



WOODLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL
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Dear Grade 8 Parents/Guardians:

Although it does seem rather early, the transition process for our grade 8 students has begun.

The first event will take place on **Wednesday, November 25th**. Our Grade 8 students will travel to Jacob Hespeler Secondary School for a tour of the school as well as an orientation of the Grade 9 program. Students will be transported by bus from Woodland Park at 8:50 a.m. and will return by 11:00 a.m.

This program includes all Grade 8 students, to will help establish a positive momentum that will lead into their Grade 9 year. As part of our Student Success initiative, it is expected that all grade 8 students will participate - alternative programming will not be provided.

On **Wednesday December 2nd**, Jacob Hespeler will be hosting a Parents Information Night at 7:00 p.m. in their cafetorium. The purpose of this evening is to inform parents about the transition to secondary school process and to address parents' questions and concerns. A tour of the facility for both students and parents will follow the presentation.

On **Thursday January 7th**, Woodland Park will be hosting a Parents Information Night at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. This session will further detail the student transition process from grade 8 to 9. To limit the number of nights out of the house, we will also hold our Camp Information meeting on this evening.

The Waterloo Region District School Board has several specialized high school programs available. These programs are called Magnet Programs and are offered at several schools throughout our Region. Acceptance into these programs will be based on completion of an application package. Listed below are the specialized programs, along with the dates of the Parent Nights:

Arts Program at Eastwood Collegiate – **December 2nd at 6:30 p.m.**

International Baccalaureate Program at Glenview Park – **November 18th at 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

Fast Forward Program at Jacob Hespeler – **December 2nd at 6:00 p.m.**

Take note that there is no board transportation offered to students that are accepted into these programs.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Martin, Guidance Counsellor at 519-654-9402.

Sincerely,

Mr. Paul Schlegel,
Principal

Mr. Craig McLeman
Vice Principal