

### **Grade 8 Transition Program – Summer School**

The Grade 8 Transition Program is a fully interactive program taught in a high school with an emphasis on providing a snapshot of the Grade 9 secondary experience. It is taught by high school teachers and focuses on preparing students for the major differences between their elementary experience and their upcoming high school journey.

The program addresses a variety of topics including: peer pressure; getting involved in school activities; study skills; use of computer labs and Board internet policy; key secondary staff and roles; organizing personal time; staff available for help (academic and personal), etc.

- Each day begins with an “Agenda” overview and a reflection.
- Students are encouraged to set a goal at the beginning of each day.
- Daily activities involve individual work, group work, and educational computer activities
- At the end of each day, students write a short ‘journal note’ about something they did or learned that day. They are encouraged to comment on the goal they set that morning.

The comprehensive program includes:

1. Reflections—daily motivational quotes followed by discussions
2. Goal Setting (short term and long term) - reinforced daily
3. Research Skills/Search Engines—using the computer effectively
4. Website Reviews—determining good websites
5. High School Agenda Books—students get a copy of the agenda book used at the high school during the past year—an activity helps them through the content and the advantages of using it while in high school
6. Time Management for High School Students
7. Setting Priorities
8. Learning How to Learn
9. Notebooks—importance of organizing and maintaining
10. How to Be a Successful Student
11. Study Skills & Tips for Math
12. A Math Task—introduction to Grade 9 Math
13. How to Improve Reading Comprehension; Highlighting Text
14. An English Task—introduction to Grade 9 English
15. Steps to High School Success
16. Pathways to Success website
17. Guest Speakers (High School Counsellor, Chaplain, Librarian, Student Success Leader)
18. What’s Different about High School—the timelines, the rules, the personnel
19. Preparing for Exams; Tips for Studying
20. Practice Test involving all 4 categories (Knowledge/Understanding, Application, Communication, Thinking)
21. MarkBook printout followed by a discussion of the categories and report cards (Progress reports, Midterm reports, Final reports)
22. Graduation Expectations—courses, Literacy test, volunteer hours—tips for graduating with your peers

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**Grade 8 Transition Program Application Form  
SUMMER SCHOOL**

**Please Print**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname Given Name Year Month Day

Sex: F  M  Student Number \_\_\_\_\_ Present Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Street Apt. /Unit No. City Postal Code

Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ Ask For \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Problems \_\_\_\_\_ Health Card No. \_\_\_\_\_

Present School \_\_\_\_\_ Sept. School \_\_\_\_\_

**Session:**

July 2 – July 5, 2013

**Location (Check one only):**

Bishop Ryan  Cathedral  St. Thomas More

**Transportation to and from Summer School is the responsibility of the parent/guardian**

Teacher Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Principal Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

St. Charles is continuing the registration protocol for Summer School online. Students can access information on the **ContinuEd** portal by visiting the St. Charles Adult Education website ([www.stcharles.ca](http://www.stcharles.ca)) and click onto the Summer School Registration link starting **June 1, 2013**. Students may also be able to register with the help of their teacher. The **permission form** must be signed by the student's **home school Principal** in order to attend Summer School, and can be returned to St. Charles East 5<sup>th</sup> by Board mailbag before **June 20, 2013**, or by fax **(905) 383-3494** by **June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013**.