

August, 2017

Dear Parents, Guardians and Dwyer Students:

As September approaches, your thoughts may be moving from the end of summer vacation and toward the beginning of the new school year. Please note the enclosed information which I hope will assist you with your September school year "start-up".

- **Tuesday, September 5th** is the first day of classes.
- The school day begins at 8:15 a.m. and is over at 2:10 p.m.
- A regular schedule will be followed:

All grades should report to their period 1 homeroom class at 8:15 a.m. Grade 9 homeroom lists will be posted in the cafetorium Grade 10, 11 & 12 homeroom lists will be posted in the gymnasium

- ALL students are to be in proper and complete uniform on September 5th. Students who are not in proper school uniform are requested to have a note from a parent explaining the reason. *Any students who are out of proper dress code and are unable to provide a note of explanation may be sent home (once a parent has been contacted).* Black shoes are mandatory; students in <u>summer uniform</u> (McCarthy's walking shorts) may wear running shoes with socks. The grey dress slacks for male and female students, are to be purchased through R.J. McCarthy's only. McCarthy's also carry our mandatory golf shirts (white or navy blue, crested). Only plain white or navy T-shirts are to be worn under shirts. For your convenience, McCarthy's has a retail store at 700 Finley Ave., in Ajax.
- Following homeroom there are regular classes on the first day of school so please come prepared with pen/pencil and paper/notebooks. The teachers will provide information about specific supplies, which may be required for each class.
- Cafeteria services will be provided on the first day of school.
- You will receive your STUDENT AGENDA in homeroom. Please refer to the school calendar with important dates and events as well as the school code of conduct.
- "THE DEPOT" continues to present a problem. We do not supervise this area regularly and we strongly recommend that our students not loiter on plaza property.

We will continue to emphasize and enforce proper uniform, punctuality / attendance, and respectful behavior. We will be holding grade level assemblies during the first week of school to transmit this information to students. The highlights of this information include the following:

- There is absolutely no food or drink permitted in the hallways or classrooms. Food or drink may not be taken outside of the cafeteria.
- Students will be expected to be in complete uniform throughout the entire school day, <u>including</u> <u>the lunch hour</u>.
- Students will be expected to keep a copy of their timetable and student I.D. card in their School Agenda.
- Agendas should be taken to all classes. If a student loses their agenda, they must purchase an additional copy at a cost of \$5.00.
- Students will be required to produce their agenda in order to receive permission to leave class; teachers will sign the hall pass page and the students must take their agendas with them into the halls.
- Staff members on hall supervision will be responsible for clearing hallways, confiscating hats, checking hall passes, and ensuring proper behaviour.
- In order to prevent disruptions to classes, students are not permitted in the hallways during the lunch hours or spares, until the last 5 minutes of the period.
- Detentions, community service and suspensions will be the consequences of the above when not adhered to.
- Student parking passes will be issued in the Attendance Office at a cost of \$5.00

We ask for your co-operation in our endeavor to continue to be an excellent school.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer. I look forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,

Mrs. S. Duane Principal