



Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year!

Hello everyone,

As Principal of Purpose Secondary School it gives me a great amount of pleasure to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year. We are excited to be welcoming our returning students as well as our new students and their families to our school. A huge welcome to all!

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 3. The first day of school will start at 9:00 am. Students will be asked to go to their home room at that time. Home room lists will be posted in the school area. During homeroom, 2019-2020 Purpose School student agendas will be discussed and distributed to all students. A school wide assembly is scheduled for 10:00 am. Students will be dismissed at 11:00 am.

I am absolutely thrilled to welcome back our staff. For those youth and families returning, you will notice changes. To accommodate the strong enrollment in the Grade 8 and 9 program, the junior grades have been moved downstairs and Chris Lam will be replacing Alan Moore in the role as Vice Principal. We would like to thank Alan for his two years of service in the Vice Principal role. Alan's classroom has been moved upstairs to where the Grade 8 and 9 program was previously placed. Jordan Samek will continue to share the Vice Principal role.

Other significant changes including the re-configuration of the main floor area to accommodate the Grade 8 and 9 program is the brand new Science room including lab space and a fully renovated kitchen! Extensive renovations have been underway all summer.

The school timetable has also changed. The school year is now divided into two semesters. The daily schedule is now divided into 4 blocks. There is a 20 minute break in the morning and a 20 minute break in the afternoon. The 30 minute lunch remains the same. Please find attached a school calendar and school timetable reflecting these changes.

While the entire staff operates as a support team for all youth, each member is assigned a primary focus.

EDUCATIONAL TEAM	STUDENT SERVICES TEAM
Principal : Merrilyn Cook	Principal: Merrilyn Cook
Vice Principal /Teacher: Christopher Lam	Therapeutic Counsellor and Special Needs Files: Armaghan Esfandiari
Vice Principal /Teacher: Jordan Samek	Student Service Liaison and Academic Counsellor: Lorrie Landers
Teachers:	Youth Workers:
Effah Duodo	Courtney Colbert
Alan Moore	Joshua Leung
Al Raderecht	Chef/ Food services
Russell Sholberg	Flavia Sargeant
Educational Assistants	
Cassandra Wasik	
Devon Wells	

Also of note:

**There will be no breakfast or lunch program during the first week of school.
The kitchen will be fully operational beginning Monday, September 9.**

A separate bulletin will be emailed providing full details of the breakfast and lunch program. Students are encouraged to bring their lunch or the money to purchase lunch at a neighbouring business during the first week.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or require additional information. Our entire staff team are very committed to creating a physically and emotionally safe place to learn, grow and have fun. We value each and every one of you as part of our school family and community.

Warmest regards,

Merrilyn Cook
Principal