



Westwood Middle School



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**FAMILY HANDBOOK AND SCHOOL CALENDAR
2016-2017**

WESTWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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*Value of the Month:
Respect*

September 2016

**Knowledge will give you
power, but character will give
you respect.**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4	5	6 Day 1 First Day of School Forms to go home	7 Day 2	8 Day 3	9 Day 4 Return all forms to your teacher	10
11	12 Day 5 SPC Cards for sale	13 Day 6 SPC Cards for sale Harris- TUSC	14 Day 1 Welcome Back Assembly 10:45am SPC Cards for sale	15 Day 2 SPC Cards for sale	16 Day 3 SPC Cards for sale	17
18	19 Day 4	20 Day 5	21 Day 6	22 Day 1 Student Council Meeting 11:30am School Council Meeting 6:30pm	23 Day 2	24
25	26 Day 3 Photo Day	27 Day 4	28 Day 5	29 Day 6 6:30 pm Curriculum Night 7:30pm Grade 8 to 9 Transitions	30 Day 1 Terry Fox Day	Safe Arrival Call: 416-396-2480 if your child is absent

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From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Community Members,
It is with pride and joy that we present the

Westwood Handbook and School Calendar.

The handbook is filled with information about our school and this school year. We have included as many of the important school-related dates as were available at the time of printing. Look for updates in our weekly email communication, on our website or on our twitter feed.

We have included important information and school policies, which support the policies of the TDSB, and are in place at Westwood. We hope it gives you a great feeling of how our school operates.

You may wish to read through the handbook from 'cover to cover' since information is not specific to the month in which it appears.

We encourage you to discuss the contents with your child/ren and to contact the school with any questions that may arise as you read.

As always, our doors are open and you are made to feel welcome!

Respectfully,

Marc Sprack

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*Value of the Month:
Responsibility*

October 2016

It is not only what we do that we
are held responsible for, but also
for what we do not do.
Moliere

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Safe Arrival Call: 416-396-2480						1
2	3 Day 2	4 Day 3	5 Day 4	6 Day 5	7 PA Day	8
9	10 Thanksgiving Holiday	11 Day 6	12 Day 1	13 Day 2 Student Council Meeting 11:30am	14 Day 3	15
Waste Reduction Week / Bring Litterless Lunches						
16	17 Day 4	18 Day 5	19 Day 6	20 Day 1 School Council Meeting 6:30pm	21 Day 2	22
23	24 Day 3	25 Day 4	26 Day 5 7:00pm Annual Cabaret Gym A	27 Day 6	28 Day 1 School Assembly	29

High School Information Evenings run from mid-October to mid-January. Please visit your child's school(s) of choice for more specific information.

SCHOOL DAY AND OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
School Hours a.m.	8:40a.m.-11:29 a.m..
If you are not in your classroom at 8:55 a.m., you are late	
School Hours p.m.	12:20 p.m. to 3:03 p.m.
If you are not in your classroom at 12:29 p.m., you are late	
Remedial/work completion	3:03 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

NOTE: Teachers may ask students to remain after school to complete work, receive extra assistance or instruction, or to make up for poor use of time. **If students are going to be kept past 4:00 p.m. parents will be called.**

LATE ENTRY OR EARLY EXIT

Students who are **late** or leave early must sign in / out at the office so attendance records can be updated.

Students are considered late if they have not arrived in class by 8:55 a.m. or 12:29 p.m. They are to report to the office for a late slip before going to class. If lateness becomes an issue, consequences may include making up the time after school in our Resource Room (Room 5).

Please meet your child **at the office** if you are picking him/her up outside of regular exit times. While you sign your child out, the office will call the classroom and ask your child to meet you at the office.

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SAFE ARRIVAL

24-hour voice mail system 416-396-2480

Please call our **24-hour voice mail** system and leave a message **every time** your child will be **absent or late**.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

Please sign up to receive paperless communication directly to your email address.

