



# AUTEN ROAD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians:

Back-to-school night is an important tradition marking the beginning of the new school year. On this night, your child's teachers will explain the goals of their class and for your child. Additionally, teachers will share information about their teaching style and methodology, grading policy, and the requirements for a successful year. Back-to-School night is an exciting time and I hope that you plan to join us!

For your planning, Back-to-School Night this year is as follows:

**Grade 5 - Thursday, September 27**

**Grade 6 – Thursday, October 4**

Although “HOMEROOM” does not begin until 7:10 p.m., you are invited to our *Open House* from 6:00-6:40 p.m. During this time, you will have an opportunity to drop into our gymnasiums and speak one-to-one with the following subject area teachers:

- Art
- Computer Literacy (Grade 5 Only)
- English as a Second Language
- General Music
- Health / Physical Education
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech
- Wilson
- World Languages

Following the *Open House*, we will meet up at 6:45 p.m. in our cafeteria for a brief welcome. We will dismiss from the Café at 7:05 p.m. and then you will make your way to your child's homeroom. In homeroom, your child's teacher will provide you with your child's schedule and answer any questions that you may have about the night. Below is a recap of the evening's events:

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| 6:00 – 6:40 | Open House (Gymnasiums)  |
| 6:45 – 7:05 | Welcome & Introduction (Cafeteria)   |
| 7:10 – 7:17 | Homeroom   |
| 7:20 – 8:26 | Follow your child's schedule and meet your child's teachers for <u>Literacy, Math, Science, &amp; Social Studies</u> |

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Everyone is usually a little nervous this evening. However, keeping in mind a few important reminders should help ease any anxiety that you may be feeling and help to make your experience more productive.

- Introduce yourself and who your child is.
- Bring something to take notes. **Important:** Audio/Video recording of teacher presentations is not permitted.
- Try not to ask specific questions about your child. Instead, focus on asking questions that you have about the curriculum, homework, and grading. Asking questions specifically about your child won't be useful to other parents. It's better to make an appointment for a conference to discuss your concerns one-on-one.
- Be ready to volunteer. There will be many opportunities to sign up for volunteer activities, either for school-wide programs or in the classroom. You will be better prepared if you have already given some thought to your time constraints and how you would like to contribute to the school community.

Back-to-School Night is a unique school program that it is designed for adults. Although we recognize that arranging for childcare is challenging, we strongly believe that our parents/guardians should be free to focus on meeting their child's teacher and listening to each presentation. As a result, we respectfully ask that students and their siblings not accompany parents to Back-to-School Night.

On behalf of the entire staff at Auten Road Intermediate School we thank you in advance for taking an active role in your child's education! As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CJC', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christopher Carey  
Principal