**Mentorship Grade 8 Welcome 2017**

Thank you helping to ensure that the grade 8s feel welcome and have an easy transition into high school. We are thrilled that you have decided to become a mentor and we look forward to an exciting learning year with you.

**SCHEDULE**

Wed., Aug. 30th, 2017

1. Meet in **Room 202 at 9:30am** to phone the grade 8 students and welcome them to the school.
2. Make welcome posters
3. Create schedule and decide on locations for tour.

Hints about what to say…

1. State your name, grade and role as a mentor
2. Offer a friendly and enthusiastic welcome to the school
3. Let them know Tuesday’s schedule (see below)
4. Let them know where they can find you in the school
5. Offer lot of positive encouragement, especially if they seem nervous!
6. Ask if they have any questions for you

Other Tidbits

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Tuesday Sept. 5th, 2017

**Gr. 11/12 Mentors/Senior Leaders**: come to Room 202 at 11:30 after division meeting

**Gr. 8 Welcome:** 12:30 – 2:00pm

1. We will be introducing you at the grade 8 assembly
2. You will be assigned a gr. 8 homeroom to connect with. Please go with them after the assembly, help out and start to make those positive connections with the grade 8s.
3. After the division meeting you will giving a tour of the school (see Ms. Byrne on Tuesday morning for maps) and ending the tour in the South Gym at 2:00pm

**Grade 8 assembly          12:30-12:50         North Gym**

**Division Meeting            1:00-1:30            Homeroom**

**Tour by Mentors            1:30-2:00             South Gym​**

Wednesday Sept. 6th, 2017

Instead of going to your own division meetings, we ask that mentors return to the gr. 8 homerooms they have been assigned so they can further connect with the grade 8s, help with lockers and anything else that might come up. We ask that you let your division teachers know where you are! (that’s the good communication piece 😊 )



**School Tours from 1:30-2:00pm. Bring students back to South Gym by 2:00pm:**

Here are the areas in the school that the mentors brainstormed last year that would be important to show the grade 8 students.

1. North Gyms
2. North Cafeteria
3. Student Services/Counselling
4. Turf field
5. 2 Offices
6. First Aid
7. Student Council Room
8. Library
9. South Gym
10. South Cafeteria

11.Connect/Homework Club Room

Please go to the grade 8 homeroom you are assigned and give them the tour starting at the number given. Don’t forget to take a map with you!

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| **Homeroom Teacher** | **Room** | **Start Tour Here (see above)** |
|  |  | **One** |
|  |  | **Two** |
|  |  | **Three** |
|  |  | **Four** |
|  |  | **Five** |
|  |  | **Six** |
|  |  | **Seven** |
|  |  | **Eight** |
|  |  | **Nine** |
|  |  | **Ten** |
|  |  | **Eleven** |

**The delicate balance of mentoring someone is not creating them in your own image, but giving them the opportunity to create themselves.**

**Steven Spielberg**