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2017-18 PARENT ORIENTATION

SPRINGBANK MIDDLE

AGENDA

- ▶ 3 Pillars
- ▶ School Program & Timetable
- ▶ Home-School Communication
- ▶ Learner Engagement & Student Conduct
- ▶ Attendance
- ▶ Learning Supports & Student Involvement in the School
- ▶ School Startup
- ▶ Lockers and Lunch Time
- ▶ Health & Safety

OUR 3 PILLARS – NEW FOR 2017–18

- ▶ Relationships
 - ▶ **C**onsiderate **A**ccountable **R**esilient **E**mpathetic
- ▶ Authentic Learning
 - ▶ literacy focus in 2017-2018
- ▶ Leadership
 - ▶ personal leadership and leading others

MANAGING THE TRANSITION TO MIDDLE SCHOOL

- ▶ Expectations regarding student responsibility
 - ▶ communication, advocacy, celebrate your successes and own your mistakes, greater independence/ decision-making, listening to announcements, planning their day (lockers, lunchtime clubs and activities, etc.)
- ▶ Greater degree of independence expected
- ▶ Interacting with older students - breaking down the barriers
- ▶ Increased curricular demands

SCHOOL PROGRAM

English Program:

- ▶ # periods per week:
 - ▶ LA = 7
 - ▶ Social Studies = 4
 - ▶ Science = 5
 - ▶ Math = 6
 - ▶ PE = 3
 - ▶ FSL = 3
 - ▶ Fine Arts (art, music, drama, other) = 5
 - ▶ DPA & Learning Strategies = 1 each
- ▶ Greater # of teachers compared to EVE

French Immersion:

- ▶ # periods per week:
 - ▶ FLA = 6
 - ▶ Social Studies = 4
 - ▶ Science = 5
 - ▶ Math = 6
 - ▶ PE = 3
 - ▶ ELA = 4
 - ▶ Fine Arts (art, music, drama, other) = 5
 - ▶ DPA & Learning Strategies = 1 each
- ▶ Emphasis on communicating in French

TIMETABLE

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Monday to Thursday Schedule			Friday Schedule	
	Start Time			Start Time
Homeroom	8:37:00 AM		Homeroom	8:37:00 AM
Period 1	8:45:00 AM		Period 1	8:45:00 AM
Period 2	9:30:00 AM		Period 2	9:20:00 AM
Recess	10:15:00 AM		Period 3	9:55:00 AM
Period 3	10:30:00 AM		Recess	10:30:00 AM
Period 4	11:15:00 AM		Period 4	10:45:00 AM
Lunch	12:00:00 PM		Period 5	11:20:00 AM
Lunch Recess	12:20:00 PM		Lunch	11:55:00 AM
Period 5	12:45:00 PM		Lunch Recess	12:15:00 PM
Period 6	1:30:00 PM		Period 6	12:35:00 PM
Period 7	2:15:00 PM		Period 7	1:10:00 PM
Homeroom	3:00:00 PM		Homeroom	1:45:00 PM
Dismissal	3:10:00 PM		Dismissal	1:55:00 PM

NOTE - students should be at school 10 minutes prior to the start of homeroom, but should **not** arrive before 8:15am unless arrangements have been made with a teacher or the office.

COMMUNICATION

- ▶ Grade fives will use a daily agenda and Powerschool
- ▶ Don't wait to ask the question
- ▶ email is most effective for check-ins; ideally a 24 hour response time (working days)
- ▶ Call or meet for more sensitive conversations
- ▶ Most problems are a result of communication breakdowns
- ▶ Students must be central (teacher-student-parent)
- ▶ Administration's role

LEARNER ENGAGEMENT

- ▶ Engagement is a shared responsibility between students and teachers
- ▶ Homework
- ▶ Supporting students at home
- ▶ Technology & cell phones

STUDENT CONDUCT

- ▶ Our philosophy - focus on problem solving and growth, not punishment
- ▶ C.A.R.E.
- ▶ Respectful interactions
- ▶ Teachers' role
- ▶ Administration's role

ATTENDANCE

- ▶ Education Act stipulates students must attend school regularly and punctually
- ▶ What the research says about absenteeism
- ▶ Contacting the school about absences
- ▶ School & teacher responsibilities regarding extended absences

LEARNING SUPPORTS

- ▶ Support model shifts from elementary to middle school
- ▶ Shifting our focus for next year
- ▶ Assistive technologies, access to technology
- ▶ Role of the Child Development Advisory (CDA)
- ▶ Peer mentors

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

- ▶ Clubs - Spirit Club, ChangeMakers, School Advisory Group, Library Club, Yearbook, Chess Club, student initiated clubs
- ▶ Sports & Intramurals - no competitive sports for grade 5; intramural will be organized
- ▶ Recesses

SCHOOL STARTUP

- ▶ Students' first day is Tuesday, September 5th
- ▶ Gr. 5 students start in the gym
- ▶ Classes read out by the teachers, students follow to their homeroom
- ▶ School supplies
- ▶ Allowing students to settle into their homerooms
- ▶ Spirit Day on Friday, September 8th

LOCKERS AND LUNCH

- ▶ Some may have to share a locker
- ▶ School supplied locks only (\$8)
- ▶ Adjusting to lockers (practicing with the locks, planning for the day)
- ▶ Cafeteria and pre-ordering
- ▶ Students eat in cafeteria, forum, hallways, at blue picnic tables

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- ▶ Severe allergies, medical alerts & Risk Rescue Packs
- ▶ NOT an allergen-free school
- ▶ Student pick-up and drop-off (signing out students)
- ▶ Communicating with teachers about health concerns

THANK YOU!