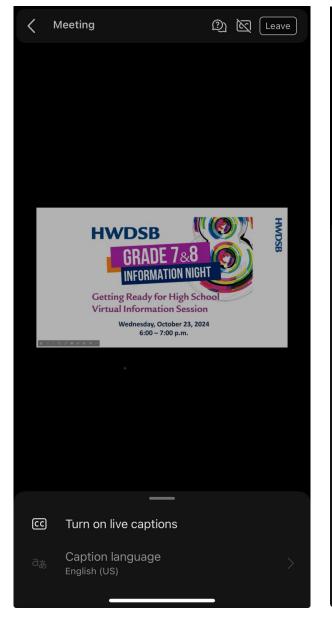
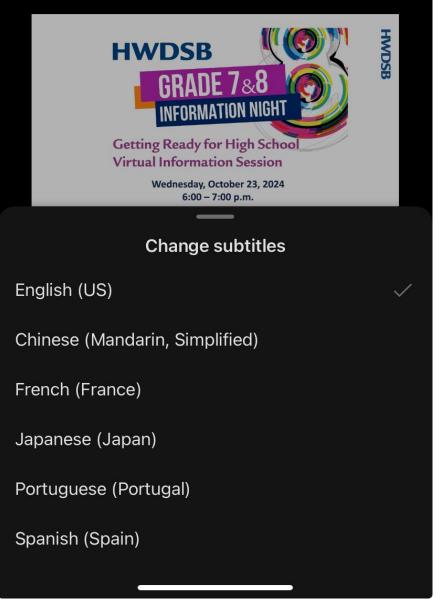


# GRADE 7 & 8 INFORMATION NIGHTS

## **Getting Ready for High School Virtual Information Session**

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.





Captions for this presentation are available in several languages

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## 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.

