastwood by the January 18th deadline. Auditions will be held at the end of January. Students taking ESL select courses at the end of February. |
| **Kitchener-Waterloo Collegiate (KCI)**• French Immersion | **Wednesday, November 21st** **7:00pm** (for Specialized programs only including French Immersion)Wednesday, January 16th at 6:30pm  | Students let Ms. Lussier know of their intention to attend by January 31st. Course selection instructions will be sent home with students in February. Students will select courses online at the end of February. |
| **Jacob Hespeler Secondary School (JHSS)**• Fast Forward | **Wednesday, November 28th at** **6:00pm** (in the Library @JHSS for Fast Forward)7:00pm (grade 8-9 info for all future JHSS students | Applications are done through Ms. Lussier and Ms. Bates (parents will be contacted) and are due January 18th.  |

**Doon Grade 8 to 9 Transition Information Night- Monday, November 12 @ 6:30pm at Doon**

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Grade 8 to 9 Transitions Update: For Students

We will be hosting a Parent Information Night at Doon P.S. for you and your parents/ guardians on **Monday, November 12 at 6:30pm**. We will review the grade 8 to 9 transition process and timelines.

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| **Your Next Steps : November / December/ January**1. Continue to develop study habits and independent work habits.
2. Attend Doon’s Transition Information Night on Monday, November 12th at 6:30pm.
3. Attend Secondary School Parent Information Nights (Dates will be shared soon.)
4. Gather information from school websites, information nights and presentations at Doon.
5. Read the WRDSB Transition Guide online. Google “WRDSB Transition Guide”.
6. Log into http://[www.myblueprint.ca](http://www.myblueprint.ca)/wrdsb to self-reflect and explore options.
7. Complete an application to a magnet program if you feel it will be a good fit for you.
8. Ask questions (see Ms. Lussier in the Guidance Office).

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| **Staff from secondary schools will be visiting Doon (during the school day)*** Thursday, November 1 @10:30am- Eastwood Arts presentation for interested grade eight students in Mr. Langridge’s Science Room
* Wednesday, November 7 @10:30am - Cameron Heights IB presentation for interested grade eight students in Mr. Langridge’s Science Room
* Monday, November 12, FHCI information for students attending and Extended French info for 8-1 and 8-2
* Tuesday November 13, KCI French Immersion info for 8-1 and 8-2
* Monday, December 3, Huron Heights staff visit all grade eight classes
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| **Choice to make November/ December/ January****Which school will I attend?** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*\*this is the only decision that needs to be made in Nov/Dec/Jan |

**Choices to start to learn about and START to think about…**

1. Which level of study will I choose for my five compulsory subjects?(selected in February)

 English- Applied Academic

 Math- Essential Applied Academic Enriched (with Enriched Science)

 Science- Applied Academic Enriched (with Enriched Math)

 French- Applied Academic Enriched (for Immersion students)

 Geography- Applied Academic

1. Which 3 electives will I choose? (selected in February)

Drama, Visual Art, Vocal Music, Instruments Music (beginner), Instrumental Music (Advanced), Phys.Ed and Health, Food and Nutrition, Family and Living, Introduction to Business, Business Technology, Exploring Technology

Please see Ms. Lussier if you have any questions about the transition process. Information will be available through School-Day and on our school website at https://doo.wrdsb.ca/. Also, visit the board website [www.wrdsb.ca](http://www.wrdsb.ca) and click on the specific secondary school for more information.