- **Check out our website for further information on weekly student events:**

<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/westwoodms/>

September Package: On the first day of school, your child will bring home a package of forms - handouts explaining many of the procedures used for **Safe Arrival, Lunch Program, School Rules and Routines** and **Student Insurance**, as well as the **Westwood Calendar and Family Handbook**. **Many of the forms must be completed and returned to the school by Friday, September 9, 2016.**

Phone Calls: Parents may call our office at 416-396-2480 to arrange to speak with a teacher, the Principal or leave a message on our 24-hour voicemail system. Each staff member tries to ensure that calls are returned within a reasonable time frame.

*Value of the Month:
Empathy*

November 2016

Empathy is:
Seeing with the eyes of another,
Listening with the ears of another,
And feeling with the heart of another.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 Daylight Savings Time Ends – Turn clocks backwards 1 hour	31 Day 2	1 Day 3	2 Day 4	3 Day 5 Photo Retake Day	4 Day 6	5
6	7 Day 1	8 Day 2	9 Day 3	10 Day 4	11 Day 5 Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30am	12
13	14 Day 6 6A-Sheldon Valley	15 Day 1 Progress Reports go home 6A-Sheldon Valley	16 Day 2 6A-Sheldon Valley	17 Day 3 Student Council Meeting 11:30am Parent Teacher Interviews 4-8pm 6A-Sheldon Valley	18 PA Day Parent Teacher Interviews 9-12pm	19 Moustache Day
Anti –Bullying Awareness Week						
20	21 Day 4	22 Day 5	23 Day 6	24 Day 1 School Council Meeting 6:30pm	25 Day 2 School Assembly	26
27	28 Day 3 6C-Sheldon Valley	29 Day 4 6C-Sheldon Valley	30 Day 5 6C-Sheldon Valley	6C-Sheldon Valley		Safe Arrival Call: 416-396- 2480 if your child is absent

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAMME

The Ministry of Education mandated the Safe Arrival Policy / Programme in May 1999 for all school boards.

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) values the safety and security of its students. Every school in the TDSB must have a Safe Arrival Programme in place. Please read the following information and make sure your child is included in our **Safe Arrival Programme**.

Complete the Safe Arrival Form: Please complete and sign the form included in the September Package and return it to school **by the first Friday in September** to automatically enrol your children in the Safe Arrival Programme.

Ensure the School has Emergency Contact Information: Provide contacts that can be called in an emergency, and inform them about their potential involvement with the school. Please give the extension or department number for workplace numbers. **Please inform the school of any changes to your emergency contact information.**

Report Your Child's Absence: When your child is going to be absent, call the school at 416-396.2480 before 8:40 a.m. and leave a message in the 24-hour voicemail to report the absence.

If a child has been marked absent and an explanation from a parent/guardian has not been received, the **Automated System** will begin to cycle through calls to all contacts listed for the student. Once the system begins its cycle of calls, we are unable to stop it. If you do not wish to receive these calls, ***please contact the office prior to 9am for morning absences/lates and prior to 12:15pm for afternoon absences/lates.***

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**SAFE ARRIVAL
CAN BE ACCESSED
24 HOURS A DAY
AT
416-396-2480**

Parents/Guardians are responsible for their children's safety. Safe Arrival Programmes are a mechanism that parents and schools can use to account for any pupil's unexplained failure to arrive at school.
Toronto District School Board

***The safety of our students is very important.
Please make sure your child is protected.***

***Complete the Safe Arrival form and return it to your child's teacher
as soon as possible.***

NUT SAFE POLICY

Due to the number of students with nut allergies who attend Westwood, we have designated our school

Nut Safe... No nuts please!

PLEASE do not send to school any foods that contain peanuts, other nuts, nut products or nut by-products. This applies to food sent for lunches, snacks or classroom treats.

If your child has an anaphylactic allergy, they are required to have two Epi-pens at school-one in the classroom and one in the office. Parents must complete related medical forms which are available in the office.

