

August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As the school year approaches, the teachers, support staff and administrators would like to take this opportunity to thank you for entrusting us with the education of your son/daughter. It is extremely important that both the school and the home work together to ensure your son's/daughter's success. I hope that this partnership will grow throughout the school year.

**The first day of school for the Grade 9 students and the Link Crew is Wednesday , September 3rd<sup>h</sup>, 2014, from 8:55 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Since students will be meeting with Link Leaders and participating in a number of orientation activities, they may wear school appropriate casual clothes.

This division provides the new students an easier transition to the high school experience. In the morning, the Grade 9 students will be welcomed by their Link Crew leader, a senior student who has been trained in team building and leadership skills, with the purpose of looking out for and making the Grade 9 student feel comfortable in his/her new surroundings. This session will last until 12:00 noon, at which time students and Link Leaders will be provided with a lunch to enjoy together. After lunch, the Grade 9 students will report to their classes to meet their teachers and be given an overview of each course.

**On Thursday, September 4th, 2014, at 8:55 a.m. classes will commence for all students in Grade 9, 10, 11, and 12. Students will be dismissed at 3:06 p.m. All students must be in full school uniform.**

On Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014, students are asked to report to their homeroom to receive their timetable. Homeroom lists will be posted in the cafeteria. All O'Gorman High School students are required to pay a \$60.00 student fee as part of registration **on the first day of school.**

This fee covers:

- Locker & Combination Lock - **lockers will not be issued unless the fee is paid**  
Damage or loss to the lock/locker will result in an additional fee.
- In-school activities during the school year.
- Student ID card.
- Yearbook.

Attached, you will find a condensed version of our school's code of conduct and general operational procedures. It is important that you take the time to carefully read this material so you are familiar with our expectations that have been established for an orderly and, more importantly, safe school community. We hope after reading the code, you will take the time to discuss it with your child.

**Please complete, sign and return the Student Information Update Form, Activity Consent Form and \$60.00 student fee with your child on Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014, to their homeroom teacher. We will be introducing communication to parents/guardians via e-mail in the near future so it is important to include your e-mail address where indicated on the Information Update form.**

Transportation information is available via the internet at <https://geoquery.netribus.ca> or through the School Bus Transportation link on the Board Website.

Finally, on behalf of the staff, I would like to welcome you to the O'Gorman High School family.

Darren Berthier  
Principal

Sharon Maisonneuve  
Vice-Principal

Jennifer Dunkley  
Vice-Principal (ACCESS)