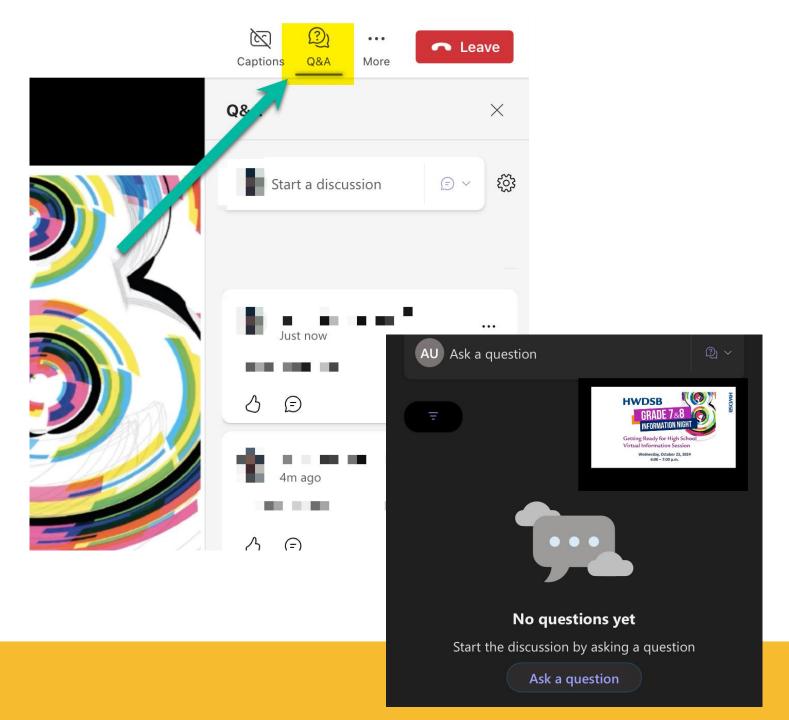
## Welcome & Greetings from HWDSB

Superintendent of Program, Equity, & Innovation – *Michelle Lemaire* 

System Principal, Program, Equity, & Innovation – Jennifer Burleigh

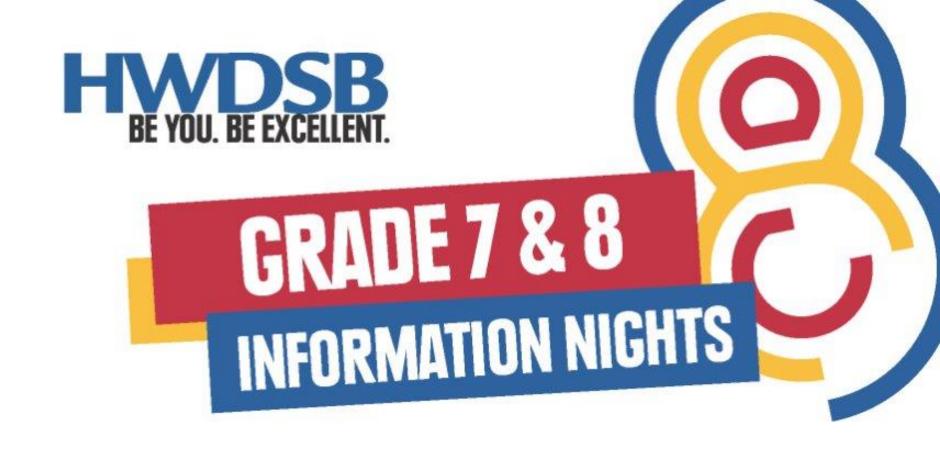
## Agenda

- Provide an overview of HWDSB Mission, Strategic Directions, & Values
- Provide an overview of The Grade 9 Program and structure of Secondary School
- ESL/ELD programming
- Provide Grade 8 to 9 student progression information
- Review Graduation Requirements
- Overview of school supports and resources
- Grade 8 to 9 information nights and special program information
- Introduce myBlueprint Individual pathway planning



Please use the question-and-answer text feature to pose questions

We will address as many answers as possible during the live session



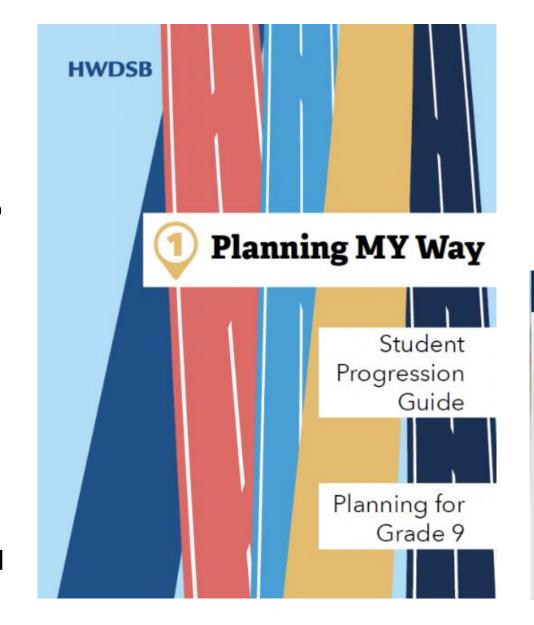
### Welcome to HWDSB

## In HWDSB we strive to deliver our Secondary School Programs using 4 key principles:

- All secondary schools are great schools
- Students will have choice within their home schools
- Students will have access to a variety of programs
- All students achieving and graduating with Ontario Secondary School Diploma, Ontario Secondary School Certificate, or Certificate of Accomplishment

#### In HWDSB we believe that...

- Every student can achieve their full potential;
- All pathways are valued and lead to success;
- Success comes in many different forms;
- Families play a key role in their student's journey and;
- Supporting the progression of students from grade 8-9 is essential for every learner





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## > Pathways Guides for Grades 7

- to 12
  - > Exploring My Way Grades 9 and 10
  - > On My Way Grades 11 and 12
  - > Planning My Way Grades 7 and 8
  - > Post-Secondary Pathways