*Value of the Month:
Kindness & Caring*

December 2016

*Be kind to everyone;
including yourself*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Day 6 6C-Sheldon Valley	2 PA Day	3
4	5 Day 1	6 Day 2	7 Day 3	8 Day 4 Holiday Concert 6pm Gym A	9 Day 5	10
11	12 Day 6 Grade 6 Locker Clean Out	13 Day 1 Grade 7 & 8 Locker Clean Out	14 Day 2	15 Day 3 Student Council Meeting 11:30am	16 Day 4 School Assembly	17 Safe Arrival Call: 416-396-2480 if your child is absent
		Random Acts of Kindness Week			School Council Meeting 6:30pm	
18	19 Day 5	20 Day 6	21 Day 1	22 Day 2	23 Day 3	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Winter Break				

WESTWOOD M.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council is a collaborative place where parents, students, staff, and administration of Westwood work together for the improvement of the Westwood School Community. Council meetings provide an opportunity to share information and ideas. Working together we develop plans and strategies to strengthen current programs and develop new activities at the school.

Our council meetings are usually held the third Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. All parents and guardians of Westwood students are invited to join us. You can join us for our meetings each month, or drop in when you are free.

If you are not able to attend our regular meetings, or would like more information between meetings join our email information list. Send us a message at **westwoodschoolcouncil@gmail.com** Include your child's name and core class and you will be added to our contact list. Your email will not be shared or distributed to others on the list.

WESTWOOD M.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL STRUCTURE

Principal- chairs school improvement committee. Educates, listens and responds to school council advice

Chair (s)—chairs and organizes meetings, sets agendas with principal, supports committees, represents parents at ward and school functions (e.g., Grade 8 graduation)

Treasurer - accounts for parent raised funds; the council through a democratic voting system makes monetary decisions

Teacher – represents the teachers and liaises with parents regarding general teacher activities

Secretary - takes minutes of meetings and sends to website and posts on Bulletin Board

Students- *will have own council and liaise with school council.*

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*Value of the Month:
Teamwork*

January 2017

Unity is strength. When there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.
Mattie J.TI Stepanek

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 Winter Break	5	6	7
8	9 Day 4 Return to School	10 Day 5	11 Day 6	12 Day 1	13 Day 2	14
15	16 Day 3	17 Day 4	18 Day 5 6:30pm Open House for Grade 5's Gym A	19 Day 6	20 PA Day	21 Safe Arrival Call: 416-396- 2480 if your child is absent
22	23 Day 1 Sarai- TUSC	24 Day 2	25 Day 3 6D & 6EF-Sheldon Valley	26 Day 4 Student Council Meeting 11:30am 6D & 6EF-Sheldon Valley School Council Meeting 6:30pm	27 Day 5 School Assembly 6D & 6EF-Sheldon Valley High School Optional Attendance Forms Due	28
29	30 Day 6	31 Day 1				

Staff	Grade/Core/Rotary	Assignment
Ms. Tidgwell, Rm 22	6A and 6C	6A Core, 6C Core
Ms. Gudov, Rm 26	6B and 6E	6B Core, 6E Eng, Math
Ms. Dharsee, Rm 27	6D Gifted	6D Core, 6ABC Art, BCD Study Group
Ms. Santin, Rm 9	6/7 HSP and 6/7 Core French	6/7 HSP (AM) and 6C, 7BC Core French (PM)
Mr. Paul, Rm 2	6/7/8 B	Self Contained MID
Ms. Berry, Rm 7	6E and 6 Core French	6X French + 6ABD Core French + 6 AX Group Study
Mr. Graber, Rm 8	7A and 7C	7A Core, 7C Core
Ms. Fay, Rm 28	7B and 7D	7B Core and 7D Core
Ms. Radoykova, Rm 24	7/8 HSP and Art	7/8 HSP and 7 ABCD, 8 ABD Art
Mr. Harris, Rm 3	7/8 E Gifted and PE	7/8 E and 7/8 F, 6D, health and PE
Ms. Groat, Rm 4	7/8 F Gifted and Art	7/8F and 7/8 E Art and 7 ABD Drama/Dance
Ms. Biederman, Rm 10	DT/Science	7ABCD+ 7/8EF, 6D DT/Science and 7C DD
Ms. Pantioras, Rm 11	8A Core, DT/ Science	8A Core, 8 ABCD DT/Science + 2 MID
Mr. Huebel, Rm 1	8B Core, DT/Science	8B Core and 6ABCX DT/Science
Ms. Sarai, Learning Commons	8C and Library	8C and Library
Ms. Papageorgiou, Rm 23	8D, ESL	8D Core, ESL
Mr. McIntyre, Rm 6	8 Math, DD	8 ABCD + 6 ABC Drama Dance
Ms. Arruda, Rm 25 (am)	Grade 7 Core French	7 AD Core French, 7ABCD, 7/8 F Group Study
Ms. Berardelli, Rm 20	Grade 7 & 8 Core French	8 ABCD + 7/8 EF Core French
Mr. Houzer, Gym B	Grade 6 & 7 Phys. Ed.	6 ABCX + 7 AB + 6 ABCX + 7AB Health
Mr. Dwyer, Gym A	Grade 7 & 8 Phys. Ed.	7C/7D PE & 8A/8B/8C/8D PE
Mr. Grieco, Music Room	Grade 6, 7 & 8 Music	Music to all classes
Ms. Tzakas, Ms. Carreiro, Office	Office	Office Administrator/Secretary
Ms. Bliangas, Ms. Peters, Ms. Milne	Grade 6/7/8	Educational Assistants
Mr. Daniele, Guidance Room	Grade 6/7/8	Guidance Counsellor
Ms. Geekie, Ms. Hamir, Ms. Carreiro, Ms. Kapadia	Grade 6/7/8	Lunchroom Supervisors
Mr. MacDonald	School & Grounds	Caretaker
Mrs. Kim, Office, Resource & MART	Office	Vice Principal
Mr. Sprack	Office	Principal

