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IMPORTANT MESSAGE

St. Benedict's continues to have strong enrolment and our size is most certainly one of the strengths of our community. Our size allows us to offer a diverse range of programming which responds to the interests and needs of all of our students and truly make us "a place for all". In fact, our numbers have grown higher than expected and resulted in larger than ideal class sizes for some of our classes. Fortunately we have been able to hire additional teachers and add a total of 14 additional classes which will come in effect Tuesday, September 29. This means that a number of our students will have a change in their assigned classes/timetables. The timing of this change is not ideal, but we are confident that the smaller class sizes will result in more individualized teacher time for each student and a healthier learning environment for all. Here are some things you need to know:

- Every student will get a new timetable today (Monday) and as many as half of them in a given grade could see a change of some kind.
- The new timetable comes into effect Tuesday.
- Teachers understand the challenges of class changes at this time in the semester and will take active steps toward community building to ensure all feel included and welcomed.
- For students switching teachers, work and progress from the first few weeks will be forwarded to the new teacher and time will be taken to ensure they are aligned with the course content.
- New teachers will work directly with existing staff to ensure continuity of the material covered and the needs of students are being met.

It is important that everyone allows for the changes to settle over the next two weeks. If at the end of next week you feel your son or daughter is still struggling with the change, please don't hesitate to contact their Guidance Counselor or Administrator for support. Please understand that we are not in a position to change schedules.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our community!

Sincerely,



Dan Witt

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