



Wednesday, January 29, 2020

To Parents & Guardians in the Crestwood Family of Schools,

At last night's KPR Board meeting, Trustees approved establishing a new intermediate (Grades 7-8) school at Crestwood Secondary School, **effective September 2020**, to address elementary enrolment pressures.

As part of this change:

- Grades 7-8 French Immersion students from Westmount PS will attend Adam Scott Intermediate School
- Grades 7-8 students from Kawartha Heights, Millbrook/South Cavan and North Cavan Public Schools will attend Crestwood Intermediate, as will English stream Grades 7-8 students from Westmount PS.

While the Board's Resource Committee had recommended the new school begin in September 2021, last night the full Board moved the timeline forward to September 2020, to address the serious accommodation pressures being experienced now at the elementary schools. Congestion and unavailability of needed space is already an issue at Westmount and Millbrook/South Cavan, both of which are operating beyond capacity. Further growth in enrolment is anticipated.

James Strath PS will remain a Kindergarten-Grade 8 school, at close to capacity.

The addition of the intermediate school in a contained wing of Crestwood SS will mean one less transition for Kawartha Heights and North Cavan students, who until now had to move to James Strath for Grades 7-8, and then again to Crestwood for high school.

We know that many of you have expressed concerns over the past months, and we want to assure you that you were heard. We will ensure that parents, guardians, students and staff are invited to be part of the transition committee that will be formed over the coming weeks to plan the move to Crestwood and Adam Scott.

The committees will plan ways to make the transition as smooth and welcoming as possible for all involved. Students will have the opportunity to come together, ask questions, talk about their concerns, and suggest ways to help lessen anxiety for all. In addition, staff will work directly with families of students with special needs to identify ways to make the changes as easy as possible for the student.

Most importantly, as we work together to plan the transition, our focus will be on supporting students. Watch for more information from your school.

In the meantime, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact your principal or myself. In addition, more information is available at <http://www.kprschools.ca/en/CrestwoodAccommodationPlanning.html>

Sincerely,

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