*Value of the Month:
Fairness*

February 2017

Fairness does not mean everyone gets the same. Fairness means everyone gets what they need.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
African Heritage Month and Healthy Heart Month			1 Day 2	2 Day 3 Ground Hog Day Fay- TUSC	3 Day 4 Fay- TUSC	4
5	6 Day 5	7 Day 6	8 Day 1	9 Day 2	10 Day 3 Grade 8 Grad Photos High School Optional Attendance Decisions Rendered	11
12	13 Day 4 6B-Sheldon Valley	14 Day 5 Term 1 Report Cards go home Valentine's Day 6B-Sheldon Valley	15 Day 6 National Flag Day 6B-Sheldon Valley	16 Day 1 6B-Sheldon Valley Parent Teacher Interviews 4-8pm	17 PA Day Parent Teacher Interviews 9-12pm	18 Safe Arrival Call: 416-396-2480 if your child is absent
19	20 Family Day Holiday	21 Day 2	22 Day 3	23 Day 4 School Council Meeting 6:30pm	24 Day 5 High School Course Selection Sheets Due to Guidance	25
26	27 Day 6	28 Day 1				

WESTWOOD CODE OF CONDUCT

Westwood is committed to providing a healthy learning and working environment by promoting respect, civility, safety, responsible citizenship and academic excellence. A positive school climate exists when all members of the school community feel safe, comfortable and accepted.

The Westwood Code of Conduct is developed in accordance with the Toronto District School Board's Code of Conduct, the Board's policies and operational procedures, the *Education Act* and the Provincial Code of Conduct (*Policy/Program Memorandum No. 128: The Provincial Code of Conduct and School Board Codes of Conduct*). The Westwood Code of Conduct also reflects the values and expectations of the Westwood community.

The standards of behaviour outlined in the Westwood Code of Conduct shall apply to all members of the school community, including students, parents and guardians, teachers and other school staff, Board members, volunteers and visitors:

- on school property;
- while traveling on a school bus that is owned by the Board or that is under contract to the Board;
- in-school sports activities;
- in off-site school-sponsored activities; or
- in circumstances where engaging in an activity will have an impact on the school climate

STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR

All members of the school community are expected to:

- respect and comply with all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws;
- demonstrate honesty and integrity;
- respect differences in people, their ideas and opinions;
- treat one and other with dignity and respect at all times, and especially when there is a disagreement;
- respect and treat others fairly, regardless of their race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, gender, gender identity, family status, marital status, sexual orientation, creed (faith), socio-economic status, same sex partnership status, age or disability;
- respect the rights of others;
- show proper care and regard for school property and the property of others;
- take appropriate measures to help those in need;
- respect persons who are in a position of authority;
- respect the need of others to work in an environment of learning and teaching.

