

November 1st, 2023

Dear Grade 8 Students and Families:

On behalf of the students and staff of The Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute, we would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your family for the 2024-2025 school year. We are looking forward to meeting the grade 8 students from Willow Road Public School, Mitchell Woods Public School, Taylor Evans Public School, Gateway Drive Public School and Westwood Public School as well as students from other schools in the city and across the Board who are coming to GCVI for the IB Prep program or returning to their home school.

The first step in preparing for September, 2024 is the course selection process. Each grade 8 student will be asked to complete course selection in *myblueprint.ca* for grade 9 by **Wednesday January 31st, 2023**. GCVI is excited to host all of our incoming grade eight students for school visits and tech days in November and December. Our GCVI guidance team will be visiting our feeder schools to help with course selection and answer questions throughout the month of January.

On Tuesday November 28th, 2023 at 6:30 pm - 8:15 pm, we will be holding the Grade Eight Information evening at G.C.V.I. starting in the Auditorium. We invite you and your grade eight students to attend. This information session will give you the opportunity to learn about the grade nine courses offered at G.C.V.I. and give you some guidelines to help you choose compulsory and elective courses through *myblueprint*. You will learn more about the many Student Life opportunities and activities offered at GCVI. After the information session, your family will also have a chance to explore the school through a student-led or self-directed tour. Our Department Heads and some school councils and clubs will be spread out in various parts of the school where you can visit, ask questions and take part in any activities or presentations they are offering. In the meantime, Grade 8 students should continue to work with their parents, teachers and administrators with regards to the course selection process in order to meet the required timelines.

Please note that we have very limited parking at GCVI so plan ahead to arrive early in case you need to walk a few blocks and make the 6:30 pm start time. If you have accessibility needs, please contact the school and we will be sure to arrange parking and use of the elevator if needed.

If you have any questions about the Grade Eight Information Night, the visits to the feeder schools or course selection, please call us at 519 824 9800. We will be pleased to help you.

We look forward to meeting you on Tuesday, November 28th, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Aud.

Sincerely,

James Cako
Principal

Colleen Anstett
Vice Principal

Ben McCabe
Vice Principal