

# HWDSB Grade 7 & 8 Option Sheet Information Night



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# Welcome!

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- Coffee, tea and cookies are available in the staff room (to the right of the library in room 2020) to enjoy during the presentation
- Cookies made by our grade 11 Hospitality Baking class
- Child Minding is available in room 2023

# Agenda

- ❖ Land Acknowledgement
- ❖ Welcome from Mr. Timothy Powell
- ❖ Roadmap to grade 9
- ❖ Planning MY Way Guide
- ❖ What to Expect in Grade 9
- ❖ Specialized Services
- ❖ Graduation Requirements
- ❖ Gr. 9 Course Selection
- ❖ Xello: Course Planner
- ❖ Support Info @ Bernie
- ❖ Questions



## Land Acknowledgement

The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board acknowledges our presence on ancestral Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Confederacy land as determined by the Dish with One Spoon treaty.

The intent of this agreement is for all nations sharing this territory to do so responsibly, respectfully and sustainably in perpetuity.

We respect the longstanding relationships with the local Indigenous communities, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River.

Welcome from our  
Principal  
Mr. Timothy Powell

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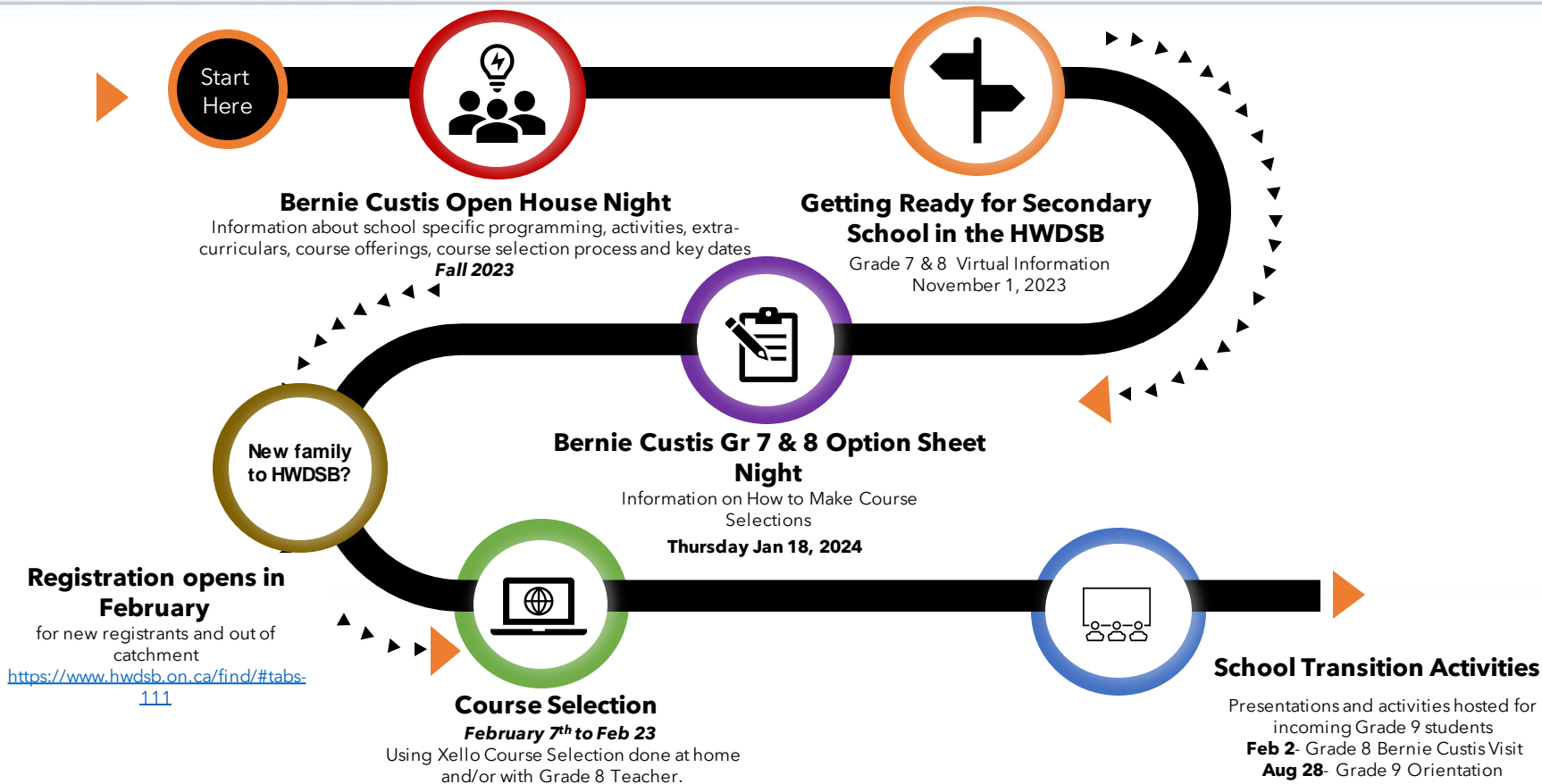
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**1** **Planning MY Way**