*Value of the Month:
Honesty*

March 2017

*Tell a lie once and all your
truths become questionable.*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Day 2 Grade 7 & 8 Locker Clean Out	2 Day 3 Grade 6 Locker Clean Out	3 Day 4	4
5	6 Day 5	7 Day 6	8 Day 1	9 Day 2	10 Day 3	11
12 Daylight Savings Time Begins – Turn clocks forward 1 hour	13	14	15	16	17	18
March Break						
19 Safe Arrival Call: 416-396- 2480 if your child is absent	20 Day 4	21 Day 5	22 Day 6	23 Day 1 Student Council Meeting 11:30am School Council Meeting 6:30pm	24 Day 2	25 Earth Hour 8:30-9:30pm
26	27 Day 3	28 Day 4	29 Day 5	30 Day 6	31 Day 1	

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WESTWOOD CODE OF CONDUCT continued...

PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE

When students breach the code of conduct, consequences will be consistent with progressive discipline techniques. Progressive discipline is a whole-school approach that uses a continuum of interventions, supports, and consequences to address inappropriate student behaviour and to build on strategies that promote positive behaviours. When inappropriate behaviour occurs, disciplinary measures will be applied within a framework that shifts the focus from one that is solely punitive to one that is both corrective and supportive. At Westwood we use a range of interventions, supports, and consequences that include learning opportunities for reinforcing positive behaviour while helping students to make good choices

INTERVENTIONS (in no particular order) may include:

- Discussion with a teacher, member of the support staff, vice-principal or principal
- Attendance / performance/ behaviour contracts
- Time Out
- Reflection Sheet
- Parental contact and involvement in applying an appropriate remedy
- Loss of privilege to participate in specified school activities
- Peer mediation
- Individual or group counseling
- Written or oral apology
- Essay / poster campaign
- Detention
- Restitution for damage or stolen property
- Community service
- Restorative justice practice
- Suspension

*Value of the Month:
Co-Operation*

April 2017

It is through co-operation, rather than conflict, that your greatest successes will be derived.

Ralph Charell

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 Day 2	4 Day 3	5 Day 4	6 Day 5	7 Day 6	8 Safe Arrival Call: 416-396-2480 if your child is absent
9	10 Day 1	11 Day 2	12 Day 3 International Pink Day	13 Day 4	14 Good Friday Holiday	15
16	17 Easter Monday Holiday	18 Day 5	19 Day 6	20 Day 1 Student Council Meeting 11:30am School Council Meeting 6:30pm	21 Day 2 Earth Day Neighborhood Clean-up 1:20 to 2: 11pm	22
23	24 Day 3	25 Day 4	26 Day 5	27 Day 6	28 Day 1 School Assembly	29

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WESTWOOD'S DRESS CODE

School is the work environment of our students. As such we expect that students dress appropriately for their work environment and focus on their learning. According to the TDSB policy on Appropriate Dress, all dress policies shall be based on principles of respect, safety and diversity.

Here at Westwood there are TWO SIMPLE RULES to the Dress Code that focus on the TDSB's principles of respect, safety and diversity:

1. **Dress in a manner that respects the following guidelines:** *tops must meet bottoms, no exposed undergarments, no mesh or see-through shirts, no inappropriate messages/language/images on clothing of any kind)*
2. **No headwear to be worn in school unless for religious purposes**

Those students that do not adhere to the above dress code will be asked to change their clothing. If students do not have alternate clothing available at school, they will be referred to the office where appropriate clothing will be given to them, for the day, to be worn over their existing clothing. These spare clothing items are washed weekly and available for student use if the need arises.

CELL PHONES

Note: We understand that many students have cell phones for safety reasons. If a student needs to contact a parent during the school day, the office phone is available for their use. Cell phone usage is restricted during the school day.

Students may carry their cell phones on their person, however, cell phones are to be stored during class time in the class cell phone bin and kept on mute during the school day.