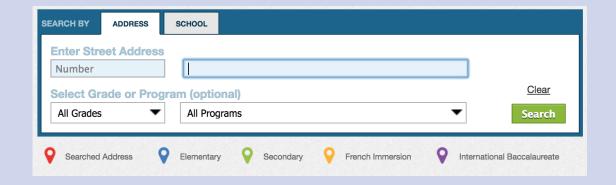
**Planning My Way** 

## Secondary School Finder

#### **Locate Your Home School**

13 Secondary School Locations

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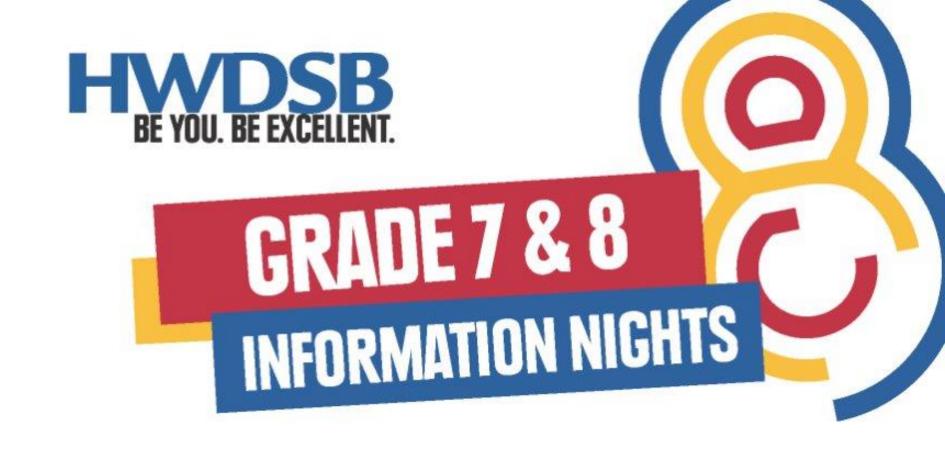


#### **Specialized Programming Options in Grade 9**

- English as a Second Language
- French Immersion
- Audition-Based Program of the Arts at Glendale Secondary School
- Self-Paced Program at Westmount Secondary School
- Students who are receiving Special Education supports and services

## Student and Family Voice

- Students are at the centre of the Grade 8-9 Progression Process
- Families play a key role in supporting with their learner's progression to Secondary School
- Students and families have a voice and choice throughout the process
- Students and families have the right to be informed and make informed choices about pathways and programs throughout the student's Secondary pathway journey.
- Collaboration and communication between school and families is a key component to ensure that every student has a smooth progression to high school



How is Grade 9 different from Grade 8?

## How is Secondary school different?

- Fewer periods in the day. Most Secondary schools have 5 periods in a school day. This includes 4 periods of classes (75 minutes blocks) and one lunch period.
- The School year is divided into two <u>semesters</u>: most students will be enrolled in four credits per semester
  - Semester 1: September to January
  - Semester 2: February to June
- > Students get to choose/select their courses
- > Students achieve a credit for the successful completion of a course.

## Sample Grade 8 Timetable

Elementary Sample Schedule						
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	
Period 1	Literacy	Math	French	Literacy	Physical Education	
Period 2	Music	Music	Math	Literacy	Math	
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Period 3	Math	French	Science	Health	Literacy	
Period 4	Science	Physical Education	History	French	Literacy	
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Period 5	Physical Education	Literacy	Literacy	Geography	Visual Arts	
Period 6	French	Literacy	Literacy	Math	Drama/Dance	

## Sample Grade 9 Timetable

Period and Time	Semester One (Sept Jan.)	Semester Two (Feb June)	
Period 1	English	Math	
Period 2	French	Visual Arts	
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	
Period 3	Technological Education	Science	
Period 4	Geography	Family Studies	

<sup>\*</sup> Bolded subjects represent compulsory courses

## **Graduation Requirements**

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) must complete the 17 compulsory credits listed below and a further 13 optional credits from the courses offered at your high school.

