



Welcome to Walnut Grove Secondary School!

We look forward to meeting and working with you and your family. My name is Ms. Ruffo and I am your school counsellor for grade 8. You can reach out to me with questions to get established in this new community of people.

Please explore our website to get familiar with how to navigate it and you will feel part of things from the very beginning. We have a number of new-to-the-area or simply new students with no current friend groups beginning in September; it's helpful to let adults such as counsellors, your VP, and teachers know that you don't know anyone yet, if this is the case, and would like to meet people/make friends in your peer group. (or Parents - you can send me an email if this is the case for your daughter or son).

THE COURSE PLANNING PROCESS

Access information at

<http://wgsscounselling.weebly.com/course-planning.html>

- Fill in the Gr 8 Course Planning form and submit it to me as soon as you are able. The choices you are making (in our regular program) are
 - PHE 8 -- Co-Ed is where we have space at this point: please choose this.
 - English and Social Studies separately in Bring Your Own Device? or together in a course called Humanities?
 - French 8 or 9 (if you are coming out of French Immersion)
 - Did you have Learning Assistance in grade 5, 6, or 7? Have your parent fill in the box on the course form and sign it; Grade 7 teacher also signs it.
- WGSS must have the paper copy of your program and course choices. *Put the website listed above into the address bar. Then go to Forms and Applications. Click on 8- under the big GRADE 8 picture, under Required Course Selection Forms. Print off the form. (if you are in French Immersion, please go to that program's form).

Due by: at your earliest opportunity - scan and email me or drop off to main office as paper copy; send with friend or older sibling to main office.

- View our information and instruction videos online under Presentations.
- Read and view our How-To Guides if you have questions about entering courses online or MyEdBC log-in: Located on our Course Planning page under HOW-TO GUIDES

All forms for course planning and application to programs can be printed off our website. Course Guidebooks in paper copies will not be provided but are available online.

When corresponding with me, please include the first and last name of your child (to differentiate it from your name).

Thanks so much,

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