## Grade 8 to 9 Transition Information Update

We are continuing the process with our grade eight students on transitioning them to grade nine. Students who are applying to the Eastwood Arts Program or Cameron Heights International Baccalaureate program are to have their applications in to Ms. Lussier by the end of day on Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> so that they can be delivered to the schools by January 18<sup>th</sup> deadline. Fast Forward Applications are completed by Ms. Lussier and Ms. Bates.

English As A Second Language, French Immersion and Extended French Programs are direct entry programs, and students are to let Ms. Lussier know if they are interested in attending these programs by the beginning of February if they have not let her know already.

Unless attending a magnet program, students are expected to attend their home school. The home school is determined by address. For most of our students, their home school is Huron Heights. For a few of our students (who have been notified previously by mail) their home school is Forest Heights. Please see <a href="School Finder">School Finder</a> if you are unsure of your home school.

## Out of Boundary Requests

A student can only attend a school outside of their boundary if the student has:

- been accepted into a magnet program
- significant issues of bullying would impact their home school placement
- mitigating health concerns

**NOTE:** Students requesting attendance at a different school from their home school, must submit an 8-9 Transfer Request form (available from the office) to Mrs. Stewart by the end of January. A form is not needed for students attending a magnet program. If you are planning on attending a school outside the WRDSB, please register at that school as soon as possible.

## **Coming soon...Course Selection**

Coming up in February, we will be focusing on course selection. Students and parents are encouraged to look at the specific secondary school websites for course descriptions. Ms. Lussier will be visiting grade eight classes the first week of February to go over course selection.

Information on course selection will be sent home with students on February 15<sup>th</sup> with their report cards and information will also be shared through School-Day and posted on the board website. Students will select their courses online February 15-24.