Need the following 17 compulsory credits to get your OSSD:

- •4 credits in English (1 credit per grade)
- •3 credits in mathematics (Grade 9, Grade 10 and 1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)
- •2 credits in science
- •1 credit in technological education (Grade 9 or Grade 10)
- •1 credit in Canadian history (Grade 10)
- •1 credit in Canadian geography (Grade 9)
- •1 credit in the arts
- •1 credit in health and physical education
- •1 credit in French as a second language
- •0.5 credit in career studies
- •0.5 credit in civics and citizenship
- •1 credit from the <u>STEM-related course group</u>

#### **STEM Course Group**

- Business studies
- Computer studies
- Co-op
- Mathematics
- Science
- Technological Studies

## How to complete your

**ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL DIPLOMA (OSSD)** 

Here is what you need to do to receive a secondary school diploma in Ontario:

- Earn a total of 30 credits (19 compulsory credits and 11 optional credits).
- Complete the literacy requirement.
- Earn at least 2 online learning credits (opt-out available).
- Complete a minimum of 40 hours of community involvement activities.
- Students who have taken Native languages in place of French as a second language (FSL) may use a Level 1 or 2 Native languages course to meet the FSL compulsory credit requirement.
- A maximum of 3 credits in English as a second language (ESL) or English literacy development (ELD) may be counted towards English, but the fourth must be earned for a Grade 12 compulsory English course.
- There is the ability to opt-out of the online learning requirement through a form in the HWDSB Parent Portal.

#### **Compulsory Credits**

You need to earn the following 19 compulsory credits to receive an OSSD:

- 4 credits in English (1 credit per grade).
- 3 credits in mathematics (at least 1 credit in Grade 11 or 12).
- 2 credits in science.
- 1 credit in Canadian history (Grade 10).
- 1 credit in Canadian geography (Grade 9).
- 1 credit in the arts.
- 1 credit in health and physical education.
- 1 credit in French as a second language.
- 1 credit in technological education (at least 1 credit in Grade 9 or 10).
- 0.5 credit in career studies.
- 0.5 credit in civics and citizenship.
- 3 credits for group 1, 2 and 3 courses (see next page for details).

#### Group 1, 2 and 3 Courses

You need to earn 1 credit from each of the following groups.

#### Group 1 Courses

- -English (including the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course) or French as a second language\*
- -Native languages
- -First Nations, Métis, and Inuit studies
- Classical studies and international languages
- -Social sciences and the humanities
- -Canadian and world studies
- -Guidance and career education
- -Cooperative education\*
- \*2 credits maximum can count as compulsary. Additional credits can count as optional.

#### **Group 2 Courses**

- -Health and physical education
- -The arts
- -Business studies
- -French as a second language\*
- -Cooperative education\*

#### **Group 3 Courses**

- -Science (Grade 11 or 12)
- -Technological education
- French as a second language\*
- -Computer studies
- Cooperative education\*

#### **Optional Credits**

You need to earn 11 optional credits by successfully completing courses offered in your school's program and course calendar. The 11 optional credits may include up to 4 credits earned through approved dual-credit courses.

#### **Community Involvement Activities**

You need to complete 40 hours of community involvement activities to receive an OSSD. You can begin completing the requirement in the summer going into Grade 9. Community involvement opportunities can be accessed from your guidance counsellor and submitted to student services as soon as completed.



Scan the QR Code or visit hwdsb.info/ossd to learn more about completing your OSSD.

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Updates and changes to this for 2024-25

## Graduation Requirements continued

#### **eLearning Graduation Requirement**

 Two online (asynchronous courses) are required, but there is opt out option. More information can be found at <u>Opt-Out Process for</u> <u>Online Learning Requirement | Hamilton-Wentworth District</u> School Board (hwdsb.on.ca)

### **Grade 9/10 Technological Education Requirement**

- Completion of a grade 9 and/or 10 T course in any tech discipline
   Community Involvement Hours
- All students need to complete 40 hours by the end of grade 12.
   Students can begin to obtain hours once they complete grade 8.

