



# Waterdown District High School

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Dear Waterdown students, parents, and guardians:

I hope that your summer has been a restful and relaxing one, and that you had a chance to pursue social connection and rejuvenation. I am very excited to welcome all of our Grade 9 students and extend a welcome back to our Grade 10-12 students. I thoroughly enjoyed my first year at Waterdown last year: This is such a vibrant and dynamic community that affords our students so many options. Our focus continues to be academic excellence; however, there are so many other experiences at Waterdown District High School that I encourage you to be a part of.

I am very pleased to be able to continue to work with two dedicated and caring Vice Principals, Ms McGilchrist and Mr Schinkel. I know that all three of us are like-minded: Our doors are open and we welcome the opportunity to hear of any challenges and successes that you would like to share. If we can provide support or guidance, we are very interested in working with you to that end. We will continue this year to solicit Student Voice and act on student and family feedback to enhance culture here at Waterdown.

I am also privileged to be working alongside a staff that go above and beyond for their students. For those of you returning, I know that this is reflected through the relationships that you have with staff and the connections that you've made. For those of you new to Waterdown, I am confident that you will quickly realize how our staff will work tirelessly to support you in your academic success and well-being.

We will be hosting our **Grade 9 Orientation Day on Wednesday, August 30**. We look forward to welcoming all Grade 9 Warriors on that day. Please arrive at the school between 9:00 - 9:30 am and enter through the main doors. At check-in you will receive your schedule for the semester and be assigned to a group. Groups will participate in a series of activities (school tours, icebreakers, O365/HUB, Q&A, etc...) that wrap up by our 12:30 pm departure time. Have a look at our teams and clubs: <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/waterdown/teams-and-clubs/>. We think you will really enjoy our exceptional facilities at Waterdown!

All families will be able to access student timetables through the Parent Portal during the week of August 28. Students and families who would like to explore a schedule/timetable change can make a guidance appointment during the first week of school through the following link:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/WDHSGuidanceAppointments@hwdsbonca.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

Grade 9 students will receive their locker during their Orientation Day; returning students will have their lockers assigned through Homerooms during the first week of school.

Our **first day of classes is Wednesday, September 6**. Waterdown's bell times are as follows:

Per. 1 8:00 – 9:15  
Per. 2 9:19 – 10:34  
Per. 3 10:38 – 11:53  
Per. 4 11:56 – 1:11  
Per. 5 1:15 – 2:30



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For information about busing, please follow the link: [FAQs | Waterdown District High School \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](#). Also, for the latest information, please subscribe to our website: <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/waterdown/>. Our first **School Council meeting of the year is Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 6:30 pm** in the school library. All parents and caregivers are welcome.

Finally, I want to express how much I am looking forward to working alongside you throughout the 2023/24 school year. Students, staff, families, and community – together we make a powerful team. We will be learning with and from each other this year and I am confident that we will accomplish great things!

See you soon!

Greg Clark

Principal  
Waterdown District High School

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