

WILDCAT NEWS



Mid-Summer News Update

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings everyone,

I hope that you have so far thoroughly enjoyed the summer as it has really been fantastic here and one of the best in recent memories so far.

I am reaching out to you all to share the progress that has gone on this past few weeks since school ended and to give you a glimpse of some exciting new things happening in and around the school. The custodial staff have worked extremely hard at preparing our classrooms to allow us to reconfigure our specialty rooms like the Science room, Technology room and the Art room. The movers have completed the move out of our school for the staff and students at the new École Itt'Q school. This has allowed our custodians the opportunity to finally get into the classrooms upstairs to clean and prepare for our internal move which will be complete by the end of the week. Take a look at some of the photos to see what they have done so far!

We have some exciting changes in store for the students this coming year. We will have a student/class lounge that can be reserved by teachers to take their class, our upper Library lounge will be a bonus space for students looking for a quiet place to read and complete work. The Science room is set up to allow all students to experience a proper science laboratory and I know that Madame Marie-Eve is very excited to have her Art room back to do all the amazing things that she does in our Art Exploratory.

We are also very pleased that we will be able to offer our Athletics Academy next year in both Hockey and Futsal. This program will begin within the first two weeks of school starting so please stay tuned for more information coming your way. We have already had a tremendous amount of interest in the program returning and I am happy that we have been able to accommodate. I have fielded a number of emails regarding an offering within the Fine Arts programming similar to the academy. I am also pleased to say that we will be able to offer a reduced version, as a pilot project, to our grade 8 students next year. This will be a special 40 minute pull out period directed to those students who are eager to experience some additional fine arts programming specifically in music to start and possibly Drama as the year progresses. The details of how this will look are still being developed but will be shared with all grade 8 students and parents when we are prepared to launch, hopefully by the end of September.

We were very excited to see the ground breaking on our new BASKETBALL COURTS this week. CR Enterprises was awarded the contract to complete the project. This project is just the start of what I would like to refer as the "École William McDonald Outdoor Sports Complex". The basketball courts are just phase 1 of the project with space already being laid out for Phase 2 when the portables are removed from our location. We are looking for parents or individuals that have some expertise with 3D modeling to help do some work on the initial design of phase 2 and 3, as we will be approaching the city of Yellowknife and other groups for support with the project. If you or someone you know is willing to support, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Again, I am excited about the way things have progressed over the summer and I know that we, once again, will have an outstanding year with our students back in our regular configuration of grade 6 to 8. Please enjoy the rest of your summer break and I look forward to seeing you all in September at our Open house on the 14th

Thank you, Merci, Mahsi cho,

Jeff



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Upcoming Dates:

Teachers Return



AUG 24-26th



AUG 29th



SEPT 14th



SEPT 21st

Retakes-Feb 6th, 2023





August 29th—First Day of Classes!!

Proposal for: École William McDonald Outdoor Sports Complex

Looking for individuals with 3D graphic design skills to help with the rendering of our Outdoor Sports Complex Proposal. If you or a family member have skills in this area and are willing to put some time in to support the school, we would very much like to hear from you. Please reach out to Jeff Seabrook @ (w)873-5814 or @ 445-4200 if you would like to be a part of this project.



Interested in Joining?

Our First PAC meeting of the year will be September 21st
@ 7pm. In the library



Another Reminder:



Sept. 21st

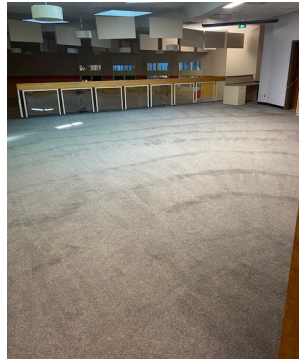
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Photos from around the school!



The Program Support room almost ready. Resources to be moved in soon!



Upper Library work space



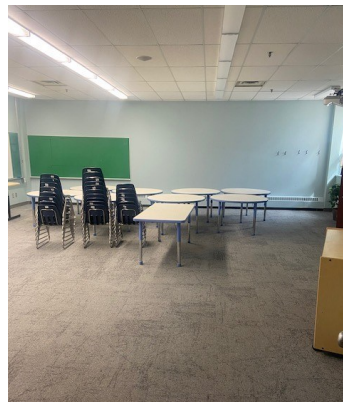
Court Layout complete!



It has started.. Even Carl, the owner of CR enterprises couldn't resist running the loader.



Room 208 Before and After. Ms. Paige is looking forward to setting this



Newly cleaned classrooms, ready for move in!



Student Lounge in Action!



Breakout/Outdoor Education Room.

Look! a Science Lab for all our classes to use! Yeehaaaw!

