

May 30, 2016

To all Grade 7 students and your families;

Welcome to John D. Bracco Junior High School! You have chosen an excellent school for your child's educational career and we look forward to working with you through the next three important years! **Please accept this letter as confirmation of your registration at John D. Bracco for the 2016-2017 academic year.**

You are now a Bruin! This mighty bear symbolizes the power of what you can become at JDB. We have a tradition of excellence in academics, arts, athletics and attitudes that will build stronger students. We hold true to the 6 pillars of Bracco: citizenship, courage, dignity, integrity, respect and responsibility, to support your growth and development in the three years you will be a "Bruin".


Before classes officially begin, you are invited to a **Grade 7 Orientation Activity Day on Wednesday August 31st at 9:00 am.** You will have an opportunity to meet your teachers, tour the school, find your locker, learn about junior high expectations and meet some new friends from other elementary schools. **School timetables** will be ready for you then, and in celebration of your registration, you will receive your own Bracco Bruin T-Shirt! Please attend as this is an ideal opportunity to become better prepared and feel more comfortable on your first day of school.

Parents are welcome to stay and take part in the orientation activities or drop students off and pick them up by 11:30 am. If you pre-ordered school supplies through our **Staples** partnership, they will be available to students on the first day of classes in their homerooms. Deadline to order through Staples for delivery to the school is July 4th, 2016. Parents are also welcome to pay school fees during the orientation sessions, which will end with a BBQ from 11:00 – 12:00 pm. Fees can also be paid online on the secure *SchoolZone* website. **All fees must be paid by September 16th, 2016.**

Classes begin on Thursday, September 1st, 2016. Please arrive early so we can start in homerooms at 8:40 am sharp for your first day of Junior High. Remember to bring your supplies and a lunch. We will provide you with a lock for your hallway locker. Remember to check SchoolZone and our website regularly for updates to school information. Please ensure a parent email is accurate to receive Principal Marino's Newsletters on a monthly basis. Parents are invited to an informational session about "Junior High Jitters" and ways to support your child in these formative years. We are also welcoming parents to support the Parent Advisory Council Association in 2016-2017. The first meeting is on September 15th, at 6:30 in the Library, with only 5 meetings throughout the year, primarily making decisions on how to spend Casino Funds each year to support our student's academic success.

A list of school supply essentials that are expected at the junior high level is enclosed along with the daily school schedule. Also included is information regarding the Grade 7 Camp that will take place on September 22 and 23, 2016 at Camp Nakamun. All information is available on our website at johndbracco.epsb.ca, under the Parents Tab, and Registration.

Sincerely,


Jillian Marino, Principal