

Ryerson Heights School 33 Dowden Ave., Brantford, ON N3T 0A3 Phone: 519-752-8814

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to another exciting school year at Ryerson Heights.

We continue our journey with "The Leader In Me" program – as both a Lighthouse School and now as a host of the International Leader In Me Symposium. There are a few changes happening on staff at the school. We welcome back Ms. Penrice after her maternity leave. She will be joining the Intermediate division teaching Grade 7 along with Mr. Woodley. Mdme. Maas is off on maternity leave this year, so Mme. Grozelle will be teaching French for the class. There will be many notes, notices, and forms going home in the first few days. It will be important for many of these to be returned to the school as soon as possible.

All students will have a Leadership Notebook that we will be putting together and using daily/weekly. It will be a work in progress that will showcase their learning in the class and school. Students will be using this to track assignments, their 7 Habits checklist, their achievement record and reflection on marks received for major tasks and tests, and as a journal. It will include everything about them at school. Parents should check this on a regular basis to see how their son/daughter is doing in school.

Use of technology in the classroom will be a focus this year. As such, students need to respect the use of devices and use them appropriately. Please read, sign, and return the "Permission for Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices at School" form. It also applies to the use of classroom devices. My policy is students should not be wearing headphones. There may be times that they will be needed, but not as a fashion statement, and not during instructional time. Students should not be using cell phones during school. All communications should go through the office.

I have a Twitter account for the class that I will be using to share our class achievements and struggles throughout the year. Please follow us at "brianjwilson4". This will be used for education based ideas and to highlight what is happening in our classroom.

Grade 7 students will be covering a number of different subjects which may include different teachers. Students will cover the History and Geography separately this year. There will be lots of communication between all of the teachers regarding student progress, but it will be imperative that students take responsibility for their learning in order to be successful this year.

There will be many more items to communicate to parents, and I find the best way is to use the class website (see reverse of page). The website will have to change by the end of December, but there will be lots of advance notice regarding this. The best way for parents to contact me is through email. If needed, we can then set up a time for a phone call or schedule a meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the school year, please feel free to contact me at the school, 752-8814 or brian.j.wilson@granderie.ca

Sincerely, Mr. B. Wilson



## Mr. Wilson Grade 7 Class of 2017/2018

Check frequently for announcements, homework, calendar of events, grades, and more!

Bookmark (add to Favorites) the page below the first time you go to it.

## http://teacherweb.com/ON/RyersonHeightsSchool/BWilson

This website will be your way of knowing what is happening in your child's class, seeing what is for homework and when it is due, and a way of contacting me with questions or concerns. Many worksheets, notes, and assignments will be posted on this site for use at home and at school.

Mr. B. Wilson

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Please sign and have this sheet returned to the school acknowledging receipt of the Start of Year Letter (on opposite) and the web address for the class website. Please include email addresses that you wish to be contacted at.

(name of student)

(parent signature)

Email address #1

Email address #2