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Dear Warburg Families,

Welcome back to another amazing year of learning! I trust that you all made some nice memories this summer despite the terrible weather. We are anxious to get back to the school routine.

We welcome some new staff to Warburg School! **Mr. Theo Dykstra** is our new Assistant Principal. He will be teaching some math and high school physics with a bit of health and PE, too. **Mrs. Barbara White** is taking over our grade 5 class. She will also be our school's Learning Support Teacher so if you have any questions about special programming for your child she or Mr. Dykstra will be your contacts. We bid farewell to Mr. Hodges, Mrs. Mosicki and Mr. West as they have moved on from Warburg School.

Both Mr. Dykstra and I have classroom teaching assignments this year. I am excited to teach grade 5 science as well as some elementary library, health, some high school CTS and junior high options. Also, Mrs. Hodges will be in the classroom for much of the day teaching grade four, grade seven math and our senior high Foods option. While we are all going to be busy in the classrooms, we know that there will be times you want to meet with us. Please email each of us or call the office to set up an appointment. We do not want to miss an opportunity to meet with you.

Please take a look online at [ws.blackgold.ca](http://ws.blackgold.ca) at our new **Handbook**. It was recently updated and has some important information for families of all ages. We know that teenagers have enough time to be on their cell phones and smartwatches so we have implemented some new guidelines for electronic device use at school; new guidelines and new consequences for those that can't quite cut the cellular cord at school. There is plenty of information that pertains to school and school division policies and student life at Warburg School. This handbook will be reviewed at our first school council meeting this year so come out to the meeting if you want to discuss it.

Due to a variety of factors, we have had to cut back on staff and some programs. One such program is our Hockey Academy. We simply do not have the staff to support this program. We will be offering a "shinny" program in junior high school for options but our elementary hockey program has come to an end. I do know that our elementary teachers have got some great options lined up for grades 4-6 students.

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The provincial government has discontinued funding the school nutrition program. However, we hope to receive donations from individuals and corporations to support our breakfast program for three days a week. **We really need volunteers to help out with this.** If you have one or two mornings a month to help us out we would really appreciate it. Please call the school office if you can volunteer.

We have a new sign-in station for visitors to our school. This is located right outside the main office. It is a computer station that you can easily sign-in and out when you come into the school for any reason. All parents are considered visitors to our school and we ask that you *sign in and out every time you are in the school!*

Please note that *the road in front of the school is considered a school zone* right before and after school. This means that general traffic (parents, students) should not be coming down that road during bus drop off and pick up. For the sake of student safety please do not use this road while buses are in use. On that note, ***please take caution when using our "Kiss-n-Go" drop off at the east/museum doors.*** There are a lot of little ones that use that door and it is your responsibility as a driver to be aware of your surroundings.

Teachers, secretaries, our librarian, EAs and custodians have all really worked hard in preparations for our new school year. The exterior of the school has been painted and the floors are shiny. We are ready and very excited for you to join us.

As always, do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions about your child's education at Warburg School.

Regards,

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