



# Westview SECONDARY SCHOOL

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April 21, 2023

## **Welcome to Westview**

Dear Grade 8 Westview Students & Parent/Guardians,

I would like to officially welcome you as a student at Westview for the 2023-24 school year. We are very excited to have you join us next year and to start your 5-year high school journey with us.

I am the Principal at Westview Secondary School, and I am looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you! I could not be prouder of our school culture and community, the amazing teaching and support staff, the care that is provided to all students and the amazing opportunities your kids will have both in and out of the classroom. We pride ourselves on the engaging learning opportunities students have and the community we have built, which I feel has resulted in such a significant and positive growth of our school in the last two years.

I am excited where we are headed as a school and looking forward to sharing what awaits next year's grade 8 students on their 5-year journey at Westview. I encourage you to check out a few videos on our website and our latest newsletter -

- [Student Videos](#)
- [Student Leader Profile Videos](#)
- [April Newsletter](#)

## **Grade 8 Program - OPTIONS**

Westview has two sports academies (Basketball & Soccer) and a music program that are OPTIONS for students in grade 8. To help us with our planning for next year, grade 8 students have the option of taking several specialty courses. Below is information on three optional programs that students can take in grades 8-12. These are NOT required courses and are options for students who are interested.

- Basketball Academy Information [LINK](#)
- Soccer Academy Information [LINK](#)
- Music Information [LINK](#)

If you are interested in any of these courses please complete this [survey](#).

*\*\*Please note there is a fee associated with both sports academies.*



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## **Supporting our Grade 8s**

Grade 8 is an exciting year for students! The school is bigger with more course options, clubs, and extracurricular opportunities. To help with the transition, Westview is proud to offer connections with grade 11-12 student leaders who lead activities, make connections, and generally provide a connection for the year to our grade 8s. Our grade 11 -12 student leaders facilitate orientation activities on day 1 of the school year and will frequently host activities and events for our grade 8s throughout the school year. They will also be involved in the Grade 7 Day on Wednesday, May 24th.

## **Grade 7 Day - Wednesday, May 24th**

Wednesday, May 24th is a return to our annual Grade 7 Day at Westview (& across SD42). On this day, grade 7s attend Westview for the FULL day.

The purpose of the day is to help students transition to high school, so they have a smooth start in September 2023. Students will get to know key teachers and administration, take classes, learn about extracurricular opportunities, and most importantly become familiar with their next year's school. Additional information will be sent to all grade 7s - including start and end times, supplies that are needed and key contacts.

We look forward to welcoming our new grade 8s to Westview.

Please feel free to connect with me if you have any questions as you prepare for beginning high school next year. It is best to reach me by email:  
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Kind regards,

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