



Golden Gate Middle School

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Dear Grade 8 Parents/Guardians,

As we are in the homestretch of the school year with 8 weeks remaining, I wanted to let you know some of the things that will be happening for our grade 8's.

As we prepare our students for the transition to High School, we will be having Student Services from Sturgeon Heights do a presentation. Regardless of the school our students attend, the content covered is much the same. This will take place at Golden Gate for our students on May 24th.

- **How the credit system works/required credits**
- **How to change your timetable**
- **What does every day look like?**
- **How will I find my way around the school?**
- **What do Guidance Counsellors in High School do?**
- **What do Resource Teachers in High School do?**
- **Homework Club and extra help**
- **What activities can I get involved in?**
- **Where do I eat lunch?**
- **What if students are bothering/bullying me? Being an advocate for yourself**
- **Using my cell phone responsibly**
- **Making good choices**

All our Grade 8's will be attending their High School as part of our Divisional Transition Day on Friday, June 16th. The afternoon at the high schools will be from 1:30-2:30 pm. Field trip forms will be going home and need to be returned promptly.

On May 30th all our Grade 8's will be going to the Musical held at Sturgeon Heights. All students will need to have a bag lunch as we will be doing attendance at 12:20 and departing shortly thereafter walking to the school. There is a fee however the school will cover this cost. Field trip forms will be sent home.

Our Grade 8 Farewell will take place on Tuesday, June 20th. We will be doing a pizza luncheon and we will be going to Camp Manitou for our Year-End Field Trip. A field trip form and a Camp Manitou Waiver and Release form will be sent home. There will be a cost associated with this activity of \$10.00.

On May 9th and 15th our grade 8 students will participate in career exploration lessons with the Guidance counsellor, Ms. Dirks. They will have the chance to reflect on their own strengths and interests and how this can inform their education and career plans. Hopefully these lessons will help spark some conversations at home about your child's

interests and goals for the future! Feel free to contact Ms. Dirks if you have any questions.

This is a good opportunity to do a check in to ensure your child's assignments are up to date and submitted to the teachers. If there are any outstanding assignments they should have a plan in getting them done and handed in to be assessed for the final reporting period.

We want to enjoy our last hoorah with our grade 8's. They have grown leaps and bounds over the course of their three years with us, and this is very encouraging, and we are feeling good about their transition to high school. We want to continue to maintain our focus on learning and finish the year off strong in wanting a positive carryover to the next school year. Thank you for your ongoing support. Let us have a great end to the school year.

Yours respectfully,

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