

September 16, 2024

West Bedford High Families,

**1. HRCE Demographic Update Form.** Later this week, the individual listed as Contact 1 for your child in PowerSchool will receive an email request to complete the 2024-2025 Demographic Updates form. The email notification will come from *PowerSchool Enrollment* with a subject line of **HRCE Student Demographic Update for “Your Student.”**

The email will contain details on how to access the form from within the Parent Portal to review and update your address, contact information, and any essential information for your child.

**Please note:** although the notification goes to Contact 1, any contact with Portal access to your child can complete the form.

It's critical that we have the most accurate information each year so that we can contact you quickly in case of emergency, send you important school information and to understand your child's health requirements.

You will also be able to complete the Publication of Student Personal Information and Student Work form in the Parent Portal.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us directly.

#### **West Bedford Admin team**

**2. Grade 8 and 9 English Classes -update.** We have now on top of the additional grade 8 classroom, we have now been given extra staffing to deal with our grade 9 class sizes. We are working on rearranging schedules to accommodate these additional classes and in some cases, your child in another grade may have a teacher change for one of their classes. We were trying to minimize the disruption as much as possible, but this second additional class is going to create major changes in our schedule from grade 7-11.

**Timeline:** New teachers will be hired in the next few weeks. New classes will be created, and schedules will change.

**What this will mean for Grade 8 and 9 students:** A new grade 8 and 9 class will be created from students currently enrolled in 8-1 to 8-4 and 9-1 to 9-8 and all English classes will follow a new schedule.

Our teachers will be mindful of creating a new class that balances students' diverse learning needs, while also taking social considerations into account. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this and will update those impacted as soon as possible.

**What this will mean for students in Grade 7-11.** With the additional homeroom for grade 8 and now 9 we will have course changes that impact the entire school. **We are attempting to address course requests for the senior high level (10 and 11) with these impending changes.** We ask for your patience while this occurs as this is a major change to our current schedule. We apologize in advance for this inconvenience, but the growth in this area continues to create challenges to the start of the school year with scheduling.

**3. Reminder: Basketball skills sessions and Athletics Team Uniforms Fundraiser. Spots are filling up, so don't forget to sign up your child before they are gone.**

We have a great opportunity for basketball enthusiasts in grades 7-9. We have two SMU university basketball players, Aidan MacDonald and Jayrell Diggs, that will be putting on a pre-season skills camp here at West Bedford. This will be a total of 9 hours of skills development and scrimmage opportunities for 20 female and 20 male students. The cost is \$125.00 (this works out to \$14.00/hour). Spots are first come first serve and must be paid at the office (cash only). **Fee must be paid by Tuesday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>.** The dates are as follows:

**Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 3:30 -5:00pm**

**Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:00pm**

**Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> 3:30 – 5:00pm**

**Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 3:30- 5:00pm**

**Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 3:30 -5:00pm**

**Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:00pm**