

Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Dear Wildcat!

Welcome to **Widdifield Secondary School!** Summer holidays have been wonderful and we will be back to school soon. I am **Mrs. Alison Herst**, the principal of WSS, and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Widdifield. We have been working to ensure that our Grade 9 program is ready to go when you come through the doors on **Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.** You will be entering the best years of your life as a student. Academic success and well-being is our priority as a school and we have high expectations for all of our students. We are here to support you throughout your years at Widdifield. Activities such as theatre, dance, carnivals, the school bands, sports and the variety of clubs that are offered at the school will enhance your secondary school experience. **Get involved!** (a note that Varsity Football orientation camp begins August 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm on WSS field. Bring cleats and a water bottle)

To help you in your transition to high school, our student parliament leaders and our **LINK CREW** will be hosting an interactive **Grade 9 Orientation Day on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at Widdifield starting at 9:30a.m. in our theatre and ending at 12:30 p.m. with a BBQ in our court yard.** You will have the opportunity to get your schedule, tour the school with your Link Crew leader and ask any questions. Please bring your combination lock as you will find your locker and put your lock on if you choose. Transportation is your responsibility for this orientation session. Your parents and guardians are invited to attend a question and answer session at 9:40 a.m. in our conference room.

On the **first day of school Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>,** you will be entering the theatre for our opening Grade 9 assembly at **8:45 a.m.** and then heading off to class to begin your high school career! Your Link Crew leaders will be wearing their red Link Crew shirts so you can find them if you need help. **The first day back is a full school day.** Buses will leave the school at normal times. Ensure that you have your binders, paper, writing utensils and Phys. Ed equipment if required.

***A special note for parents/guardians:*** The school's **Parent Advisory Council** will be holding its first meeting on **Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.** in the Conference Room. It is a fact that students achieve better when their parents/guardians are involved in their education. This is an excellent way for you to make a difference in your child's life. Everyone is welcome! Please join us.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school. Widdifield is a caring and committed educational community. We are looking forward to seeing you in September.

Yours in Education,  
Alison Herst  
Principal Widdifield Secondary School