



# Guildford Park Secondary School

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Hello and welcome back to everyone in the Guildford Park school community. As in the previous few years, due to our environmental consciousness, we no longer mail home the large envelope with our August newsletter. Instead, you are receiving this welcome back letter with some critical information for the start of the school year as well as information on how to access our on-line August newsletter.

School will resume for all students on Tuesday, **September 3<sup>rd</sup>**. It is extremely important for all students to be in attendance on the first day as it will give us an indication of which students are returning for the school year. Students should attend their assigned homeroom class. Homeroom assignments will be posted by Grade/Alpha near the school office area.

Grade 8: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12: Noon to 12:30 p.m.

**Students will receive a printed copy of their 2019-20 course schedule in homeroom on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Our master timetable is based on student requests from the spring; no course changes from original requests will be possible. Counsellors are presently working very hard to balance and ensure all students have complete schedules. During the week of August 26<sup>th</sup> you may access the online portal to see your child's schedule. Our online newsletter will have instructions. Any student with an **incomplete schedule** may see their counsellor between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> for Grades 11 and 12 and Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> for Grades 8, 9 and 10. **Please refer to the online August newsletter (link provided below) for more information on student schedules.**

Our comprehensive August newsletter contains valuable information to ensure a smooth start to the school year. Contained within it is information on: lockers, school supplies, parking, school fees, school APP, school photos, extra-curricular activities, GP's Student Code of Conduct, Student Threat Assessment Protocol, and much more. To access the newsletter please go to [www.gpsabres.ca](http://www.gpsabres.ca)

For this school year, school fees can be paid through the School Cash On-Line (SCO) system. Please see online newsletter for the school's fee schedule and instructions to sign onto the SCO.

Also included in the online newsletter is information on subscribing to our school APP. This is one of the main ways we send out the most current information and reminders. If you do not have a smart phone with a data plan, you can still receive all of the APP notifications through your e-mail. To access the web version of the APP go to: <http://gpsabres.school2go.ca/app/#>

Click on "Sign Up" and fill in the form and select "Email Notifications" as the notification method.

An area of need for our school is **Attendance**, student success is directly related to attendance. We are asking for support in this area by all participants: school, families and students. Let's work at making this year a great one by attending every class, every day. Thanks for your cooperation!

On behalf of all of the staff at Guildford Park Secondary we look forward to welcoming all students back to school on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Brian Tait, Principal