



Glebe Collegiate Institute

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Dear Grade 9 Glebite/Parent or Guardian:

Welcome to Glebe Collegiate Institute! You no doubt have had a great summer and are looking forward to a new experience at Glebe Collegiate Institute. We are looking forward to welcoming you! You are about to become part of a long tradition of excellence. We know that each of you comes with unique skills and abilities to share with us. We will grow in our experiences together. Through mutual respect and dedication, we will serve each other as we pursue our dreams and educational goals. Daily information is provided on our web site: www.glebe.ocdsb.ca

Orientation Day – August 31, 2017

Grade Nine Orientation Day is Thursday, August 31st from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Glebe's Link Crew will lead the grade nines in a variety of small and large group activities designed to help them meet new people and become more familiar with the school. They will get their lockers and locks that day.

Course Change Requests

Our Student Services team will continue to work hard to ensure that students have a complete timetable that will meet their learning needs and help them reach their academic goals! Adjustments needed due to summer school credit completion will be made as we receive results. Our timetable is constructed based on course requests made in the spring, and we have limited ability to make changes since many classes are full. If your student needs to request a change due to pathway (i.e. college / university), post-secondary admission requirements, or other important reason, requests can be submitted electronically as guidance counsellors will not be available to be booked for appointments. The Course Change Form **MUST** be completed with a parent or guardian, and is available on the Glebe Student Services Website at:

<https://sites.google.com/a/ocdsb.ca/glebe-student-services/>

Changes will be considered when possible, and will be dependent upon our master timetable and availability of space. Students are expected to attend all classes as originally scheduled until they receive a new timetable from their guidance counsellor. Course change requests will be accepted until **Friday, September 8, 2017**.

Lockers

Lockers will be assigned during orientation. The school will be providing combination locks to grade 9 students at this time. Students **must** use these school-issued locks. There will be a \$15 replacement fee for lost locks. Lockers should not be shared. Lockers that are bolted are reserved for school use.

Fees

Although voluntary on your part, the school enhancement fee of \$20 goes a long way in supporting interscholastic and intramural sports, special events and Students' Council activities. Please consider making this small donation to help make your child's year more enriching. Additionally, some courses may request voluntary enhancement fees. Your student will bring home more information during the first week of school. Information will also be posted on our website.

Student Planner

All students are encouraged to purchase their own planner. Planners are an excellent organizational and learning tool. Planning and being prepared for school are not an option; planning is expected of all students.

The first day of school, September 5th, is a full day from 8:50 am to 3:00 pm. We'll be working on a Day 1 schedule.

School Council

Our first School Council meeting will be on **Monday, September 11th** at 7:00 p.m. in the library. The School Council Executive will be elected at this time. Nominations by candidates can be made in person or in writing to steven.massey@ocdsb.ca. Everyone is welcome.

Administrative Comments

At Glebe, we take great pride in our positive, welcoming learning environment; consequently, any "Initiation Rituals" will not be tolerated. Any such acts should be reported immediately to Administration or a student mentor.

I am looking forward to welcoming you to Glebe and together with your teachers, your parents, and the rest of the Glebe staff, we are committed to making this next phase of your life a rewarding and positive experience as we ***Strive for the Heights*** together.

Sincerely yours,



Steve Massey
Principal

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