#### **Ontario Secondary School Certificate (OSSC)**

If a student leaves secondary school at the age of 18 without meeting the requirements for the OSSD, they can receive an Ontario Secondary School Certificate (OSSC) upon request. To get an OSSC, students need to earn a minimum of 14 credits.

#### **Certificate of Accomplishment**

Students can receive a Certificate of Accomplishment if they have not fulfilled the requirements for an OSSC or OSSD. This certificate recognizes the achievement for students who plan to find employment or enter alternative education programs after leaving school.

https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/secondary/graduation-information/

## Students in all HWDSB Secondary Schools will be supported as they work towards their chosen post-secondary pathway.

## In HWDSB we value ALL Five Pathways. The pathways include:

- ✓ Apprenticeship
- ✓ College
- ✓ Community
- ✓ University
- ✓ Work



### **Grade 9 Courses**

- Math, Science, English, and Geography W courses (de-streamed)
- French is single streamed D course (For students who have less than 600 hours in French, they can take FSF10)
- Students must take a tech credit by the end of grade 10
- Locally developed courses are available in consultation with the family, student, and the elementary school
- Students can take 2-3 elective/optional courses in grade 9

#### **Grade 9 Courses**

## **ESL/ELD Programming**

- HWDSB offers English as a Second Language (ESL) support at the secondary level to assist students in acquiring English language proficiency.
- **STEP 1-3**: Students are encouraged to attend the secondary school that offers ESL/ELD credit courses based on ESL program catchment.
- There are 4 high schools that offer ESL/ELD Programming (Bernie Custis, Glendale, Nora Frances Henderson, Westdale)
- The school with the support of ESL/ELD Elementary Teachers and Secondary ESL Department Heads work closely with students and families when program decisions are made.
- Transportation will be provided to students who attend ESL Programming outside their catchment school.
- The purpose of high school ESL/ELD credit courses is to provide students with language learning opportunities to assist them to develop the level of proficiency in English required for success at school, the community, post-secondary education and the workplace.

## ESL/ELD Programming continued

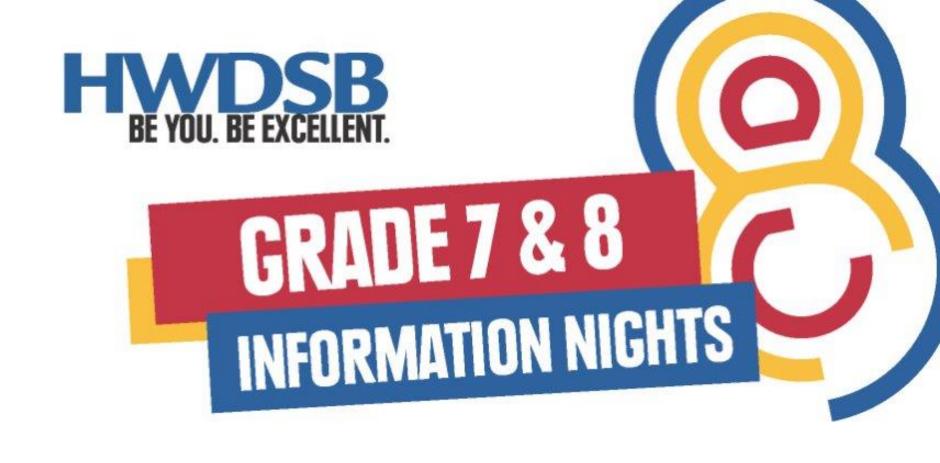
- There are two high schools that offer ALPHA programming
- **ALPHA Placement:** Accelerated Literacy Program, Hamilton Area (ALPHA) is a targeted tier 3 intervention program for English Language Learners who have recently arrived in Ontario schools with very limited or interrupted prior formal schooling. Candidacy for placement is on an individualized process.
- Please connect with Elementary ESL/ELD Teachers for further clarification. Currently, HWDSB offers ALPHA program at the following locations:
- Nora Henderson Secondary School
- Westdale Secondary School

## Helpful Links with Further Information

HWDSB site:

https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/secondary/programs/all/ https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/secondary/graduation-information/ https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/secondary/graduationinformation/diploma-requirements/

• Ministry site: <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/earning-your-high-school-diploma">https://www.ontario.ca/page/earning-your-high-school-diploma</a>



How will I be supported as I enter Secondary School?