Student  
Progression  
Guide

Planning for  
Grade 9

Planning MY Way  
Student Progression Guide



# What to expect in Grade 9

- The year has two semesters:
  - 4 classes each semester = 8 classes in total
    - Semester 1: Sept to Jan
    - Semester 2: Feb to June
- Each school day is made up of 4 classes of 75 min each
- 1 hour for lunch and two 10 min breaks between morning and afternoon classes
- Students at Bernie Custis will get an electronic device and a locker to use all year



### 5 Destinations

Apprenticeship

College

Community

University

Workplace/Employment



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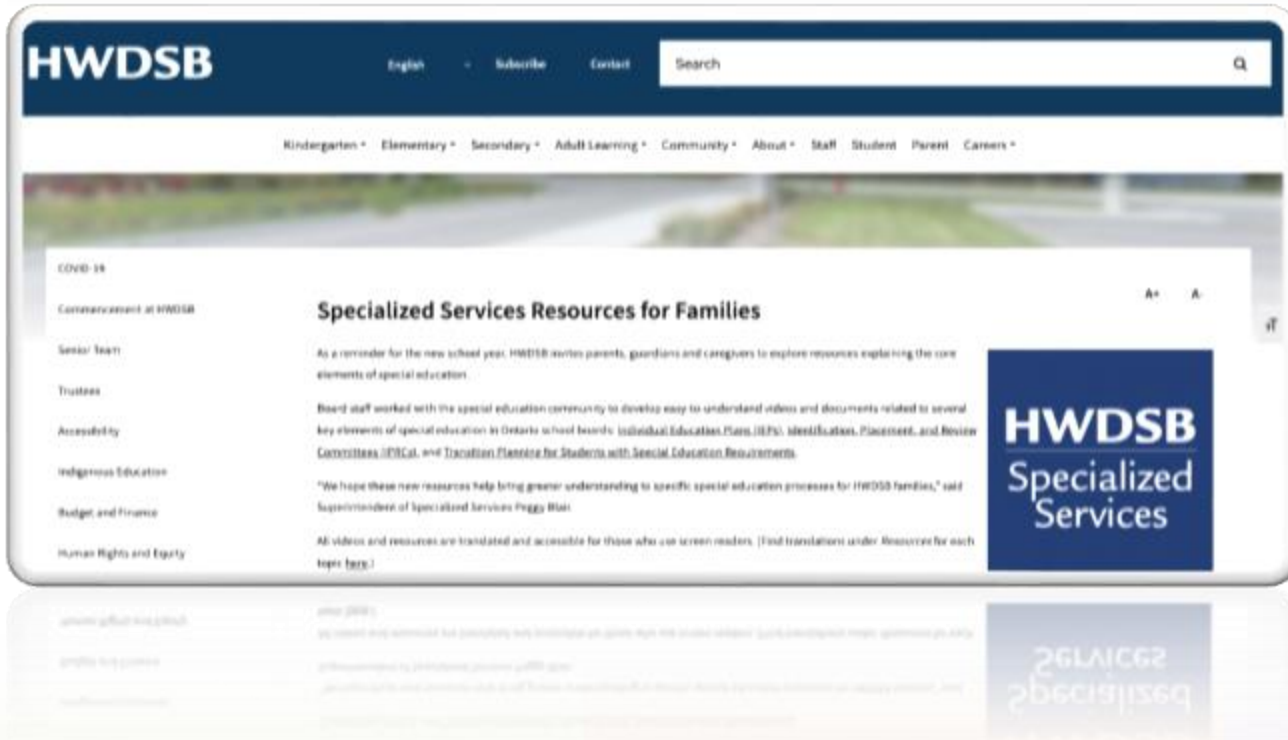
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In grade 9, all students will take a common Grade 9 Program that includes:

- English
  - French
  - Geography
  - Math
  - Science
- + 3 optional courses



Resources for progression planning for Students with Special Education Requirements available on HWDSB website:

- Document
- Video



What is a Locally Developed Course?

