

## Start-Up September 2016

Here are some reminders as well as some new information:

### Tuesday Sept. 6th:

- 9-10 AM (Gr 12s attend)
- 10-11 AM (Gr 11s attend)
- 11 AM-12 PM (Gr 10s attend)

\*Gr 10-12s will report to their Advisory class for attendance and to collect information packages. They will then have their photos taken in the gym (Advisory lists will be posted on the outside of the office windows).

### **\*\*Grade 9s will attend from 10 AM-1:00PM**

Grade 9 students will start in the theater where they will receive an orientation and participate in a group activity with a panel of Grade 12 students. They will then go to their Advisory classes and participate in small group activities led by student mentors. Following this, they will be treated to a BBQ and have their photos taken.

\*\*\*Students will be bringing home a package of materials to be completed and returned. Please assist us by returning the needed information and fees by Friday Sept. 9th.

For the remainder of the week we will be operating on a custom bell schedule. This allows us to have an Advisory class every day for attendance and to collect fees and forms.

<u>Wednesday:</u>	<u>Thursday &amp; Friday:</u>
8:40 Warning Bell	8:40 Warning Bell
8:45-9:58 Period 1	8:45-9:58 Period 1
10:03-10:33 Advisory	10:03-10:23 Advisory
10:38-11:51 Period 2	10:28-11:41 Period 2
11:51-12:31 Lunch	11:41-12:31 Lunch
12:36-1:49 Period 4	12:36-1:49 Period 4
1:54-3:07 Period 5	1:54-3:07 Period 5

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### Lockers:

Typically, schools distribute lockers in Advisory and it is completely random. We are using an on-line system which gives kids some choice, but it is not meant to be a competition! They are only lockers! In fact, many kids choose not to use lockers and we encourage those students not to select one if they aren't going to use it.

The locker assignment program will be functional next week (Aug. 29-Sept. 02). It can be accessed via this link: <http://heritagewoods.lockerassignment.com/>

- Grade 11 and 12 locker assignment begins on August 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.
- Grade 9 and 10 locker assignment begins on August 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m.
- Students who do not select lockers on these dates will be able to do so later.

\*Specific instructions have been sent in a separate email and are posted on the website.

**\*\*Timetables/Course Changes\*\*** PLEASE READ CAREFULLY! We have received a number of requests to change courses already and timetables haven't even been issued?!

Students will receive their timetables in Advisory on the first day of school. Some may be incomplete or require changes. It is important to note that the school is very full; consequently, classes are very full and adjusting student timetables is extremely difficult. The process for course change requests will be as follows:

- Tuesday, Sept 6th: Grade 12s and students without any courses in their timetable only
- Wednesday, Sept. 7th: Grade 9 students with incomplete schedules only
- Thursday, Sept. 8/Friday, Sept. 9th: Other Changes

**\*\*We will not be entertaining requests related to friendships or teacher requests. There isn't the flexibility within the timetable to accommodate this.**

**\*\*All students are expected to take 8 courses (+ Grad Transitions for Gr 12s).**

### **New Honour Roll Criteria:**

Historically, Heritage Woods has used GPA to determine Honour Roll which is quite confusing since we do not use GPA for any other purpose. Moving forward the following criteria will be used to determine Honour Roll:

### **HONOURS STANDING ON TRANSCRIPTS**

In order to be eligible for the Heritage Woods Honour Roll (including being eligible for Honours with Distinction status), students must complete a minimum of 8 courses at Heritage Woods in a given school year.

\*Exceptions:

- One of the 8 courses can be an on-line course if it is taken through Coquitlam Open Learning
- Students taking a reduced load due to enrolment in a Resource block or medical reasons may be eligible for Honour Roll
- Epic students must take at least 6 courses at Heritage Woods to be eligible for Honour Roll (all 6 courses will be counted).

Honour Roll:

Grades 9-12: Must achieve at least a 'B' letter grade in top 7 of 8 courses.

\*Grade 12s must complete 8 courses plus Grad Transitions.

Honours with Distinction:

Grades 9-12: Must achieve an 'A' letter grade in top 7 of 8 courses.

\*Grade 12s must complete 8 courses plus Grad Transitions.

**\*\*Honour Cord:** Will be presented at Commencement to Grade 12s who achieve Honours with Distinction in their Grade 12 year.

Super "G": Must receive a 'G' work habit in every class.

\*Honour Roll and 'Super G' will be calculated from the first semester final report card and the mid-term formal report card from second semester.

Looking forward to seeing the halls full with kids again!

Thanks for your support.

Todd Clerkson

Principal