



Ottewell School Grade 8/9 Spring Package for 2017-2018 School Year

April 2017

Dear Current Grade 7 & 8 Students and Parents/Guardians,

Registration for Next Year

Thank you, parents, for completing the online process in SchoolZone for registering your child/ren for their next grade at Ottewell School. **Please contact us immediately at 780-466-7331 if your son/daughter is not staying with us at Ottewell next year as we have new students who hope to register and we want to ensure we are accurately tracking how many spaces we have available as we are close to our optimal enrollment.**

First Day of School & Daily Schedule

The first day of school for the 2017/2018 school year is Tuesday, September 5, 2017. Homeroom lists will be posted in the front foyer. Staff review homeroom class lists every spring and we collectively determine homeroom groupings; students should not have expectations regarding their homeroom assignment before the first day of school. The first part of the morning on September 5 involves locker assignments and school start up information and activities. **You will find next year's Daily Bell Schedule enclosed in this package.**

SchoolZone

Just a reminder that parents are strongly encouraged to be checking SchoolZone regularly for updated School News and Announcements, the School Calendar of events and activities, updated Individual Student Reports posted at regular intervals, and Class News with homework and test dates. Administration provides key messages and requests through SchoolZone.

School Supplies

Just a reminder of the basic supplies required of most classes, here are some of the necessities. Other supplies needed will be shared by the teachers in the first week of school.

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| (10) HB pencils | (10) ink pens (blue or black) |
| (1) package of pencil crayons | (3-4) 3-ring binders |
| (2) 3-holed paper packages (lines) | (1) 3-holed paper package (no lines) |
| (10) dividers for binders | (1-2) highlighters |

Communication

At Ottewell School, we know that communication is key between students, parents, and school staff. Always feel welcome to contact teachers or administrators by emailing or calling the school office. Staff email addresses are available in Resources > School Resources in SchoolZone.

Dress Code

Students and parents are encouraged to review our Dress Code under For Students > Student Services on our website - <http://ottewell.epsb.ca/> prior to back-to-school shopping.



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Technology

We have made it a priority at Ottewell School to provide our students with access to technology to support their learning. There are Smart Boards in every classroom and we are continuing to upgrade SmartBoard models as needed. We currently have 2 ChromeBase Labs, 1 PC Lab and 4 ChromeBook carts available for classroom use. Ottewell Teachers are continuing to explore ways to effectively integrate technology into the classrooms; this has been an area of professional learning for our staff over the past few school years.

Key Calendar Info

Students will write an **HLAT (Highest Level of Achievement Test) for Writing** the morning of Tuesday, April 25, 2017. **Final Exam Week** will run from Monday, June 26 to Thursday, June 29, 2017. **Final Progress Reports** will be uploaded to SchoolZone on Friday, June 30, 2017. Final Exam Week schedules and information will be posted to SchoolZone at the beginning of June.

Option and Language Selection

- Students and parents should discuss & sign the attached Grade 8/9 Student Option Selection Form.
- All students will be placed in Option courses prior to school opening.
- For Full-Year Option courses, select your #1 (First Choice), #2 (Second Choice), #3 (Third Choice).
- For Trimestered option courses, select your #1 (First Choice), #2 (Second Choice), #3 (Third Choice), #4 (Fourth Choice or Alternate), #5 (Fifth Choice or Alternate)
- This information will tell us which courses you prefer.
- For grades 8 and 9 languages, students need to select the same language course they took this year.
- Not all Option courses are offered at all times on our timetable. Sometimes, two of your selections may be offered at the same time. Every effort will be made to place students in preferred courses within the restrictions of the timetable. Please discuss these choices with your son/daughter and indicate your approval by signing in the space provided. Students are asked to give much thought to their selections as course changes cannot be guaranteed in September.