- These courses review and reinforce the elementary level curriculum expectations to provide the necessary skills for further study at the secondary level. These courses lead to workplace pathway courses in grade 11 and 12

- Recommendations for specialized programming will be made using a team approach involving elementary and secondary school staff, the student, and their family.
- Specialized programming in locally developed courses can include courses in ENGLISH, MATH and SCIENCE
- Note: This option will not be available on XELLO, but will be a discussion between the elementary school, student, parent and entered into Xello by the secondary team

# OSSD Graduation Requirements

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- ✓ 30 Credits (19 compulsory & 11 elective)
- ✓ Literacy Requirement (OSSLT in Grade 10)
- ✓ 40 hours of Community Service Involvement



### 40 Hours Community Service

When can I do community involvement hours?

- Starting on July 1<sup>st</sup> the summer before grade 9.
- Outside scheduled class time (e.g. during lunch break/during study periods)
- In the evenings, on weekends, during the summer months.
- Completed community hours can be submitted to the Student Services office in your school





# Compulsory Courses

Grade 9	Grade 10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English</li><li>• Math</li><li>• Science</li><li>• Geography</li><li>• French</li><li>• Technology</li><li>•</li><li>•</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English</li><li>• Math</li><li>• Science</li><li>• History</li><li>• Civics and career studies</li><li>• Technology*</li><li>•</li><li>•</li></ul>
Grade 11	Grade 12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English (including NBE3)</li><li>• Math</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li></ul>
Additional Year (Grade 12+)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li></ul>
*Unless completed in Grade 9.	



# Optional Courses

	OPTIONAL COURSES
<b>ARTS</b>	ADA1O1 - Dramatic Arts
	AMU1O1 - Instrumental Music
	ATC1O1 – Dance
	AV1O1 - Visual Arts
<b>BUSINESS</b>	BEM1O1 – Building the Entrepreneurial Mindset
<b>FAMILY STUDIES</b>	HIF1O1 - Exploring Family Studies
<b>NATIVE STUDIES</b>	NAC1O1 - Expressing Aboriginal Cultures Through Art
<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>	PAF1O1F – Fitness - (identifies as Female)
	PAF1O1M – Fitness - (identifies as Male)
	PAI1O1M – Mindfulness (available to all genders)
	PPL1O1 – (available to all genders)
	PPL1O1F – Healthy Active Living (identifies as Female)
	PPL1O1M – Healthy Active Living (identifies as Male)
	PAQ1O1 - Aquatics
<b>TECHNOLOGICAL STUDIES</b>	TAS1O1 – Technology and the Skilled Trades (Auto, Construction, Manufacturing)
	TEJ1O1 - Robotics/Computer Programming



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**GRADE 9 OPTION SHEET 2024-2025**

# Grade 9 Option Sheet

Indicate the Current Elementary School: <input type="checkbox"/> Cathy Wever <input type="checkbox"/> Queen Victoria <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial City <input type="checkbox"/> Prince of Wales <input type="checkbox"/> Adelaide Hoodless <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Davey <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	If HWDSB-Please affix label Student <u>Number</u> : _____ Student <u>Name</u> : _____ <u>Address</u> : _____ <u>Telephone</u> : _____ Date of Birth: _____ <span style="float: right;">year/month/day</span>
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**SECTION A: FOR ALL STUDENTS TO COMPLETE**

Choose your course type for **five (5)** compulsory courses by checking the appropriate boxes. Check **one (1)** box only, per subject area.

	<u>GRADUATION REQUIREMENT INFORMATION</u>	<u>COMPULSORY COURSES</u>	<u>ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER</u>
<b>ENGLISH</b>	Four (4) Credits in English are required to graduate with OSSD	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>ENGLISH</u> _(ENL1W1)	N/A
<b>MATH</b>	Three (3) math credits are required to graduate with OSSD	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>MATH</u> _(MTH1W1)	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>MATH</u> _(MTH1W1L)
<b>SCIENCE</b>	Two (2) science credits are required to graduate with OSSD. A third credit required in grade 11/12 if Tech or Coop course is <b>NOT</b> selected	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>SCIENCE</u> _(SNC1W1)	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>SCIENCE</u> _(SNC1W1L)
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	One (1) Language credit is required to graduate with OSSD	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>FRENCH</u> _(FSF1D1) <input type="checkbox"/> OPEN LEVEL FRENCH (FSF1O1) <u>For</u> those who have little or no knowledge of French <input type="checkbox"/> MOHAWK <u>LANGUAGE</u> _(LNMAO1) – Level 1 <input type="checkbox"/> MOHAWK <u>LANGUAGE</u> _(LNMBO1) – Level 2	N/A
<b>GEOGRAPHY</b>	One (1) Geography credit is required to graduate with OSSD	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>GEOGRAPHY</u> _(CGC1W1)	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>GEOGRAPHY</u> _(CGC1W1L)

