

Principal's Update: September 8th, 2020

An email was sent to students and parents today indicating their Advisory and Room Location for the safety orientation on Sept. 10th or Sept. 11th.

We are excited to have your child return to school and we would like to share some information for the Sept 10 and Sept 11 Orientation days. Your child will be meeting in their Advisory group and the purpose of this meeting will be to go over the Safety Orientation, distribute course schedules, and provide other important start up information pertinent to their grade. It is important that your child attends the orientation day. All students with **LAST NAMES (A-J)** will be meeting on Thursday Sept 10 and all students with **LAST NAMES (K-Z)** will be meeting on Friday Sept 11.

*Advisory lists and room numbers will also be posted outside near all entrances.

Here is a link to some of the info that will be covered: <https://sway.office.com/WqIkJrdQBIOA9PSB?ref=Link>

WE ARE KODIAKS t-shirts:

Grade 9 students will receive a *We Are Kodiaks* t-shirt in their Advisory. Every student in the school has one and we want to welcome the Grade 9s into our family. It is very cool to see many kids wearing these shirts each day!

*New students not in Grade 9 can email me and I will arrange to get them one too 😊

Student Schedules:

As indicated in previous communications, Grade 12s received their tentative schedules early. Adjustments are being made where possible and they will receive their final schedules on Sept 10th or 11th.

Grade 9-11 students will not receive their final schedules until they attend their Advisory class Thursday or Friday.

*Students with access to the Portal (does not include Gr 9s or new students) may view tentative schedules, **but please do not email counselors about these as they are not final.**

**When timetables were initially built and balanced, we anticipated being on our usual semester system. Now that we have changed to a Quarter system and are running blocks 2/4 and 3/5 together, the schedules are not balanced in the same way (academics and electives). Counselors are still doing the best they can to balance schedules before Thursday.

It was great to reunite with staff today and I am so looking forward to seeing all of our students again later in the week!

Take care,
Todd Clerkson
Principal
HWSS