## To support all students achieving and graduating in the HWDSB, supports are available for you...

- ✓ at your current elementary school
- ✓ at your secondary school
- ✓ at the school board level



## **In-school Supports**

Elementary School	Secondary School	
Homeroom Teacher is always the first point of contact	All your classroom teachers	
Learning Resource Teacher	Learning Resource Teachers	
Elementary Administrator(s)	Secondary Administrators	
Ongoing Communication between HWDS	B Elementary and Secondary to support your child	
	Guidance Counsellors	
Elementary Student Success Teacher*	Secondary Student Success Teacher	
Elementary English as a Second Language Teacher	English as a Second Language Teacher*	

<sup>\*</sup>available at some schools

## **School Support Staff**

#### The HWDSB continues to provide support for students and their families.

Some of the additional supports that are offered may include:

- ✓ Graduation Coaches for Black Students
- ✓ Indigenous Education and Wellness Team
- ✓ Child and Youth Counsellors
- ✓ Social Workers
- ✓ HWDSB Welcome Centre Assessors and Mentors
- ✓ Elementary & Secondary Program Consultants
   & Facilitators



### School Resources

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Some of the programs that our students can access may include

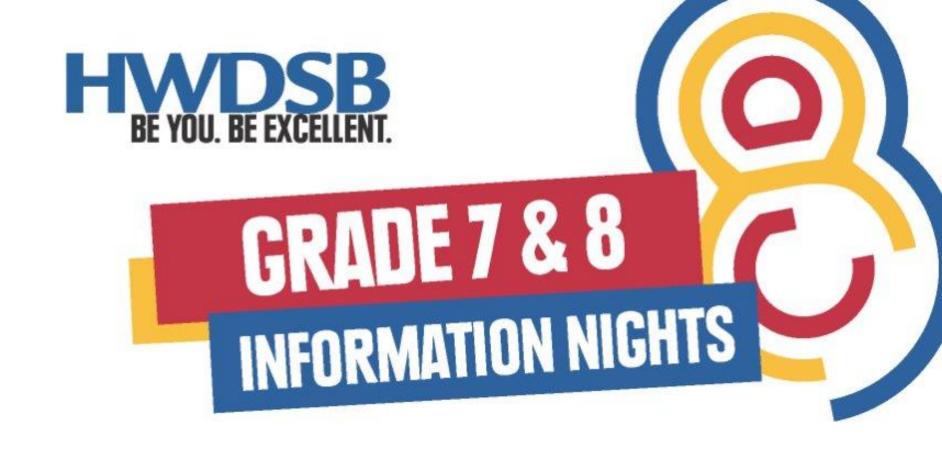
- ✓ Nutrition programs
- ✓ Clothing closets
- ✓ Positive Space groups
- ✓ Nya:weh rooms
- ✓ Prayer Spaces
- ✓ Public Health Nurses
- ✓ Racialized Student Affinity Groups



