

# Welcome to Queensmount Senior Public School



# Just the facts....

- Only grades 7 and 8
- Approximately 425 students next year
- 8 grade seven classes and 7 grade eight classes
- We start classes at 8:20 a.m.
- We finish classes at 2:40 p.m.
- Grade 7 students coming from mainly Southridge, WT Townsend, Forest Hill, JF Carmichael, Williamsburg (our 5 feeder schools)

# It's not so scary...these things are the same as elementary school

- You will belong to one class (7-1, 7-2, etc)
- We have two nutrition breaks and you still get to go outside for recess (we go outside first, then eat)
- You still stay at school for nutrition breaks
- We have pizza and cookies for sale on Fridays
- We have extra curricular activities and clubs
- The school rules are the same
- The teachers still care about you
- You may have a planner (sold at school in Sept.)

# Some things that are different about senior school....

- You have your own locker to keep your stuff in
- You will switch teachers for each subject
- Your “Core” teacher teaches English, History, Geography, Drama and a bit of DPA
- There are some opportunities to stay inside at recess time (homework club, library, open classrooms)
- For half the year you have art and then for half the year you have music (same for history and geography)

# ....and more

- You will learn to play a musical instrument in second term
- There are school sports teams that compete against other senior school teams
- Wrestling is part of the Physical Education curriculum
- There is a design and technology component to the science curriculum – We call it Maker Spaces
- You go to the gym on Fridays to buy your own pizza and/or cookies
- Some Fridays are “Funtastic”!

# There is a bit more responsibility...

- Because it is a 5-day schedule and you have different teachers, you need to know what day it is and what subject to go to first
- If you are late, you will end up having detentions—it is your responsibility to get here on time (parents can call and excuse the late)
- You have to keep your locker tidy and your lock combination **A SECRET**
- You cannot bring a phone, tablet etc. to school. We have plenty of technology for you to use.

# What does a day look like?

- 5 day cycle
- 1 hour periods and four 30-minute classes in five days
- No homeroom time but you will have an assigned homeroom teacher
- 2 hours of core every day
- 1 hour of math every day
- 2 ½ hours of French, Science, Phys. Ed., Arts every 5-day cycle

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
<b>Entry 8:20</b>					
<b>Period 1 8:20-9:20</b>	Core	Core	Science	Math	Physical Education
<b>Period 2 9:20 – 10:20</b>	Science / Art/Music	Math	Core	Core	Math
<b>Nutrition Break 10:20 – 11:00</b>					
<b>Period 3 11:00 – 12:00</b>	Math	Core	Core	Core	Core
<b>Period 4 12:00 – 1:00</b>	Core	French	French / Phys. Ed	French	Core
<b>Nutrition Break 1:00 – 1:40</b>					
<b>Period 5 1:40- 2:40</b>	Physical Education	Art/Music	Math	Art/Music	Science



# How do we get ready for the new grade 7s?

- Meetings with feeder schools so that we have a good idea of strengths and next steps for all students
- Sharing of specific information about students with an IEP
- Grade 6 teachers have input into making class lists
- Parents can call us with specific questions or concerns

# Transition Process

- **May 29-** tonight's orientation meeting
- Student visits **June 14** with their feeder school
- **Open House in August is cancelled due to construction.**
- Class lists will be posted in the gym for Gr. 7s on the first day of school
- Open House early in September — Meet the Teacher (hopefully 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September)

# What do I need to bring to school?

You will need:

- A combination lock (sold for \$5)
- A planner (sold for \$5) or a notebook
- Gym clothes (or a Queensmount uniform \$25)
- A healthy lunch every day (but we do have Nutrition for Learning first break)
- A positive attitude and a smile

# School Supplies

The WRDSB is committed to supplying students with the supplies they need to complete their education. However, if you wish to purchase supplies:

- Pens and pencils and erasers
- 1" binder or two
- Paper
- Glue stick, pencil crayons, calculator
- Chromebook?????

# Technology at Queensmount

- Integral part of the program
- No computer lab
- Mini labs in library, Resource Support room and Science
- Google Drive and Google Classroom
- Lots of chromebooks and ipads – almost 2:1
- No BYOD

# Keeping in Touch

- Come to School Council Meetings
- Stay in touch with your child's teachers
- **Follow us on Twitter:**
- @queensmountsps (twitter feed for parents)
- **Webpage:** <http://qsm.wrdsb.ca>
- **School Day** – Accounts will be transferred

Questions?

# Thank You for Coming and Welcome to Queensmount!

## *Self-guided tour:*

- grade 7 classes are mostly upstairs
- grade 8 classes are mostly downstairs
- no Family Studies even though you see kitchens
- Library is downstairs
- Music and Design and Tech is same as gym
- Art room is upstairs
- Lights go on by themselves

**PLEASE HELP US BY STACKING THE  
CHAIRS IN 5s**