Students may be permitted by their teacher to use their phones during class time for learning purposes. Cell phone usage during class will be communicated by the teacher and will only be in specific situations.

*Value of the Month:
Integrity*

May 2017

Integrity is choosing your thoughts and actions based on values rather than personal gain.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1 Day 2	2 Day 3	3 Day 4	4 Day 5	5 Day 6	6
		Mental Health Awareness Week				
7	8 Day 1	9 Day	10 Day 3	11 Day 4 Westwood's Track & Field Day	12 Day 5	13
14	15 Day 6	16 Day 1 Gifted Open House	17 Day 2	18 Day 3 Student Council Meeting 11:30am School Council Meeting 6:30pm	19 Day 4	20 Safe Arrival Call: 416-396-2480 if your child is absent
21	22 Victoria Day Holiday	23 Day 5	24 Day 6 School Musical Grade 5 visits	25 Day 1 School Musical	26 Day 2 School Assembly	27
28	29 Day 3 EQAO	30 Day 4 EQAO	31 Day 5 EQAO			

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HOMework POLICY

REPORTING OF HOMEWORK

Homework is reported on only the Learning Skills Section of the Elementary Provincial Report Card as a part of Independent Work and Homework Completion.

CONSEQUENCES FOR INCOMPLETE HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS

Where appropriate, there will be progressive consequences for incomplete homework. Punitive measures are not appropriate as they provide powerful disincentives.

TIMING, SCHEDULING AND QUANTITY OF HOMEWORK

The amount of homework assigned to students should be different from elementary, to middle school to high school and that the amount of time a student spends on assigned homework depends on such factors as: the student's needs, learning ability, subject, school schedule, proximity to tests, examinations and assigned homework due dates.

Time spent on homework should be balanced with the importance of personal and family wellness and the wide array of family obligations experienced in our society today.

GRADE 6

There is a strong connection between reading to or with elementary children every day in English or in one's first language and student achievement. As a result, homework assigned in the early grades shall more often take the form of reading, playing a variety of games, having discussions and interactive activities such as building and cooking with the family. In the late Primary and Junior grades, effective homework may begin to take the form of independent work. In both cases, homework assigned for completion, practice, preparation or extension should be clearly articulated and differentiated to reflect the unique needs of the child.

GRADES 7 TO 8

Completion of homework for middle school-aged students can contribute to improved student achievement. Homework assignments for completion, practice, preparation or extension for students in Grades 7 and 8 shall be clearly articulated and carefully planned, in partnership among core and rotary teachers. Estimated completion time should be approximately one hour.

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

To ensure your child's homework is productive and meaningful, and to help your child succeed, we ask that you to:

- provide a quiet area in which your child can work
- set aside a specified time for homework each day
- be part of the process - ask questions, proofread

- check that homework is completed and use an agenda to check for outstanding homework assignments
- follow-up by asking questions about the assignments
- review your child's notebooks and assist with organization
- encourage your child to do her/his best

*Value of the Month:
Perseverance*

June 2017

**Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.
Thomas A. Edison**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Day 6 EQAO	2 Day 1 EQAO	3
4	5 Day 2	6 Day 3	7 Day 4	8 Day 5	9 PA Day	10
	Grade 8 Graduation Trip					
11	12 Day 6	13 Day 1 Graber- TUSC	14 Day 2 Spring Concert	15 Day 3 Student Council Meeting 11:30am School Council Meeting 6:30pm	16 Day 4 Grade 6 & 7 Locker Clean Out	17
18	19 Day 5	20 Day 6 International Yoga Day	21 Day 1 National Aboriginal Day	22 Day 2	23 Day 3 Grade 8 Locker Clean Out Awards Ceremony	24
25	26 Day 4	27 Day 5 Grade 8 Graduation	28 Day 6	29 Day 1 Last Day of School Term 2 Reports go home	30 PA Day	Safe Arrival Call: 416-396-2480 if your child is absent

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ILLNESS, INJURIES, AND MEDICATION

ILLNESS

To safeguard the health of others, any child that feels ill should be kept at home.

There is no in-school care available for sick children and no indoor supervision available for sick children to remain indoors during lunch breaks. If children are too ill to go outside, they should be kept at home.

