



# Welcome to/Bienvenue à Collège Garden City Collegiate

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**Welcome** to the 2019-2020 school year at Collège Garden City Collegiate! Regardless if your child is new to our school or a returning student, we hope that this letter provides you with helpful information regarding our school.

Our main office will open on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and our Administrative Assistants will be pleased to take your calls any time after 10:30am.

All of our **student timetables** are distributed through Parent Connect & Student Connect and will be available Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. If you require assistance in accessing your account, please do not hesitate to contact our office beginning Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Again, one of our Administrative Assistants will be happy to assist you.

Our **Parent Connect Website** can be accessed at:

<https://schoolconnect.7oaks.org/schoolconnect/parentsignore.aspx>

Our **Student Connect Website** can be accessed at:

<https://schoolconnect.7oaks.org/schoolconnect/stuconsignon.aspx>

Our **Grade 9 Orientation Day**, which is on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, is devoted to helping our new Grade 9 students transition into their new school. This day, which starts at 8:45am, is only for grade 9 students and follows the proceeding plan:

\*Parents/caregivers are welcome to attend a brief welcome session in our library.

8:45am – 9:35	Students start in their Advocacy class
9:00 - 9:30	Parent Welcome session – School Library
9:40 – 10:10	They browse the Club Fair
10:15 – 10:45	They are Introduced to their Period A class
10:45 – 11:15	They are introduced to their Period B class
11:15 – 11:35	Assembly – Main Gym
11:35 – 12:40	All students are invited to enjoy our <b>Free BBQ Lunch &amp; Music</b>
12:40 – 1:00	Students are asked to return to their Advocacy class
1:00 – 1:20	They are introduced to their Period C class (on days 1, 3, 5)
1:20 – 1:40	They are introduced to their Period D class (on days 1, 3, 5)
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1:50 – 2:10	They are introduced to their Period C class (on days 2, 4, 6)
2:10 – 2:30	They are introduced to their Period D class (on days 2, 4, 6)
2:30pm	They have finished their first day of High School!

On Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> we also offer a “**New to Collège Garden City Collegiate**” session for all of our new Grade 10 to 12 students that will include the following:

1:00pm – 1:30pm                      Students are asked to go to the Library for a brief orientation

Please note that our **First Day of School for all Students** is Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> and we will assume the following schedule:

8:45am – 9:35	Students are asked to begin in their Advocacy Class
9:45 – 10:35	They will attend their Period A Class
10:45 – 11:35	They will attend their Period B Class
11:35 – 12:40	All students are welcome to a <b>Back-to-School BBQ (\$2.00 per person )</b>
12:40 – 2:00	They will attend their Period C Class
2:10 – 3:30	They will attend their Period D Class
3:30pm	They are dismissed for the day!

Please remember that along with supporting your children academically, we work very hard to **support them emotionally**. If your child is feeling anxious or has any concerns, please encourage them to speak with an adult in the building, whether it be a guidance counsellor, a classroom or resource teacher, an educational assistant, a custodian or an administrator. We want to help, and we will help. Always.

Appointments for **course changes** (grades 10-12) can be scheduled from Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Please use Parent Connect to schedule an appointment for a course change with the appropriate grade level Guidance Counsellor or School Administrator. You can access Parent Connect on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. If you need assistance to schedule an appointment through Parent Connect, please see our website and select the “Course Change Appointment” link or contact our office on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> after 10:30 am.

Please note that **Parent Connect** is an invaluable username and password protected site that allows students’ legal guardians to access their children’s school information such as up-to-date attendance records, student schedules, grades, fees owing etc. You are also able to update relevant contact information at any time. Once again, if you need assistance accessing Parent Connect, we strongly encourage you to contact the school office at (204)339-2058 and one of our Administrative Assistants will be pleased to help you.

We are excited to welcome the following **new staff** to Collège Garden City Collegiate for the 2019-2020 school year!!

