



# F.P. WALSHE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Ok! On behalf of our staff I would like to welcome all of you to the 2022/2023 school year at F.P. Walshe School! We as a staff are excited for the upcoming year, and look forward to seeing all of our returning students, along with our incoming grade 6 and new students to our school.

As we all know, a child's school experience has looked quite different the last two and half years. We as a staff are grateful for all the patience, flexibility, resilience, understanding, and support shown by students and their parents/guardians as we worked together through the pandemic. We are looking forward to this coming year with plans for a more 'normal' school experience in and out of the classroom. As I enter my 3rd year as principal of F.P. Walshe School, I very much am excited for the future and the opportunities that lie ahead.

As a school community we will continue to live our vision/mission/motto statements: Vision: ***A place to learn and belong*** Mission: ***Empower personal growth through meaningful relationships*** Motto: ***We Are Walshe.*** These three statements speak to our core values and beliefs at F.P. Walshe and we will collaboratively be focused on enhancing our school culture through building connection and positive relationships.

We have an outstanding staff in place this year who are committed to connecting with your children and helping them achieve their individual goals. We are pleased to welcome Ms. Jessica Burkart (middle school/high school math and science), Katelyn Heidinger (Grade 7 humanities), Mackenzie Lanz (child youth care worker), Erin Bisschop (learning commons/educational assistant), Austin Phillips (educational assistant) and Mandy Sanders (office administrator) to our team.

One of our school areas of focus this year is around re-connecting with families. On Wednesday, Sept. 7 @ 5:00 pm we will be hosting a welcome back BBQ at the school for all students and their families. We also have two annual general meetings (AGM) scheduled for September with our Sports Council AGM happening on Thursday, Sept. 8 @ 7:00 pm and our School Council AGM happening on Wednesday, Sept. 21. We encourage anyone who is interested in getting more involved in the school to consider attending one of these upcoming meetings. Parent/guardian feedback and support is an important piece in our school improvement model. These meeting dates/times/locations will be posted on our website and social media accounts throughout the school year.

Our Outdoor Development Project is in phase 2 and we are very excited for our upcoming playground build taking place at the end of September. Our FPW Fundraising Committee has done an amazing job raising funds and planning new wellness spaces for our students. We are looking for volunteers for Friday, September 30 to support the playground build and if you are available to help that day please contact us at the school.

Staff and students are excited for athletics to begin with the volleyball season right around the corner. We also have cross-country and high school golf options for students this fall as we look forward to a full year of athletic competition. This is also the inaugural year for our WINGS program, a middle school sports option that gives students the opportunity to improve their individual skills in the areas of: hockey, volleyball, basketball, rugby and baseball.

Our staff is looking forward to all the learning opportunities that lie ahead and to reconnect with all of your children. As always, do not hesitate to contact us at the school if you have any questions or concerns. Take care and I hope to see all of you soon!

Sincerely,

Chad Jensen

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