



Galt Collegiate Institute

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Important Information for the 2018-19 School Year

Transportation

Transportation details will be available beginning on August 20th for those students who qualify for transportation. To view transportation details, go to www.stswr.ca, click on "Student Login", enter your child's Ontario Education Number, which can be found on your child's report card (numbers only; no space or dash). Enter your child's birth date (dd/mm/yyyy), and street number, and select GCI from the drop down menu.

September Home Packages

September Home Packages are available online only. The September Home Package contains board-wide information such as: a welcome letter from the Director, 2018-19 school year information, student accident insurance letter, character development information, code of digital conduct, safe, caring and inclusive schools information, parent engagement, school council information, etc. Look for a "School Year Information" link will on the GCI website. By following that link, parents and students will be able to view all of the September Home Package documents. Only those documents requiring a parent signature – the Data Verification Form & Standard Release Form - will be available in paper format (please see below).

Data Verification Form (DVF) & Standard Release Form

Parents* and/or students are asked to come to the school to pick up the Data Verification Form and Standard Release Form from August 27th to 30th. Both forms need to be reviewed and signed by a parent (or student, if over 18), and should be returned prior to or on the first day of school. DVFs that are not picked up prior to the beginning of school will be sent home on the first day of school for parent review and a signature. **Students 18 and over who are unable to pick up their DVF must provide a note permitting a parent/guardian/sibling to pick it up.*

Welcome for Grade 9s and Students New To GCI

On Thursday, August 30th, all incoming Grade 9 students, and any other students who are new to GCI are invited to our "ice cream morning" from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Please join us in Tassie Hall at 10:30 for a presentation from SHAC (student council), followed by orientation activities and ice cream.

Student Timetables

Timetables will be distributed on the first day of school. However, signed DVFs and Standard Release Forms may be handed in to the main office from August 27th to August 30th in exchange for a timetable.

Course Changes

From August 27th to 29th, counselors will be available to make course changes **for students who have turned in signed DVFs and received a timetable in the main office**. After that, students may make appointments to see counselors for course changes from September 10th to 14th.

School Day

School Day is an online communication and cashless payment system. *School Day* can be accessed from any web browser and provides real-time access to information, and the ability to receive communication, approve permission forms online, register for extracurricular events, and make online payments for students cards, sports fees, yearbooks, trips or other activities. Please contact the main office to subscribe.

First Day of School: September 4, 2018

Each year, we use a modified timetable on the first day of school. To support Grade 9 students on their first day of high school, Grade 9 students will arrive at 9:00 for an assembly, before our Grade 10, 11 and 12 students, who will begin classes at 10:00 a.m. The schedule for opening day is:

9:00 – 10:00	Grade 9 Assembly in Tassie Hall, followed by homeroom
10:00 – 10:31	A Block (all grades)
10:38 – 11:08	B Block – Grade 10 & 11 Assembly; Grade 9 and 12 in class
11:15 – 11:45	B Block – Grade 12 Assembly, Grade 9, 10, and 11 in class
11:52 – 12:22	C Block (all grades); Chromebooks Distributed to Grade 9 students (A to G)
12:22 – 1:22	Lunch
1:22 – 1:50	D Block (all grades); Chromebooks Distributed to Grade 9 students (H to N)
1:57 – 2:25	E Block (all grades); Chromebooks Distributed to Grade 9 students (O to Z)

On the first day of school, students locate their homerooms by checking the alphabetical lists posted outside Tassie Hall, the library, and the cafeteria. Busses will run at their regular times starting on September 4th. There will be limited cafeteria service on the first day; full cafeteria service will begin on September 5th.

Chromebooks for Grade 9s

Grade 9 students are reminded to bring their Chromebook contracts on the first day of school. Copies of the contracts were mailed home in the summer. If you did not receive a contract, please contact the main office.

Photo Day

Wednesday, September 5th is photo day for all students.

Blitz Days

Blitz days will take place from September 10th to 14th. During Blitz days, students will have an opportunity to buy a student card, yearbook, and athletic banquet ticket. Students must have a student card to participate in any co-curricular activity, including, but not limited to, school dances, athletic teams, and clubs. More information about blitz days will be available in September.

Summer School Report Cards

Summer school report cards will be available in the main office at GCI in **September**.

New Daily Schedule for 2018-19

New this year, GCI will follow an alternative daily schedule. Odd-numbered days of the month will follow the Day 1 schedule; even-numbered days of the month will follow the Day 2 schedule. For example, September 5th is an odd number, so it will be a Day 1.

Time	Day 1	Day 2
8:00	Warning Bell	
8:05 – 9:05	A	A
9:12 – 10:12	B	B
10:19 – 11:19	C	C
11:19 – 12:18	Lunch	
12:18 – 1:18	D	E
1:25 – 2:25	E	D

MSIP

All GCI students have an MSIP period (Multi-Subject Instructional Period) built into their timetable. Students may use MSIP to engage in many academic tasks, including completing homework, working in pairs or small groups, meeting teachers for extra help or student-teacher conferences, accessing computer resources, working on course projects or assigned readings, using the library, and other possibilities. MSIP allows students to exercise choice and make decisions. Teachers have found that students who consistently use MSIP well enjoy a higher level of academic success. This is the thirteenth year MSIP has been part of the GCI timetable. GCI is very proud of MSIP and the flexibility and opportunity it affords our students.