High School 101 For Parents

Student Council

• Grade 9 elections will be held in September

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- A great way to get involved
- Organize student based school events
 - Spirit weeks
 - Relay for Life
 - School dances

Math - Welcome to Grade 9!

Key to Success:



- Positive attitude & confidence!
- Best way to support your child is to discuss the importance of mathematics



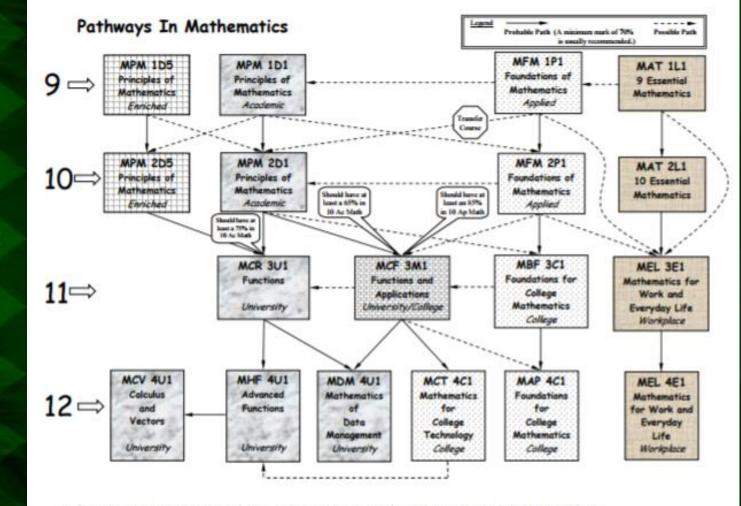
• Ensure your child has time and a place to complete his/her homework

Extra Help:

- Available during lunch time and/or after school
- Students should consult their teacher for days/hours

Pathways:

- Whether your child is starting in Academic or Applied, there are pathways to get to Grade 12 Workplace, College, or University level courses.
- Usual 'crossover' grade is 11 (MCF3M1)



- To graduate, a student must have at least 3 credits in mathematics, with one of the credits at the grade 11 or 12 level.
- MEL3E1 and MEL4E1 may be taken in either order.

Math - Classes

Laptops/Devices:

- Should be brought each day
- Classroom resources and homework
 - using Moodle or Google Classroom (or other)
- Online graphing programs, various online activities including data collection
- All work must be done using their 'GAPPS' account: student#@gapps.yrdsb.ca
- Access marks through Teach Assist: ta.yrdsb.ca

Scientific Calculators:

- Mandatory to bring to class every day.
- Please look at the specs! Avoid graphing calculators and ones that denotes "Write View", "Natural Display", "Natural Textbook"

Other:

• Pencils, erasers, paper, binder, ruler.



Math - Grade 9 EQAO

Semester 1:

• January 17/18, 2018

Semester 2:

• June 12/13, 2018

Education Quality and Accountability Office



Visit <u>www.eqao.com</u> to see old tests.

The test counts for 5% of the student's final Grade 9 math mark.

Parents will receive the results of the test in the fall of 2018.

Math - Grade 9 Contests

• Allows students to develop their mathematical problem solving ability.

Canadian Intermediate:

- Based on curriculum up to and including Grade 10.
- November 22, 2017

Pascal:



- Rather than testing curriculum content, this tests logical thinking and problem solving - multiple choice
- February 27, 2018

Fryer:

- Rather than testing curriculum content, this tests logical thinking and problem solving written mathematical activities
- April 12, 2018

Contests are paid for through <u>yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com</u>. Students should listen to announcements for sign up dates.

Literacy

- The OSSLT (Literacy Test)
- Students will write the test in the spring of their Grade 10 year
- In Grades 9 and 10 we will focus on literacy through different subject areas
 - Reading Skills
 - understanding explicitly (directly) stated ideas and information;
 - understanding implicitly (indirectly) stated ideas and information
 - making connections between information and ideas in a reading selection and personal knowledge and experience.
 - Writing Skills

Athletics

- Uniforms T-shirt, shorts, non-marking running shoes
 - mandatory each day; have backup in locker
- Activities skills driven; activity based
- Extra-curricular Ryan Sherwood (athletic designate)
 - 3 seasons for sports fall, winter, spring
 - Some varsity, some jr / sr, some don't have tryouts

Experiential Learning

- Available to students in grades 11 & 12
- Offered through the cooperative education department
- Offered as a 2 credit (half day) program or a 4 credit (full day) program
- A great way to "test drive" a career or an apprenticeship

Special Education Resource Teacher

- Individual Education Plan (IEP)
 - Within first two weeks **Consultation Form**
 - Sent home 3rd week of October



- Works with teachers to provide programming & assessment supports
- Setup check-ins weekly, bi-weekly depending on need of support
- Provides students with opportunities for extra support
- SEA Computer support
- Key Communication between yourselves, teachers and student

Learning Strategies Course

- Taught by Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT)
 - First semester course
 - In most cases, teacher is their SERT for the entire year



- Curriculum
 - Self Discovery Individual Education Plan (IEP), Learning Style, Learning Skills
 - Self Advocating increase independence, knowing when/how to get needs met
 - Organization, Memory, Time Management, Study Skills, Literacy and Numeracy Skills
 - Once / week homework and organization period



Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns,

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The Learning Commons

Inclusive space: read, work, meet, recharge, collaborate --libraries within it

24/7 digital space - search, research, create, collaborate

- databases, online encyclopediae, eBooks

Grade Nine Commons Orientation- resources available & information literacy

Quiet Zone and Hub of Activity -- mobile makerspace

Study Skills Sessions

White Pines Book Club

Student Success

- The Roost across from the cafeteria
- Staffed by our student success teacher and a child & youth worker
- A safe place to be
- A place to get help with assignments
- Snacks available

Guidance

- Role of guidance
- Staying informed website, Facebook (Mulock Guidance Info), Twitter (@mulockguidance), weekly e-bulletin, Moodle, Teach Assist, announcements
- Making an appointment
- Confidentiality
- Important Dates

School Policies

Administration Team

Principal - Carmen Spiteri-Johnson Vice Principals - David Cashmore (A-L) Georgia Clifford (M-Z)



- YRDSB Guide to the School Year for Parents/Students 2017-2018
- Mulock Guidelines
- Safe & Caring Schools Policy/Procedure & Grade Assemblies

