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### Grade 8 Information Night





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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.



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The purpose of our presentation is to provide our Future Saints and their Guardians with the knowledge and information they are looking for as they transition to Grade 9

### Agenda:

- **Principal's Message – Wendall Gillis**
- **Learn about Life at Sherwood: Programs, Supports, Student perspective**
- **Next steps for Transitions**
- **Have your Questions Answered**





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Check us out at...

[www.hwdsb.on.ca/sherwood](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/sherwood)

Twitter: @Sherwood\_HWDSB

Instagram: @Sherwood\_HWDSB





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### Teams Live tips:

If you would like to ask a question click on “Q&A” to the side of your screen.

- You can choose to remain anonymous with your question if you would like
- We will do our best to respond to as many questions as possible
- You may get a private response from one of our administrators or we may be posting some of the questions for everyone to see

If for some reason the video is frozen you may just need to click on the “Play” button at the bottom of your screen.



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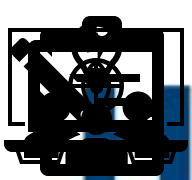
All of the information from today's session can be found on our website

The screenshot shows the website's header and navigation menu. The header includes the school logo, name, and a search bar. The navigation menu lists various categories, with 'Student Services' highlighted and its dropdown menu open.

**SHERWOOD SECONDARY SCHOOL** Translate Contact Search

Events About ▾ Athletics Departments ▾ School Council Student Resources **Student Services ▾** Register ☆ Quick Links ▾ Parent Login

- Academic Awards
- Grade 8 Student and Parent Resources
- Graduation Resources
- Guidance
- Local Resources For Families (pdf)
- Option Sheet Information 2021-2022
- Registration Information
- Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)
- Volunteer Hours Information



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## Getting Ready for Secondary School in the HWDSB

Grade 7 & 8 Information  
HWDSB Session #1  
*November 16<sup>th</sup> 6-7 p.m.*

## Secondary School Specific Presentations

Information about school specific programming, activities, extra-curriculars, course offerings, course selection process and key dates  
*January 10-21<sup>st</sup> 2022*

## How to Select Grade 9 Courses

Information on How to Make Course Selections in Xello Program  
HWDSB Session #2  
*January 26<sup>th</sup> 2022*

## Grade 9 Course Selection

*February 8<sup>th</sup> to March 4<sup>th</sup>*  
Using Xello Course Selection done at home and/or with Grade 8 Teacher.

## School Transition Activities

Presentations and activities hosted for incoming Grade 9 students



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## GRADE 7 & 8

## INFORMATION NIGHTS

*Getting Ready for High School - Virtual Information Session*

*Session Two: How to Select Grade 9 Courses*

*January 26th, 2022 6PM*

*Join the online meeting: <https://hwdsb.info/HS-courses>*



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## *Session Two: How to Select Grade 9 Courses*

### *January 26th, 2022 6PM*

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### Topics Will Include:

- ✓ Description of graduation options –(OSSD, OSSC and Certificate of Accomplishment)
- ✓ Difference between the secondary model (choosing courses and earning credits) and elementary model (homeroom model where subjects are prescribed)
- ✓ Overview of the course selection process using Xello – How students and families can access
- ✓ Common language for describing Grade 9 courses
- ✓ Explain eLearning: a separate option that always existed
- ✓ Community Involvement Hours –what do parents need to know?
- ✓ 2022 EQAO –Math in grade 9 and Literacy in grade 10



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*Principal's message from Mr. Gillis...*





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# OSSD Requirements

- **30 credits:**
  - 18 Compulsory**
  - 12 Elective**
- **40 hours Community Involvement**
- **Ontario Secondary School Literacy Requirement (OSSLT or OSSLC)**





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# Community Involvement

## When Can I Complete Community Involvement Hours?

- Starting on July 1st the summer before grade 9
- Outside scheduled class time; e.g. during lunch breaks/during spares.
- In the evenings, on weekends, during the summer months.
- Completed community hours can be submitted to the Student Services office in your school as you complete them (min 10 per year!)



