

Dear Parents,

We are excited to be welcoming over 1330 new and returning students to Gleneagle Secondary for the 2015-16 school year. During the last week before school officially started our office staff and student services team registered close to 150 new registrations to the Coquitlam school district.

Our district is currently switching the software program used by schools for our daily operations. Secondary schools, included ourselves, initiated this new software transition at the end of August. Our first impression of this new system (MyEdBC) is very positive; however, with all major transitions in operation we are experiencing our "implementation dip". We, as a staff, are working together and with our district to accelerate our skills and knowledge with this new system as quickly as possible.

We are aware that given the elevated number of new registrations compounded with the learning curve associated with this new system, we are experiencing a delay to the scheduling process for some student timetables. In this first week of school our student services team has every intention to maximize the number of students they can meet with to address timetable issues. The priorities for timetable concerns will be:

Incomplete timetables
Missing graduation requirements
Missing post-secondary admission requirements
Summer school completion

Over the summer we had a significant number of teacher and support staff vacancies filled by new and newly returning Coquitlam staff members. We are very pleased to be welcoming the following people to our 2015-16 roster:

Mr. Jason Bingley, Business
Ms. Katherine Chung, Science
Ms. Kimberly Coventry, EA
Mr. Curt Dewolff, Science / Student Services
Ms. Gina Duarte, Counselling (P-Z)
Ms. Valerie Eaton, library assistant
Ms. Veronica Gil, Spanish / Planning (covering Kathryn Kurylo maternity)
Mr. David Gilbar, English / Art
Ms. Jillian Gray, EA
Ms. Maria Grega, Business / EAL
Mr. Brian Hunter, EAL
Ms. Kate Jones, Library / DL support
Ms. Kathryn Kurylo, Spanish / Planning
Mr. Adam Miller, English
Ms. Oksana Ostrozhynska, EA
Ms. April Quinto, Student Services
Ms. Shantha Sabapathipillai, receptionist
Mr. David Salisbury-Roswell, Science / Math / Student Services (covering Heidi Upton maternity)
Mr. Paul Sather, Business / Foods
Ms. Heidi Upton, Science / Math / Student Services
Ms. Rachel Vaessen, Socials / Student Services / LIF
Ms. Selina Van Hemmen, office secretary II
Ms. Tessa Voykin, Science
Ms. Helen Xue, Mandarin/EAL

Thank You,

Ken Cober
Principal, Gleneagle Secondary