

# Woodroffe High School

## A Note from the Principal

September 06, 2019

### Some Upcoming Dates

Sept 19 Curriculum Evening / Meet the Teacher

Sept 19 School Council Meeting: Elections, please come out!

Sept 24 Student Photo Day

Note that Junior Awards Ceremony is in November, not September

## 2019 - 2020 School Year off to a Great Start

This past Tuesday, another school year started and we welcomed over 950 students into our school. Grade 9 students participated in a welcoming event on the first day that included orientation activities and a BBQ just for them! In this update, we let you know about items related to the start up of the school year.



### Student Schedules

Once the total number of students attending Woodroffe HS becomes final, we will need to adjust a few classes in our school. Guidance will work with students and families to minimize the impact of this on student learning.

### Timetable Change Requests

If there is an issue with your son or daughter's timetable, please have them make an appointment with guidance. Appointments are booked at [woodroffehs.ocdsb.ca](http://woodroffehs.ocdsb.ca).

## Media Permission and Appropriate Use of Technology Forms

Parents please complete the annual 'Appropriate Use of Technology' by online submission. The form can be accessed via the following web address:

<https://forms.ocdsb.ca/Forms/Use-of-Technology>

The form is completed entirely online. Do not print it or return it to the school. Once you click on the check box, the rest of the form will appear.

Parents please also complete the annual 'Media Permission' form online. The form is available at: <https://forms.ocdsb.ca/Forms/Media-School-Website-Consent-Form>

## School Cash Online

This is our preferred payment system in the school. The system allows you to receive email notifications for fees owing for any school purpose (i.e. voluntary fees, field trips, team fees, etc.) as well as purchases that you may wish to make from the school (i.e. yearbook or clothing). The instructions are downloaded through the following link [Info Brochure.pdf](#). If you were registered at your previous school, you do not need to register again.

## Changes to the Campus and Building

This past summer, there was considerable work done at our campus. We had three portables installed on site, there was a major electrical upgrade, and there were a number of room renovations. All of this was done after three and a half weeks of summer school and a major electrical outage of 3 weeks! There are still a few kinks to work out, however, the overall impact will be very positive.

## Picking up and Dropping off Students

In order to better ensure student safety, we ask parents to please, whenever possible, to drop off and pick up students at the doors on the lower level of our campus (main parking lot) near the cafeteria and gym. Please do not use the front, main entrance. This will greatly help students that are receiving specialized transportation services and help to ensure student safety. We also request that everyone drive slowly and cautiously at all times while on the Woodroffe campus.

## Student Accident Insurance

The following is a message from the OCDSB.

Creating a caring and safe environment for our students is our top priority. Unfortunately, despite all reasonable precautions being taken, accidents can still happen. Some injuries may result in medical, dental or other expenses that are not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans. As a parent/guardian, you become responsible for these expenses.

Student accident insurance is available for purchase, on a voluntary basis, through Reliable Life Insurance Company. Parents may apply online at [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com), forms may be downloaded at [www.binks.ca](http://www.binks.ca) or hard copies may be picked up from the school office.

The OCDSB encourages all parents/guardians to consider purchasing this insurance. If your child is involved in school related sports activities or is participating in any field trips out of the province you may wish to seriously consider the coverage options, which range from \$13.00/year to \$33.00/year. This coverage is for the entire calendar year and also applies outside of school hours. If you have any questions, please call Binks Insurance Brokers directly at **613-226-1350**.

**Sincerely,**

**Steve Jackson**  
**Principal**  
**Woodroffe High School**