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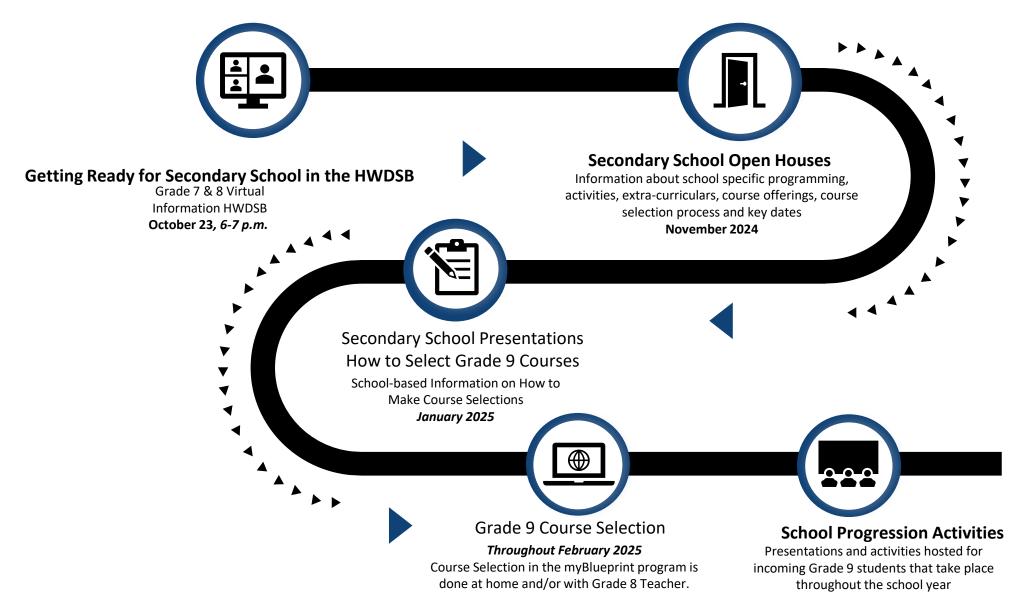
## **Additional Supports**

- Graduation Coaches for Black Students
- Nya:weh
- Mentoring Educational Assistants
- SWIS Mentors (Settlement Workers in Schools)
- Social Workers
- ESL Program (Glendale, Bernie Custis, Nora Frances Henderson, Westdale)
- System Learning Resource Teachers
- IPRCs
- Specialized Services supports



Next steps in your journey to Secondary School

## Preparing for Grade 9 Roadmap



	Grade 8 Information Night	Grade 9 Course Selection Night
Sir Winston Churchill	November 19 <sup>th</sup> , 6-8 pm	January 21 <sup>st</sup> , 6 -7:00 pm
Saltfleet	November 25 <sup>th</sup> , 6-7:30 pm	January 21st, 6-7:30 pm
Ancaster High School	November 20 <sup>th</sup> , 6-8 pm	Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup> , 6 -7 pm
Waterdown Secondary	November 6 <sup>th</sup> , 6:00-7:30 pm	Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30-7:30 pm
Westdale Secondary School	November 25 <sup>th</sup> , 6-8pm	January 21st, 6-8pm
Sir Allan <u>MacNab</u> Secondary School	November 25 <sup>th</sup> , 6- 8 pm	January 16 <sup>th,</sup> 6 - 7 pm
Glendale Secondary School	November 19 <sup>th</sup> , 6-8 pm	January 21 <sup>st</sup> , 6-7:30 pm
Dundas Valley SS	November 21 <sup>st</sup> , 6 – 7:30 pm	January 16 <sup>th</sup> , 6 – 7:30 pm
Bernie Custis	November 21 <sup>st</sup> , 5-7pm	January 16 <sup>th</sup> , 6-7pm
Sherwood	November 14 <sup>th</sup> , 5-7pm	January 16 <sup>th</sup> , 5-7 pm
Nora Henderson	November 13 <sup>th</sup> , 6-7:30 pm	January 15 <sup>th</sup> , 6-7:30 pm
Orchard Park	November 21st, 6-8 pm	January 15th, 6-8 pm

## **Special Programs Information Sessions**

French Immersion	Tuesday November 26, 6- 8pm	Westdale and Sherwood
Audition-Based Arts Program	Wednesday November 27, 6-8pm	<u>Glendale</u>
Self-Paced/Self-Directed Programming	Thursday November 28, 6-8pm	Westmount
International Baccalaureate	December 4, 2024, 6-8pm	Education Centre

For more details and Information

https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/secondary/programs/specialized-programs/



