



# Grade 9 Parent Information Session



## Strategies for Success

KCVI

Wednesday, August 28, 2019



Agenda:  
8:45-9:15 a.m.



1. What is Student Success?
2. Tips for success in grade 9
3. Home/School Communication
4. Daily schedule and course codes
5. Important dates
6. Extra-curriculars
7. Get Your Bearings Program
8. Student Services Supports

# What is the Student Success Team's mandate?

- Target efforts with classroom teachers to support student needs
- Communicate with elementary teachers and grade 9 teachers
- Support the development of solid literacy and numeracy skills
- Be a caring adult, and support peer mentors
- Support students with missing summative assessments

# KCVI Grade 9 Success Team

**Grade 9  
Student**

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**Admin Team:**

**Principal:**

Talya McKenna

**VPs:**

Margaret Connelly

Lonny Gibson

Bryan Lambert

**Classroom  
Teacher**

**Student Services**

# Student Services Team:

Bonney Morris-Pocock: Head of Student Services

Julie Ambury: Co-op Teacher

Helen Davis: International Baccalaureate (IB)  
Program Coordinator

Tamiko Ferguson: Guidance

Beth Ford: Lead Student Success Teacher

Julia Hale: Learning Program Support

Helena Huskilson: Learning Program Support

Karen Irvine: Student Success Teacher

Kim James: Guidance

Kim Kippen: Learning Program Support

Adam Lynn: Guidance

Kristie Timmins: Adolescent Care Worker

Dee Chambers: Social Worker



# Basic Needs



- An alarm clock
- Healthy breakfast
- 2 binders (one for morning classes and one for afternoon classes)
- Dividers to separate subjects
- Pens, pencils, highlighters, calculator
- Healthy lunch or money to buy lunch
- Gym shoes and change of clothes for Phys-ed

# Suggestions

- **REACH OUT** if your child is struggling. Teachers, guidance counselors, and admin are here to help you.
- **COMMUNICATE.** Talk to your child. Ask how school is going. Attend parent-teacher nights, school events, read school newsletters, and the school website. Maintain consistent contact through school council, and by reading and discussing your child's report card.
- Be a **POSITIVE** role model. Speak positively about school and education.

## ...more suggestions

- **BALANCE** is important. Teens need leisure time to hang out with friends and they need lots of exercise.
- Talk to your child about organization.
- Encourage a reasonable bed-time.
- Encourage a break from social media / electronics.



## ...more suggestions

- “But I don’t have any homework!” Even if specific homework has not been assigned, information should be reviewed. Learn definitions, read assigned reading or for pleasure, make review sheets, reflect on progress and create a plan for success, and consider questions to ask the teacher the next day.
- Encourage involvement in extra-curricular activities.
- Encourage your child to read and take an interest in current events.

# School Messenger

- If you have not already done so, please be sure to download the School Messenger app (blue icon) from the Apple App or Google Play Store.
- This is where you report your child's absence and will receive school information, reminders, and updates.

# Attendance...What if ....???

... My child is ill:

- Use School Messenger to report a full day or multi-day absence.
- Email the attendance office at [kcvi.attendance@limestone.on.ca](mailto:kcvi.attendance@limestone.on.ca) or call 613-544-9051.
- Send a note with your child.
- For students needing to sign-out early, parental permission must be given.
- When arriving more than 20 minutes late to any class, students must sign-in at the attendance office.

# Medical – Plans of Care

If your child has any of the following medical conditions, a plan of care must be in place:

- Diabetes
- Asthma
- Epilepsy or Seizures
- Anaphylaxis
- Any other medical condition that may require an emergency response.

# Ways to stay informed

- School website:  
<http://kcvilimestone.on.ca>
- Twitter:  
Talya Mckenna/KCVI @talyamckenna
- School Council meetings (First meeting is Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m.)
- Subject teachers or Student Success Team



# Schedule



## WEEK A

- 8:20 Warning Bell
- 8:25 seated in HForm
- 8:31-9:46 Period A
- 9:53-11:08 Period B
- 11:08-11:59 LUNCH
- 11:59-1:14 Period C
- 1:21-2:36 Period D

## WEEK B

- 8:20 Warning Bell
- 8:25 seated in HForm
- 8:31-9:46 Period A
- 9:53-11:08 Period B
- 11:08-11:59 LUNCH
- 11:59-1:14 Period D
- 1:21-2:36 Period C

# Course Codes

- ADA = Drama
- AMU = Music
- BTT = Business
- CGC = Geography
- ELS = Literacy
- ENG = English
- FSF = Core French
- FEF = Extended
- FIF = Immersion
- LVL = Latin
- MFM/MPM = Math
- NAC = Visual Arts
- PPL = Phys. Ed.
- SNC = Science
- TIJ = Technology

# Important Dates (On website)

Photo Day	Thursday, September 12
Grade 9 Fun Day at City Park	Tuesday, September 17
Grade 9 Profile Night	Thursday, September 19 @ 6:30 pm
Early Reports	Thursday, October 10
Book Appointments for Parent/Guardian Night	October 23-October 29
Parent/Guardian Night	Wednesday, October 30 (6:30–9:00 pm)
Take a Grade 9 Student to Work Day	Wednesday November 6
Mid-semester Report distributed to students	Tuesday, November 19
EQAO Math testing (for students taking math in semester 1)	January 14 & 16, 2020
Semester 1 Review days, Culminating activities and Exams	January 16–22, 2020 January 23 – January 30 , 2020



# Costs to Expect

KCVI BLUES PACKAGE: includes lock, t-shirt, student card, drawstring bag	\$25.00
Field Trips	varies
Sports Teams & Clubs	varies
Course materials	optional upgrades
Textbooks, if lost or damaged	Replacement or repair cost

Compensatory Funds are available.



# Extra-Curricular Involvement

Fall Sports & Clubs

Encourage your child to get involved.

# More Supports and Resources

KCVI Student Services	613-544-4811 (128)
KCVI Adolescent Care Worker	613-544-4811 (145)
T.A.L.K.	613-544-1771
Family & Children Services	613-542-7351
K.A.I.R.O.S. (Substance Abuse)	613-542-6559
KFL&A Public Health	613-549-1232
Sexual Health Clinic	613-549-1232 (1275)
Kingston Community Counselling Centre	613-549-7850
Maltby Centre Crisis Line	613-546-8535
Kids Help Phone...Youth Line	1-800-668-6868

# Let Us Know

- If your child sustains a concussion.
- Changes to your child's health.
- If there is anything happening in your child's life that is out of the ordinary, please don't hesitate to talk to a member of our staff.

\* Note: Parking in KCVI Lot – If you are coming in for an appointment during the school day, be sure to pick up a parking pass in the main office.

# Get Your BEARings Program

## Wednesday

- Link Crew Activities
- School Tours
- Motivational Assembly
- School Resources Panel

## Thursday

- Student Registration
- Workshops
- Locker and Timetable
- Bus Orientation
- BBQ Lunch
- Closing Assembly

Program ends at 2:00 each day.

# Student Services Supports

## Greetings and Introductions

- International Baccalaureate (IB) Program
  - Helen Davis: IB Coordinator
- Individual Education Plans (IEPs)
  - Kim Kippen: Learning Program Support Teacher
- Social/Emotional/Mental Health supports
  - Kristie Timmins: Adolescent Care Worker (ACW)



# Registration

- Please proceed to the Cafeteria for a reception and informal Q & A time.
- At this time you may pay for the “Blues Package” (lock, t-shirt, student activity card).
- Please help yourself to coffee and snacks in the cafeteria.

*Thank you for your time today; we look forward to working with you and our new students!*