

# High School 101 For Parents

# Student Council

- Grade 9 elections will be held in September
- A great way to get involved
- Organize student - based school events
  - Spirit weeks
  - Relay for Life
  - School dances



GET  
INVOLVED

# 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)





# 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](mailto:student#@gapps.yrdsb.ca)
- Access marks through Teach Assist: [ta.yrdsb.ca](mailto: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

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.

Education Quality and  
Accountability Office



Visit [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com)  
to see old tests.

# 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 [yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com](http://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com).  
Students should listen to announcements for sign up dates.



The CENTRE for EDUCATION  
in MATHEMATICS and COMPUTING

[www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/  
contests](http://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/contests)

Visit this site for practice contests.

# 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

## SERT



- 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



Independence

Self  
Advocacy

Success

**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

- SWMSS Assessment, Evaluation and Communication of Student Learning
- Follow Sir William Mulock SS on twitter  
**@SWMSS\_Ravens**