When students become ill at school, parents will be called and asked to make arrangements for their care.

COMMUNICABLE ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

In cases of **pediculosis** - head lice - or other communicable diseases such as **conjunctivitis, chicken pox, scarlet fever**, etc., we have the student wait in the office until parents are contacted and arrangements made for the student's care and treatment outside the school.

When students are diagnosed with a communicable illness, parents should **notify the school promptly** as there are public health measures we must follow for specific illnesses.

The positive working and social relationships formed among parents, staff and community members create an environment in which all feel welcomed and valued, and in which our children receive the best quality nurturing and education.

INJURIES AT SCHOOL

Minor injuries such as scrapes or bruises are treated at school. For more severe injuries, we take steps to ensure timely treatment, including ambulance services if necessary, and notify parents or their emergency contacts. If a child must go to the hospital, we notify parents and either the principal or a designated staff member accompanies and remains with the child until parents or emergency contacts arrive.

MEDICATION

Some students have ongoing medical conditions requiring medication such as Epi-pens, inhalers, and prescription or non-prescription medications. **Students with anaphylactic allergies must have two Epi-pens**, one for the office and one that is carried on their person.

Staff may not administer **any** kind of medication, including over the counter medications such as Tylenol, unless parents have completed the appropriate permission forms which include a doctor's directions.

All medication must be kept in the office and is administered by the principal or designated staff.

With the exception of Epi-pens and inhalers for asthma, students may not self-medicate.

GUIDANCE INFORMATION

“Choices for Nine” evening will be held on October 1, 2015 following Curriculum Night

- Students and parents are expected to have MyBlueprint accounts as well as sign up for Broadcast messages using “Remind” app

High School Open Houses – from Mid-October to Mid-January

- *Specialized Schools/Programs – Grade 8 students/parents interested in specialized schools/programs, must attend Open Houses and gather application packages in person or online; each specialized school/program has its own requirements and timeline for applications and decisions*

Optional Attendance

- *Open, limited or Closed status published by TDSB 1st week of January 2016*
- *Once status is published, students/parents may request Optional attendance forms*
- *Maximum of 2 Optional attendance choices per student*
- *Completed forms must be signed by Principal or Designate; parent/guardian must deliver to high school no later than 4:00pm, January 29, 2016 to the respective high school(s)*
- *Optional attendance decisions rendered to students on or before Friday, February 12, 2016*

Course Selection

- *Begins 1st-2nd week of January 2016*
- *Students will be advised by teachers about suitable course types (ie. Academic, Applied or Locally Developed)*
- *Students will complete a rough draft of their course selection before completing the final selection using web-based tool, MyBlueprint*
- *Course Selection (paper copy and online) to be completed by no later than Friday, February 21, 2016*
- *Course Selection forms delivered to respective high schools by guidance counsellor no later than March 2, 2016.*

Mr. Daniele is at Westwood MS on Monday mornings and all day on Wednesdays. Students may request an appointment with Mr. Daniele in the office. Parents may contact the office at any time to leave a message.

July 2017

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CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT QUOTES

Respect (September)

“True respect cannot be demanded, it is earned” (Author Unknown)

Responsibility (October)

“I am responsible for the work I need to do today even though it may be very hard.” (Helen Keller)

Empathy (November)

“Be nice and smile at everyone you meet. You don’t know what they are going through, and they may need that smile, and treasure it.” (Christine M. Huppert)

Kindness & Caring (December)

“Don’t wait for people to be kind, show them how.” (Author Unknown)

Teamwork (January)

“Team means Together Everyone Achieves More.” (Author Unknown)

Fairness (February)

“Hear both sides before judging.” (H. Jackson Brown)

Honesty (March)

“Strength of mind is only courage to see and speak the truth.” (William Hazlitt)

Co-operation (April)

“Great discoveries and improvements invariably involve the cooperation of many minds”. (Alexander Graham Bell)

Integrity (May)

“The time is always right to do what is right.” (Martin Luther King Jr.)

Perseverance (June)

“I will not quit as a learner no matter how hard it gets.” (Epicurus)

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

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