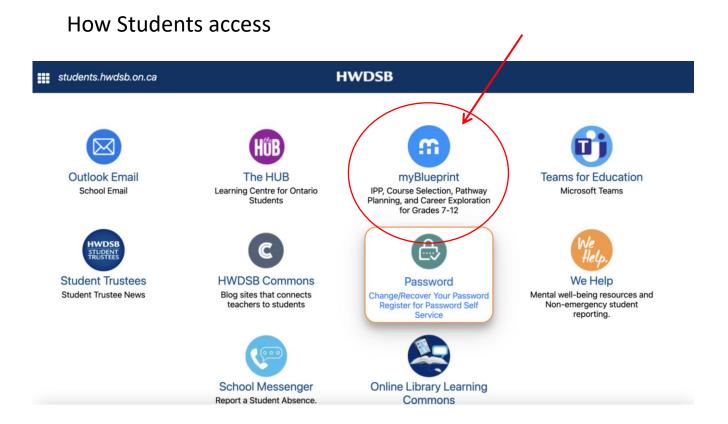
 All Information session dates & times have been updated on the board webpage: <u>Grade 7 & 8 Information Nights</u>

## myBlueprint

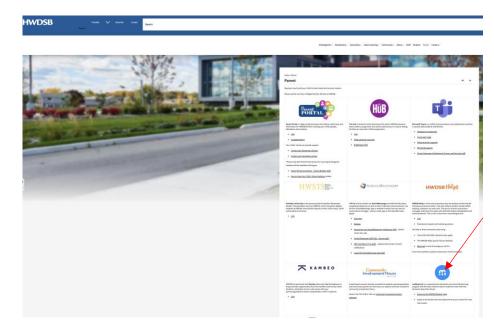
- HWDSB's NEW platform for Individual Pathway Planning
- Students in Grades 7-12 have access via the Office 365 landing page
- Students will learn about themselves, set goals, build portfolios, course selection, plan for high school and beyond
- Grade 9 Course selection done with myBlueprint (January/February information shared with your Grade 8 teacher and Secondary School Student Services team)
- https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/secondary/plan-for-high-school/myblueprint/
- www.myBlueprint.ca/HWDSB
- https://education.myblueprint.ca/hwdsb-family

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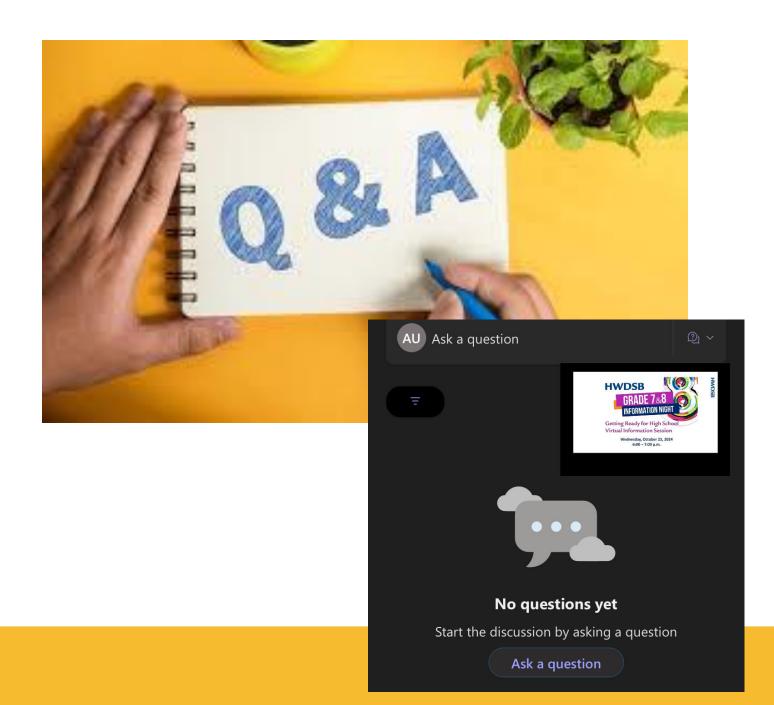
## How to access to myBlueprint



#### **Parent Portal**



https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/parent/



If you have any questions the Q&A will be open until 7:00 PM.

We will post a FAQ document on the board website so folks can follow up after the session if they missed anything.