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# Community Involvement

## Examples of Eligible Activities

- Supporting Sports e.g. timekeeping, managing a team or coaching
- Fundraising
- Charity Walk-a-thons or Runs
- Community Events, Festivals or Fairs
- Community Projects e.g. tending a community garden
- Environmental Projects e.g. a community clean-up
- Youth Programs or Mentorship Programs
- Volunteer Work with seniors
- Camp Leader or Counsellor
- Office Work for a non-profit organization
- Committee Work e.g. the Literacy Committee at your local library







Does it help the COMMUNITY?



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# Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

-  Historically administered in Spring of the Grade 10 year
-  Based on expectations for language and communication up to and including Grade 9
-  Accommodations, deferrals or exemptions may be appropriate for some students
-  Practice preparation: Reading newspaper articles (print or online)





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# A Bit About Our Academics...

*Sherwood Program Highlights video*



# French Immersion Credit Information

## Requirements

- 10 total credits
- 4 French immersion courses (1 per grade)
- It is recommended that you take minimum 4 courses in grade 9 and 4 courses in grade 10

## 2022-2023 Grade 9 offerings

- Math
- Science
- Geography
- Information & Communication Technology
- Intro to Family Studies



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More Information from our FRENCH IMMERSION Department...

*French Immersion Video*





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### STUDENT SUPPORTS AT SHERWOOD

- Classroom Teachers
- Learning Resource Teachers
- Guidance Counsellors
- Student Success Teacher
- Mentoring EAs
- Vice Principals
- Social Worker



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### Admin Team

Ms. McNeill

Vice Principal

Students last name A-K



Ms. Alexandre

Vice Principal

Students last name L-Z



Mr. Gillis

Principal



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## Guidance Team

Ms. Chamoun  
Student Services Office  
Administrator



Ms. Lea  
Department Head



Ms. Grilli



Mr. Murkovich



Mr. Sloan







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### Student Success Team

Mr. Sillett  
Student Success Lead



Ms. Baker  
School Social Worker



Ms. Dawson  
Mentoring EA



Ms. Leach  
Mentoring EA





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## Learning Resource Team

Ms. McKague  
Department Head



Ms. Martin  
Assistant Department Head



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### LEARNING RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

Parents/guardians will be consulted at the beginning of the school year concerning the development of their child's Individual Education Plan

Academic support for students with I.E.P.s:

- ✓ Test-writing
- ✓ Assistive technology
- ✓ Study strategies
- ✓ Organizational support



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### Library Learning Commons

- eLearning space and support
- iPad and account help
- Collaboration spaces
- Books on a variety of topics and comfortable reading spots



- Wellness initiatives
- Contests and book club activities
- Class and assignment resources
- Computers and printing





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# What do our Saints say?

*Student Voice Video*



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**Our associate feeder schools will complete option entry with their teachers using Xello Course Planner:**

### French Immersion:

- Eastdale
- Frank Panabaker
- Lawfield
- Michaele Jean
- Norwood Park
- WH Ballard

### Regular Program:

- Franklin Road
- George L. Armstrong
- Highview
- Huntington Park
- Lawfield
- Lisgar
- R.A. Riddell

### Remote Learners:

- Sherwood-bound students in multiple virtual system classes



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# Additional Information

Students **not** currently in a **HWDSB** feeder school who will be in Sherwood's catchment for September please follow our website for further information

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/sherwood>

All paperwork will be submitted virtually to Ms. Chamoun in the Guidance office. Most recent report card and copy of IEP should be included with option sheet and registration form







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### Next Steps

#### January-February

-  Student Success Team is working with our Associate Schools
-  Students complete course option selections online in class facilitated by Gr 8 Teachers

-  Parents/Guardians encouraged to participate in course selection process
-  If you are not currently at a Sherwood associate school please continue to monitor our website for registration details

#### Beyond

-  Grade 9 Orientation Day?
-  Grade 9 and new to Sherwood students will get to find their home room, locker and other important information give by our Sherwood Ambassadors

Look for more information in the summer!





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# Thanks for joining us, Future Saints!

Be sure to:

- Check out our website
- Follow us on social media
- Follow-up with any questions!  
(Type into the chat)
- Join the Jan 26 HWDSB Session  
How to Select Gr 9 Courses

