



**École élémentaire James Whiteside Elementary School**

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Directeur/Principal: Mr. B. Cameron | Directrice Adjointe/Vice-Principal: Ms. N. Navin

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 7 Students,

Welcome back to school! You may be starting to wonder about secondary school for your child and their transition to Grade 8 next September.

Grade 7 students are automatically registered at their neighbourhood catchment secondary school based on the current residential address. There is no need to do any additional paperwork or registration and you will be contacted by your catchment secondary school over the next few weeks. If you are unsure what your catchment secondary school is, please visit the school district website and use the school locator tool. (<https://sd38.bc.ca/schools/locations-catchments>)

If a student wishes to apply to attend a school other than their secondary catchment school, they must complete and submit a Transfer Application Form. These forms can be downloaded from the district website (<https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/transfer-applications>). Transfer Application Forms will be available online January 15, 2023.

Completed transfer applications need to be emailed to the requested school(s) office during the First Round Transfer Application Period beginning February 6, 2023 and ending on February 28, 2023. Any applications received after this deadline will be considered late transfer applications. **Please note that all transfer applications are subject to available physical, program, and resource space at the requested secondary school.**

**For students in French Immersion:** Please note, early and late French Immersion students will be automatically registered at McRoberts Secondary (or McMath Secondary, if you live to the west of No. 2 Road). If you live west of No. 2 Road, you will be required to submit a transfer application to attend McRoberts. If you do not want your child to continue French Immersion in secondary school, please let our school office know. If you then want your child to attend a school other than their (English) secondary catchment school, you will need to submit a transfer application.

**For international students (non-local, enrolled through RIE):** Regardless of catchment, your child will be attending McRoberts with his or her Grade 7 cohort.

There will be a parent information evening for Grade 7 parents at McRoberts Secondary on January 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm (changed). Further information can be found on McRoberts' website (<https://mcroberts.sd38.bc.ca/>) closer to the date.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office at [whiteside@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:whiteside@sd38.bc.ca) or 604-668-6209.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brett Cameron', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

**Brett Cameron**

Principal

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