Grade 9 Message August 29th.

Hello Gr. 9 parents!

Your kids were fabulous today!

Students toured the building, and the community amenities around Centennial, met in or outside their homeroom location, learned about clubs, teams and classes, were assigned a locker and did a whole bunch more (including eating pizza)!

Each student received a package to take home, which included their timetable, a fee statement, a photo order package, and, if it was necessary, a letter describing documentation which was missing from their student file, and which is required by the district for audit purposes.

Homeroom for Grade 9 is at 10am on Tuesday, September 3rd. If at all possible, please have Grade 9 students bring in fee payments, a completed photo order form if you wish to purchase a package, a copy of the Emergency Release Form that you completed online, changes to residence information or contact information, and any documents fulfilling the missing documentation obligation.

Changes to your child’s schedule will be a near impossibility right now, as we are at capacity at Gr. 9. Priority will be given to senior students as they attempt to accrue grad credits and entrance to post- secondary institutions.

In Homeroom on Tuesday, each student will receive their agenda book, and a Survival guide. Every Gr. 9 student will have to have their picture taken after homeroom, in the courtyard, regardless of whether they are purchasing a package or not. This photo will serve as their Library Card/Go Card photo and will be the photo which appears in the Yearbook.

Fees Explanation:

A complete explanation of fees is on pages 24-25 of the student agenda, but in short, the Student Activity Fee is a fee charged by all high schools in the district and allowed by the Ministry to offset the cost of the agenda books, student leadership activities (like the Gr. 9 orientation), clubs, cultural events, assembly speakers, and other school whole activities like, intramurals etc.

You may see the word “optional” next to some items. If that item is a course, then the fee is usually related to the extension of learning outcomes, like field trips in PE, better extra special wood for a project in tech ed. etc. It is easier to collect this money up front all at once, instead of nickel and diming people all year long. Each course with an optional fee will have a reason for the additional fee explained to you in the course outline. If you choose not to pay the fee, then your child will still meet the learning outcomes of the course, but will not go on enriching field trip, or use the special project materials to enhance their project.

And as a reminder, if you have not yet done so, please fill out the school policies form on our public website. Get to it by clicking on the “parent eforms” button, and then scroll down and click on the School Policies button.

Thanks for your cooperation, and we look forward to working with your kids this year.