



June 2018

Dear Matrix students of 2018 - 2019 and parents,

Congratulations on your acceptance into the Secondary I Matrix program at Westwood High School Junior. We are looking forward to an exciting and challenging year together. As part of the Matrix program, we are committed to developing high academic standards as well as an extracurricular personal learning environment.

Here is the information you will need to know.

Matrix classes include English, Math, Science, Sciences Humaines, and French.

Computer requirements: We will be using the Google platform along with digital resources and tools during class so a laptop computer is required. We have no specific laptop requirement for the upcoming school year. We have had good experiences with Macbooks due to a longer battery life and durability. Due to limitations, Chromebooks do not work for this program. Word (PC) or Pages (Mac) is required to take notes. A durable case is highly recommended since the laptops will move with the students as they change classes.

Academic requirements: At the beginning of each school year the expectations for the Matrix program will be covered with students. Each student is required to maintain an average of 75% or more in all Matrix classes, to pass all other classes, and to exhibit a positive and cooperative attitude. Also, proper use of the computer is necessary to remain in the program for the following year. Guidelines will be sent home at the beginning of the school year.

Field trips: All students are expected to participate in the overnight Matrix field trips throughout the year. The costs for these trips are not included in the school fees.

Sec. 1 - P'tit Bonheur (Outdoor Activity Camp) September 12 -14, 2018 \$220.00

Sec. 2 - Quebec City (October 3 - 4, 2018) Approximately \$250.00

Extra-Curricular Activities: As part of our commitment to providing a well-rounded curriculum leading to global citizenship, Matrix students will be participating in day field trips during the school year. Some examples include: theater productions, museums, a visit to the Father Dowd Residence, along with others.

Community Service Component: Students are required to participate in 3 different activities totalling at least 10 hours during the school year. Some activities are

coordinated by the school but students are responsible for seeking out their own opportunities as well.

School Life Component: Students must participate in at least one activity such as a school team, the school band, a school club or leadership activity. A minimum of 5 hours is required.

WWJR Matrix provides LBPSB wi-fi access, a Google Apps for Education (GAFE) account and an acceptable use policy.

Tips for parents for managing the laptop at home:

- Have your child work in a communal room (ex: kitchen).
- Overnight, the laptop charges in a central location, not a bedroom.
- Have an open dialogue with your child about technology and safety.
- Routinely have your child give you a “tour” of their laptop and their school work found on the Google Calendar.
- Routinely review internet contacts and activity with your child (History).
- Restrict usage and provide limits.

We are looking forward to meeting you in the fall! It will be a fun and exciting start to your life in high school!

The Matrix teachers of Westwood Junior High School



Matrix English Summer Reading

Westwood High School Junior Secondary I

Reading well is an essential part of the Matrix English program. Since Matrix students come from many different backgrounds and have had diverse exposure to English instruction, it is important that all students maintain or increase their reading ability before the beginning of the new school year. From the following list, you must choose **one book from Part A** that will complement our mythology theme and **one book from Part B** that will complement our selected author. You can purchase the book or put it on a reading tablet, such as an Ipad, Macbook, Kobo or Kindle. Since we will be working on these books in class at the beginning of the year, you will need to have access to them in September.

Part A:: Mythology Theme

1. ***The Lightning Thief*** by Rick Riordan (Greek mythology)
2. ***The Red Pyramid*** by Rick Riordan (Egyptian mythology)
3. ***Loki's Wolves*** by K.L. Armstrong and M. A. Marr (Norse mythology)
4. ***The Hidden Oracle*** by Rick Riordan (Roman mythology)

Part B: Selected author is Eric Walters

1. ***We All Fall Down***
2. ***Safe As Houses***
3. ***The Rule of Three (any of the series)***
4. ***End of Days/Regenesis***
5. ***Camp X (any of the series)***
6. ***Between Heaven and Earth***
7. ***Alexandria of Africa/Beverly Hills Maasai***
8. ***Wave***
9. ***We All Fall Down/United We Stand***
10. ***Wounded***
11. ***End of Days***
12. ***Shaken***
13. ***Hunter***
14. ***Just Deserts***
15. ***Sketches***
16. ***Walking Home***
17. ***The Art of Picking Up Girls***
18. ***90 Days of Different***
19. ***Say You Will***
20. ***Innocent***
21. ***Fourth Dimension***

HAPPY READING!!

SEE YOU ON AUG. 29, 2018!

Mrs. Quinn - Matrix English