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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that the start of the school year has been smooth for you and your children. September is the month where we all get very busy after a long summer break and it is fun to be back working for your children. We have really enjoyed welcoming our new students and seeing the smiling faces of our returning students.

Here are a few "short and sweet" pieces of info for you to keep you up to speed with upcoming events:

- **Students in Classes:** Students are now in their core classes and explorations classes have just started. Thanks for your patience. This year has been a bit more challenging as we have had to juggle our organization to accommodate the increase in our enrollment and keep the class size and composition regulations in balance. As a result, we were given additional staffing for an extra Gr. 6/7 division and spent the last week creating this division and adjusting the explorations classes. Enrollment is roughly 630 students.
- **Forms and Fees:** Look out for detailed information that will come home with your child regarding completing important forms and details on how to pay for school fees. Stay tuned.
- **Open House September 22th (this Wednesday):** please join us this Wednesday for our Open House from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Due to covid restrictions this meeting will take place by Zoom.
- A separate email will be sent with the instructions on how to join the Zoom meeting.
- **School Photos – September 22nd:** Students will have their photos taken on September 22nd. Your children have already received an order form from their core teachers. If you would like to purchase a package, please complete the form with payment and return it to your child's core teacher by Wednesday morning.
- **Band, Clubs and Athletics:** We will be slowly starting up these programs in October and will send out information to you in the coming weeks.
- **Pro- D Day:** The first Pro-D Day is this Friday, **September 24th**. There is no school for students. The staff will be involved in workshops, setting goals for the coming school year and preparing for our literacy assessments for students.
- **Truth and Reconciliation National Holiday: September 30th:** A reminder that this new holiday is next Thursday, September 30th and schools are closed for the observance of those impacted by the residential school system.

Please be on the lookout on our school website and through e-mail for newsletters and occasional updates.

We wish you all a wonderful September. Thanks in advance for your support of our efforts to provide a safe and caring learning environment for your children. A positive and mutually respectful partnership between home and school goes a long way towards a student's success.

Take care,

Andrew Graham
Principal

Ian Robertson
Vice- Principal