******* Students must have their 2017-2018 Grade 8/9 Student Course Selection Form signed and returned to homeroom teachers BY Thursday, APRIL 27, 2017.*******

They will need to bring them to the computer lab when we call their homeroom down for Option Selection during the following two weeks. (We use an online system to help us quickly gather student requests so next year's timetable can be maximized to reflect student interest.)

Students will hand in the 2017-2018 Grade 8/9 Student Course Selection Form on their way out of the computer lab.



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Daily Schedule 2017 – 2018

Morning Warning Bell	8:20 a.m.	
Period 1	Begin 8:25 a.m.	End 9:18 a.m. (53 mins)
Period 2	Begin 9:21 a.m.	End 10:11 a.m. (50 mins)
Snack Break	Begin 10:11 a.m.	End 10:21 a.m. (10 mins)
Period 3	Begin 10:21 a.m.	End 11:11 a.m. (50 mins)
Period 4	Begin 11:14 a.m.	End 12:04 p.m. (50 mins)

Lunch Break	Begin 12:04 p.m.	End 12:44 p.m. (40 mins)
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Afternoon Warning Bell	12:39 p.m.	
Silent Reading (SQUIRT)	Begin 12:44 p.m.	End 1:02 p.m. (18 mins)
Period 5	Begin 1:05 p.m.	End 1:55 p.m. (50 mins)
Period 6	Begin 1:58 p.m.	End 2:48 p.m. (50 mins)

***Thursday Early Dismissal at 2:00 p.m.**



Ottewell School
2017-2018 Grade 8/9 Student
Course Selection Form

FORM DUE BACK APRIL 27
Next Year Grade: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____ **Current Grade & Homeroom:** _____

Welcome to the Online Student Course Request System

To continue, you must enter the following information:

First name: Note: You must use your legal name
 Last name:
 EPS student #:
 Birth date: e.g. Oct 7, 1987
 School #:
 School access password:

Logging In:
First name: _____ (use legal name)
Last name: _____
EPS student #: _____ (get from id card, schoolzone, or teacher)
Birthdate: _____ (e.g. Oct 7, 1987)
School #: 528
School access password: student

First, choose Mandatory Courses:

Core Courses

Choose English Language Arts 8/9 or English Language Arts 8/9 AC (if you're in Academic Challenge program).

Choose Mathematics 8/9 or Mathematics 8/9 AC.

Choose Science 8/9 or Science 8/9 AC.

Choose Social Studies 8/9 or Social Studies 8/9 AC.

Choose Physical Education 8/9 F or M - BE SURE YOU CHOOSE F if you're Female and M if you're Male.

Next, choose Languages Course - must select same language course you are in this year:

(units) Courses Available

(3) Chinese (Mandarin) L&C-6Y 9

(3) French as a Second Language 9

(6) Chinese (Mandarin) Language Arts 9

Chinese (Mandarin) L & C - 6Y = Chinese Language & Culture - Beginner

French as a Second Language 8/9

Chinese (Mandarin) Language Arts 9 = Mandarin Bilingual Program - Advanced

Academic Support- ONLY select this if you were not in a Second Language class this year.

Next, choose Option Courses

You can either have 2 Full-Year Options OR you can choose 1 Full-Year Option & 3 Trimestered Options.

(Remember, if you are in Mandarin Bilingual, you can only have 1 Full-Year Option OR 3 Trimestered Options.)

Full-Year Option - Please number ALL 1 to 3 (#1 being your first choice and #2 & #3 being your alternates):

___ **Band/Music (Fine Arts)**

___ **Art (Fine Arts)**

___ **Drama (Fine Arts)**

Trimestered Option - Please number ALL 1 to 4 (#1 being your first choice, and #4 & #5 being your alternates):

___ **Construction (CTS)**

___ **Foods (CTS)**

___ **Media & Computer Technology (CTS)**

___ **Outdoor Ed (PhysEd)**

Please check here if you prefer to take 2 Full-Year Options as you have them numbered above, but please also still number trimestered options.

Date Student Signature Parent/Guardian Signature