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Carlton Comprehensive Public High School

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Dear Crusader,

On behalf of the staff, the administrative team welcomes you and your family to Carlton. We are dedicated to building on the many positive learning experiences that you have experienced thus far in your education. We have embraced the theme "You Matter" within our school community and we work hard each day to demonstrate this. This year, in conjunction with our "You Matter" philosophy, we have created homerooms for all of our students. In order to share our genius effectively we need to practice self-reflection, building relationships and learning to be independent. These are all critical skills we will be working on in homeroom. We hope you are as excited about the start of a new year as we are!

Communication with our students and community is very important to us. We have very active Facebook (Carlton Comprehensive High School), Twitter (@PACarlton), and Instagram (pacarltonhs) accounts where we post upcoming events, student success and a host of other information. We encourage you to follow us! The newest way to stay up to date is by downloading our app! Just search Carlton High School in the App Store or on Google Play. With the app you have direct access to Students Achieve, My Blueprint, our student announcements and many other convenient features.

Even though you are looking forward to the first day of high school with excitement, we also know that a small amount of apprehension may exist. You are probably asking yourself, "How will I find my classes? Who do I go to for help?" These are common concerns, and will be addressed on the first day of school when we meet in CPAC (the new gym) at 8:55 am for the Welcome Rally. Before that, we hope you take the time between August 22 and August 25 to visit the school with your friends to find your locker and your classrooms. We will have current Carlton students available to help you find your way around, or answer any questions you may have.

On September 5, before coming in to the rally please be sure to pick up an updated copy of your timetable in the CPAC Lobby. This should be done between 8:15 and 8:45. Although the updated timetable is likely to be the same as the one e-mailed to you on August 15th, we may have had to make minor changes. By 8:55 a.m. you are to be seated in the C-PAC Gym for the Welcome Rally. At the Rally, you will be introduced to your period one teacher and you will go with them to your period one class where they will go over some important start up information with you. On that first day, and throughout the entire week, teachers will be in the hallway to help you as necessary.

Carlton offers a wide range of academic and extracurricular activities. These activities are offered to develop or further explore an area of interest. Often, involvement in extracurricular activities will result in improved grades and attitudes toward school. Many of the skills and attitudes that are necessary for success in extracurricular activities are transferable to daily tasks at home, school and work. We encourage you to discuss with your parent the importance of getting involved in the many clubs and organizations that make Carlton a great place to be a student. Throughout the school year, Club Day, Twitter, daily announcements, notifications on our app, newsletters, and posters will help to keep you informed about upcoming events. Our goal is to have every grade 9 student participate in one or more extra-curricular activities.

Many of our activities begin the first week – some even on the first day! We have included an activity schedule which includes the activity, the contact teacher, and the date, time and location of the first event. Hope to see you there!

School supplies for Grade 9 are two zippered binders, loose leaf and dividers, scientific calculator (a better quality one will last you 4 years of classes), and writing utensils (pens, pencils, and eraser). Our math teachers recommend Casio fx-300ES Plus, and the Casio fx-991ES Plus C, although many other calculators work as well. In PE each student will receive a Carlton Gym T-shirt and need to bring indoor gym shoes that they will be able to store in the PE locker all year. Your teachers may have more specific items that can be purchased after school starts.

Every year we host a **Grade 9 Meet the Family Night**. This year we are hosting our event on **September 13**. We will host a Welcome Back barbeque in the Cafetorium beginning at 5:30 p.m. followed by a short presentation in the Lecture Theatre at 6:15 p.m. You will then have the opportunity to follow your student's daily timetable and meet the teachers they work with.

School pictures will take place **September 14.** Picture packages can be ordered once proofs are given to students. More information will follow on picture day.

Please see the enclosed 2017-18 Carlton School Year Calendar, or check out our web page at www.carlton.srsd119.ca to find other important dates and information necessary for you to have a successful school year.

Yours sincerely,

Dawn Kilmer, Principal #crusaderpride