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Grade 7 Parent Orientation Letter

Dear Parents & Guardians,

On behalf of the Gorsebrook Junior High team, I wanted to welcome you and your grade 7 student to a wonderful school!

Covid19 ushered in many unexpected changes to our school last spring, which for your student meant no orientation to Gorsebrook. We realize for some students that this may increase their anxiety and feelings of uncertainty about coming to a new school. We wanted to reach out and be in contact to offer some reassurance to you and your child about this transition. Being nervous about the first few days of school, in a new school is very normal, so please reassure your child they are not alone. Even some of the teachers get butterflies for the first day school each year, (I know this principal does!).

Each year in September our staff transition, a new group of incoming grade seven students. We will be working to ensure your child begins to feel comfortable as soon as possible. This year in grade 7, students will stay in their homeroom class for most of the day, each day. This alone should ease some of their anxiety. We will not have lockers this year, which may come as a disappointment to students, but also to some a relief of the pressure of combination locks and busy hallways.

We would encourage your child to speak to anyone of our staff members if they are feeling uneasy or have questions that are not being addressed during those first few days. We are here to help as much as we can.

More information will follow next week regarding the procedure for the first day of school.

If you have any unanswered questions after the newsletters arrive, please feel free to reach out to Ms. Ferguson or myself at any time, or contact your child's teacher directly.

Kind Regards,

Mark MacPhee
Principal
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