**SECTION B: SPECIALIZED PROGRAMMING**

Recommendations for specialized programming will be made using a team approach involving elementary and secondary school staff, the student, and family. Specialized programming in Grade 9 includes: Locally Developed courses in English, Math, and Science

Consultation with Family:

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

# Grade 9 Option Sheet

## SECTION C: FOR ALL STUDENTS TO COMPLETE ... OPTIONAL COURSES

Please rank your top three (3) optional courses, with "1" being your most preferred choice. We will do our best to accommodate your preferred choices.

Note 1: Art is not mandatory in grade 9, but an art credit is a graduation requirement (recommend taking in grade 9 or 10)

Note 2: Tech is not mandatory in grade 9, but a tech credit is a graduation requirement (must be taken in grade 9 or 10)

Note 3: Phys. Ed is not mandatory in grade 9, but a Phys. Ed credit is a graduation requirement (recommend taking in grade 9 or 10)

	OPTIONAL COURSES	Please Check (3)	Alternative Check (1)
ARTS	ADA101 - Dramatic Arts		
	AMU101 - Instrumental Music		
	ATC101 - Dance		
	AVI101 - Visual Arts		
BUSINESS	BEM101 - Building the Entrepreneurial Mindset		
FAMILY STUDIES	HIF101 - Exploring Family Studies		
NATIVE STUDIES	NAC101 - Expressing Aboriginal Cultures Through Art		
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	PAF101F - Fitness - (identifies as Female)		
	PAF101M - Fitness - (identifies as Male)		
	PAI101M - Mindfulness (available to all genders)		
	PPL101 - (available to all genders)		
	PPL101F - Healthy Active Living (identifies as Female)		
	PPL101M - Healthy Active Living (identifies as Male)		
TECHNOLOGICAL STUDIES	TAS101 - Technology and the Skilled Trades (Auto, Construction, Manufacturing)		
	TEJ101 - Robotics/Computer Programming		

## SECTION D: FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS TO COMPLETE

COURSE DESCRIPTION	TEACHER RECOMMENDATION	BEGINNER		INTERMEDIATE		ADVANCED
English as a 2nd Language	ESL_____	ESLA01/GLE101 Step 1	ESLB01/GLE201 Step 2	ESLC01/EPS301 Step 3	ESLD01 Step 4	ESLE01 Step 5
English Literacy Development	ELD_____	ELDA01 (Alpha)	ELDB01 Step 2	ELDC01 Step 3	ELDD01 Step 4	

## SECTION E: FOR PARENT/GUARDIAN TO COMPLETE

### PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT

I hereby agree to my child's selected options for next year and I realize that first choices may not always be possible.

STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT email: \_\_\_\_\_

**ELEMENTARY STAFF:** Please ensure all options sheets are completed and entered into Xello by 3pm on February 23, 2024.

Refer to page 11 in the guide

# ENL 1W1

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# Course Planner: Student Experience

# Accessing Course Planner

Course Planner can be found on the Xello home page under Goals & Plans.

The screenshot shows the Xello home page interface. At the top, the 'xello' logo is on the left, and navigation icons for 'Home', 'About Me', 'Explore', and 'Plans' are in the center. Search, heart, and profile icons are on the right. The 'Home' icon is highlighted with a yellow box. Below the navigation bar, the user is greeted with 'Hey Lauren!'. On the left, there is a 'Core lessons' section with a '0%' progress indicator and a 'Grade 9' badge. Below this is a 'Getting Experience' card with a 'Get started' button. On the right, there is a 'Goals & Plans' section with three columns: 'About Me', 'Explore options', and 'Goals & Plans'. The 'Goals & Plans' column contains links for 'My goals and plans', 'Course Planner', 'Matchmaker', 'Personality Style', 'Mission complete', 'Learning Style', and 'Skills Lab'. A yellow arrow points to the 'Course Planner' link. At the bottom, there is a 'Portfolios' section with a 'New' badge.

