



North Albion Collegiate Institute

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Hello Parents/Guardians:

Time sure does fly: We have completed our first month of the 2018-19 school year! Teachers and students are well into the school routine and we hope everything is going well for you.

I want to provide some information, update you on future communication, and give you a sense of where we're heading for the next month or so.

Last Monday, our board made some personnel changes; we said goodbye and offered our best wishes to our departing SOE, Marguerite Campbell. Please join me in welcoming our new SOE, Vicky Branco. Ms. Branco can be reached through her Administrative Liaison, Laura Lloyd, at 416-394-2044 or laura.llyod@tdsb.on.ca.

For new families at NACI, our office administrator is Sue Chambers. She can be reached at 416-394-7550, ext 20001, or via email at susan.chambers@tdsb.on.ca

Our Vice Principals: Vera Babic, mentoring students with surnames from A to L, and Gillian Elango responsible for students with surnames from M to Z. They can be reached by calling the school at 416-394-7550.

To learn more about our staff, and the departments our teachers are located in, please visit our school website where you will also find how to best contact them. The school website is located at: www.northalbionci.ca

Our teachers are also using our school APP, called My School Day app. This is a one-way communication tool which allows teachers to post reminders and updates about their classes and courses. It's extremely useful, and we encourage every student and parent to download the APP in order get up to date postings and information.

General school announcements and monthly notification from the administration, like this one, will be posted on the school website and APP at the beginning of each month. If you haven't already downloaded My School Day app, please go to the app store.

We are launching a new student success initiative this year. On the third Friday of each month, teachers will schedule interviews to meet with students and/or parents from 8:50am to 9:50am. This is another means by which classroom teachers are supporting students with classroom assignments and workload. This time is designed for one-on-one discussion and, if necessary, with a parent. Please support our classroom teachers to ensure success for students.

During the week of October 15th, classroom teachers will provide a one-page mark summary to every student, indicating their progress in the course. I strongly advise you to look at each mark summary and if you feel that you need to connect with the teacher(s), please do so. With a strong school/parent partnership, we will ensure success for our children.

Mid-term report cards will be issued November 15th. That day, we will also have Parent-Teacher interviews. For your convenience, the interview times are from 1:00pm to 3:30pm as well as from 5:00pm to 7:30pm. We are hoping to see all parents and guardians. Thank you.



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During the week of December 10th, classroom teachers will provide another mark summary to each student. This summary is critical. It reflects almost 70% of in-class work for students. The additional 30% will come from culminating activities and/or exams, which will take place in January at the end of the semester.

Great things have been taking place in this building. We started in August with 244 Grade 9s. They've had several orientations, and I believe that most have adjusted well to the high school setting. We would like to thank all parents/guardians for a great start.

Our Grade 10s had an orientation as well. Thanks to our staff for providing these opportunities to make our students feel more comfortable and grounded for the new school year.

We have also acknowledged and thanked our Grade 11 and 12 students for taking on leadership roles in the school and being mentors to junior students.

Lots of school clubs and teams are under way, and again, thanks to our staff/teachers and community coaches for making this possible for our students. Go Cougars!

Finally, our first School Council Meeting is scheduled for 5:30pm on October 4th. We will meet in the guidance area, just off the main office. Once we meet, we'll try and decide on future dates that work for all. All parents and guardians are welcome.

Following our School Council meeting, we will have our Grade 9 Curriculum Night. This is open to all parents/guardians for Grade 9 students. We will begin in the school auditorium at 6:30pm. This is an information session intended to facilitate planning success for our students. We hope to see all of you.

If you have a question, concern, or comment, please feel free to connect with us. We are here to ensure success for our school community.

We're looking forward to a great 2018-19 school year.

Faz, Vera and Gillian