Rachelle Carlisle

Graeme Crawford

Liam Zarillo

## Some Helpful Facts...

Every student in the school has an **Advocacy Teacher** who will be with them for the duration of their time at Collège Garden City Collegiate. This means that regardless of the course changes that your child will experience from term to term, the relationship that your child and their advocacy teacher will develop from Grade 9 through 12 is uniquely meaningful and a valuable source of support over time.

Your child will receive a **report card** four times a year – November, February, April and June. Report cards are posted on Parent Connect and Student Connect rather than being mailed out to families. If, however, you would prefer to obtain a hardcopy, please speak with our Administrative Assistants in the office. Additionally, teachers contact students' legal guardians regularly throughout the year to discuss issues related to attendance and/or academic success. We strongly encourage all legal guardians to phone or email their children's' teachers with any questions or concerns as they arise.

**SCHOOL MESSENGER** is our automated telephone system that will inform you about your child's unexcused absences for the previous school day and to communicate important information to families. If you have called the school to report your child's absence, you will not receive the automated phone call. As previously mentioned, your child's attendance can be viewed on Parent Connect.

**SCHOOL AGENDA** - Our agenda is available at the APP Store. Search My School Day developed by Honeygarlic Software.

Below is a **list of supplies** that most Grade 9 students will find useful:

- pens, pencils, 30cm/12 inch ruler, eraser
  - scientific calculator (with COS, TAN, SIN)
  - three (3) binders (may require more)
  - loose leaf paper
  - Phys. Ed. clothing (runners, shorts, t-shirt)
- \*\* Students will be notified if additional supplies are required.

All Grade 9 students will receive their **lockers** from their Advocacy Teachers on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> while the Grade 10-12 students will be assigned their lockers on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> by their Advocacy teachers.

Our active **Parent Council** is always welcoming new members. If you would like to be part of these monthly discussions, you are most welcome to attend our first Parent Council meeting on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30 pm

To ensure **everyone's safety**, we ask that all families drop-off and pick-up their children at a reasonable distance from the school's parking lots and bus drop off zones. Entering the staff parking lot and bus drop off zones creates traffic congestion that not only interferes with our bussing schedules, but endangers people's safety. Your cooperation on this matter is greatly appreciated. **We are really looking forward to the 2019-2020 school year!**

# *What to Look For on Your Timetable*

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## **What to look for on your timetable:**

- 1) Grade 9 & 10 students should not have any spares;
- 2) Your advocate should be listed in the bottom slot;
- 3) You should have all of your core courses.

## **What are your core courses?**

English Grade 9: ELA, SST, MAT, SCI, PED (two half courses)

English Grade 10: ELA, GEO, MAT (EMA or APC), SCI, PED (two half courses)

English Grade 11: ELA, HIS, MAT (EMA, APP or CAL), PED (one half course)

English Grade 12: ELA, Math (EMA, APP or CAL), PED (one half course)

French Immersion Grade 9: FRA, ELA, SCH, MAF, SCN, PED (two half courses)

French Immersion Grade 10: FRA, ELA, GEF, MAF (EMF or APF), SCN, PED (two half courses)

French Immersion Grade 11: FRA, ELA, HIF, MAF (EMF, APF or CAF), PED (one half course)

French Immersion Grade 12: FRA, ELA, MAF (EMF, APF or CAF), PED (one half course)

## **For what reasons should you make an appointment to review your timetable?**

- You are missing core courses;
- You are a grade 9 or 10 student with spares (this will put you behind later);
- You are scheduled for a course that you successfully completed in summer school;
- You know that you will require additional credits to stay on track for graduation (30 credits including all of the core courses are required) ;
- You have two courses scheduled in one period;
- You would like to try to change one of your options (all courses are very full so there are no guarantees).

**For a 4 year graduation, your goal should be to earn the minimum total credits by the end of each year:**

- Grade 9: 8.5 credits
- Grade 10: 17 total credits
- Grade 11: 24 total credits
- Grade 12: 30 total credits

*More information regarding appointments can be found in the Welcome Back Letter. Information on course requirements can be found in our school handbook and our school website.*