# Selecting Courses

The screenshot shows the Xello user interface for course selection. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Xello logo and icons for Home, About Me, Explore, Plans, Search, Favorites, and Profile. Below the navigation bar, the interface is divided into four columns representing different grade levels: GRADE 9 (7 Credits), GRADE 10 (0 Credits), GRADE 11 (0 Credits), and GRADE 12 (0 Credits). Each grade level column contains a list of course options. A yellow arrow points to the blue '+' button next to the 'Add English 10' course option in the GRADE 10 column.

Grade	Credits	Course Name	Code	Subject	Credits	Action
Grade 9	7	English, Grade 9, Loca...	ENGL1	English 9	1 cr.	+
Grade 9	7	Mathematics, Grade 9,...	MAT11	Math 9	1 cr.	+
Grade 9	7	Science, Grade 9, Loc...	SNC11	Science 9	1 cr.	+
Grade 9	7	Issues in Canadian Ge...	CGC1P1	Geograph...	1 cr.	+
Grade 9	7	Core French, Grade 9,...	FSF101	French 9	1 cr.	+
Grade 9	7	Interdisciplinary Studl...	IDP301	Electives 9	1 cr.	+
Grade 10	0	Add English 10			1 cr.	+
Grade 10	0	Add Math 10			1 cr.	+
Grade 10	0	Add Science 10			1 cr.	+
Grade 10	0	Add History 10			1 cr.	+
Grade 10	0	Add Career Studies 10			0.5 cr.	+
Grade 10	0	Add Civics 10			0.5 cr.	+
Grade 11	0	Add English 11			1 cr.	+
Grade 11	0	Add Math 11			1 cr.	+
Grade 11	0	Add Elective 11			10 Credits remaining	+
Grade 11	0	Available period				
Grade 11	0	Available period				
Grade 11	0	Available period				
Grade 11	0	Available period				
Grade 12	0	Add English 12			1 cr.	+
Grade 12	0	Add Elective 12			10 Credits remaining	+
Grade 12	0	Available period				
Grade 12	0	Available period				
Grade 12	0	Available period				
Grade 12	0	Available period				

Xello will display historical course data. To select courses for the upcoming year click on a blue tile next to an open requirement.



# Selecting Courses

Use the + button beside the course code to access a proposed plan.

[ MEL3E1 ] Mathematics for Work and Everyday Life, Gra... 9, 10, 11, 12 1 Add

This course enables students to broaden their understanding of mathematics as it is applied in the workplace and daily life. Students will solve problems associated with earning money, paying taxes, and making purchases; apply calculations of simple and compound interest in saving, investing, and borrowing; and calculate the costs of transportation and travel in a variety of situations. Students will consolidate their mathematical skills as they solve problems and communicate their thinking.

PREREQUISITE	SELECTED	FUTURE
Mathematics, Grade ... MAT2L1 1 cr.	Mathematics for Work... MEL3E1 1 cr.	Mathematics for Wor... MEL4E1 1 cr.
Foundations of Math... MFM1P1 1 cr.		eLearning - Mathemat... MEL4E1eL 1 cr.
Foundations of Math... MFM1P1eL 1 cr.		
Mathematics, Grade ... 91 MAT1L1 1 cr.		
Foundations of Math...		

- Grade 8 students will have the opportunity to visit Bernie Custis with their elementary schools on Feb 2 in the morning to learn more about Grade 9 course options
- Option Sheets will be available the week of Jan 23
- Xello opens for Grade 8 students Feb 7 and the entry due date is Feb 23, 2024

### Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

- Customize high school to fit with your career interests
- Get your certification/training (SFA, CPR, WHMIS and more)
- Gain work experience and co-op
- Receive a special diploma seal when you graduate
- Programs start in grade 11

**Bernie Custis Offers SHSM in:**

**Arts & Culture**

**Health & Wellness**

**Hospitality & Tourism**

**Non-Profit**

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DATES	EVENTS
Jan 18, 2024	Option Sheet Night Presentation Tonight
Feb 2, 2024	Grade 8 Bernie Custis School Tour am
Feb 23, 2024	Grade 9 Course selections to be entered into Xello
March- June 2024	Grade 7 & 8 Progression School Activities- Stay Tuned! e.g. Robotics class visits
Aug 28, 2024	Grade 9 Orientation at Bernie Custis (Optional)



Our staff will be available after the presentation for any questions. Additionally, you can send us a question using this QR code. A member of our Bernie team will connect with you.

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