

Friday, February 19, 2016



To all Parents/Guardians of Sunnyside Gr. 8 students,

I am writing this information letter about the Grade 9 course selection process. All Gr. 8 classes have recently had a presentation on high school courses and received a list of available gr. 9 courses. The head of guidance from Eastwood was here to talk to the students this week and on Wednesday, February 24 a guidance counsellor from Grand River will be here at 1st nutrition break. All ECI and GRCI students were given a course calendar for grade 9.

The course selection process for Gr. 9 will be done on a web-based program called My Way. The program will open on Saturday, February 20, 2016 and close on Friday, February 26, 2016. Students and parents can access this program from any device connected to the internet. I am going to take all classes to the computer lab at school to show them how to use the program and to allow them to sign up for their courses for next year. We will do this on February 22 and 23. **They will print off their course selection sheet and bring it home for you to sign.** You are free to log on to My Way from home and make any changes that you feel are necessary and print off a new sheet to sign and return to school. You will not be able to make any changes after February 26 on the computer, but will have an opportunity to change courses when the high schools hand back the course verification forms in June. There will also be an opportunity for you to visit the high school during the week before school starts and make changes at that time. It is not likely that changes will be able to be made once school starts in September due to timetable constraints.

Choosing the correct high school courses is extremely important for the success of students. Please review all information, have discussions with your student and ask questions. We are all here to help set up students for success and make the transition to high school as easy as possible.

Step by step instructions on how to use My Way are included on the back of this letter. If you have any questions I can be reached at 519-896-1130 or shannon_mellow@wrdsb.on.ca. Our Parent Council is meeting on February 22, 2016 at 7 pm and I will be doing a presentation in the course selection process. You can also find all of the information on the Sunnyside school website. <http://sun.wrdsb.ca/>

Sincerely,

Shannon Mellow (Sunnyside Guidance Contact)

