



SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Churchill Grade 8 students:

We are really looking forward to meeting you at school next week! As your Vice Principal, I feel it is important that you receive extra information about your journey into high school, as many changes from elementary school are ahead.

Firstly, you must know that the teachers, administration, and support staff are here to support you. It is normal to feel a little anxious about attending a large school such as Churchill, but we are prepared with senior students and staff to guide you on your first day. Here are some guidelines we would like you to follow on Sept. 6th:

- Please come to the south field, beside our large beautiful mural by 12:00pm.
- If you have not accessed your schedule in MyEd, look for your name on the lists posted on the walls by the mural pillars. Names will be posted alphabetically. Beside your name there will be a name of your Block 1.1 teacher.
- Once you know your 1.1 teacher, find them on the south field. They will be standing with a sign showing their last name, and they will be arranged alphabetically on the field.
- While you are waiting for the rest of your class to arrive, talk to other students in your class, and see if you can find someone who had a similar experience to you this summer. (ie. Camping, working part-time, family vacation, etc) Do not wander away from your teacher's spot!
- You will go with your teacher and a student leader to receive important items in class. Therefore, please bring a backpack so that these items are not misplaced. A water bottle is also a good idea, but please make sure it has a secure lid.
- Once you have finished in your classroom, you will proceed to the auditorium for a short presentation, before being dismissed to go home.

Important dates in September to note as a new Churchill student:

Sept. 7th: First full day of classes! Bring: backpack, pen/pencil, water bottle with secure lid, agenda, and forms filled out by your parent or guardian. Please note that filling out these forms can be time-consuming for parents/guardians, so help out with dinner, dishes on Sept. 6th so they have time to do this!

Sept. 13th: Grade 8 Assembly during FIT (9:41 – 10:31) in the Auditorium. Please arrive promptly and have cell phones off during this assembly.

Sept. 22: Grade 8 Orientation 1:15 – 3:00 pm – this will be an interaction afternoon with your classmates, followed by a hot dog bbq. Bring your Churchill spirit!

Sept. 27: Parent Workshop 5:30 – 7:00pm – Parents/guardians are invited to come to Churchill to find out more about supporting their child in the high school transition. This is a workshop for parents/guardians only. An online invitation will be sent to families so that parents/guardians can reserve a spot.

Sept. 29: Orange Shirt Day – wear orange shirts!! This is an important day to wear orange to remember and recognize the impact of Residential Schools in Canada.

Sept. 30: National Truth and Reconciliation Day – this is a day when school is not in session.

Our time together will be busy, filled with learning, connection, and community. Enjoy the last days of your summer vacation, and we will see you soon.

Sincerely,

Hilary Watt
Vice Principal, Sir Winston Churchill Secondary