**Script – Gr.8 Spring Welcome – Thurs.May 27th.@ 6pm**

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| Julie | Welcome and Introduction |
| Debra | * Presents an overview of the evening’s presentation and introduces our student hosts. * Turns it over to Matthew and Ruth |
| Matthew and Ruth  (decide on who takes which bullet)  This was the script from Grade 8 Open House when Matthew and Ilhan presented. It is meant to give you an idea of what to say but PLEASE make it your own…I recommend you practice this evening! | * Good evening grade 8 parents and students. I’m Matthew * And I’m Ruth * We are both in grade 11 and very happy to be acting as your hosts this evening. * Parkdale is known for appreciating the voices of its students. We are happy to be those voices today. * We’d like to introduce you to Fayzulloh who is also in grade 11 and will be looking after the question/answer period toward the end of our presentation. * Fayzulloh wave and say “Please keep your questions until that time and he will be sure to address those which were posted ahead of time in the Google Form, as well as any additional ones you may have.” * So, let’s get started… * First of all, neither Ruth nor myself knew what to expect from high school. I, for one, was nervous starting out as the youngest again, especially after being in grade 8 where we were the oldest…and the coolest! * It didn’t take long for us to realize that high school, in fact, was amazing and fun. I made new friends and got involved in clubs and sports almost right off. * And I discovered that the teachers were not only helpful, they were friendly and really seemed to like us too. * It’s only gotten better over the years. So much opportunity to get involved, take part in leadership opportunities and support our school community. Both Matthew and I feel these activities have helped improve our communication skills, our organization abilities and of course, our critical thinking skills. * None of this would have been possible without the amazing teachers we have at Parkdale. They go above and beyond to support us. * I think now is the right time to introduce the teacher leaders in the building. These are the Assistant Curriculum leaders in charge of a variety of subject areas. Join us as they welcome you to PCI!   **CUE: Video of Teachers Introducing their Subject Areas** |
| Matthew and Ruth | * Well that was awesome wasn’t it Ruth. * It sure was Matthew. I think each of these teachers did an amazing job of summarizing what their subject areas have to offer. * Each of you starting in grade 9 have to take Math, Science, English, Geography, and Gym, but you also get 3 choices of elective subjects. I remember taking….it was fun…. * In normal, non-COVID times you would have had an opportunity to come into the school for a tour, walk around, drop into classes and see what actually happens. Unfortunately this wasn’t possible this year, so we decided to walk around for you. This will give you a sense of what to expect when you actually arrive. I am sure some of you have been here before, maybe you have a sibling who attended PCI…others will be walking in for the first time in September. I hope our personal tour gives you a better sense of what our school is like. You will just have to imagine it full of people!!   **CUE: School Tour Video**   * Matthew, you did such a great job as a tour guide, maybe there’s a future for you in marketing or promotion! * And you’re a natural on the camera….so maybe movies/theatre?? * Well we are in grade 11 and thinking about what we want to do after high school is getting more important. High school passes by so quickly I can’t believe we only have one more year before graduating. * I feel like it might help our new grade 9’s to get to know a little background information on our school….what do you think? * Absolutely. Let’s do the trivia game / kahoot with them now to see what they know about PCI and the community.   **CUE: Kahoot/Trivia Game** |
| Matthew and Ruth  Fayzulah | * Well we had fun preparing that trivia game and hope that you learned something new about our school. * In just a little while you’ll have an opportunity to ask questions, so keep that in mind as we move along and make a note of what you want to ask. * Now we look forward to sharing some words of wisdom from our current PCI students to you, our new Gr. 9 cohort. We asked some of the seniors to give you some advice on high school and we put it together in this clip.   **CUE: Student Advice Clip**   * Ruth, what do you think of the advice provided by our peers? * What they say is true Matthew. Getting involved and putting yourself out there is a great way to get the most out of your high school years. After all, we wouldn’t be mc’ing this event if we didn’t enjoy extra curricular activities. * That’s true, and it’s easy to do that at PCI because we have so many opportunities. * I think it’s time now to answer some of the questions that were provided ahead of time in the Google Form. * Fayzulah over to you…   **QUESTION PERIOD**  **Hi Everyone. I’ve opened the chat and happy to have you post your questions there now. First we will look at the questions that were posted on the Google Form which was sent to you with your invitation for this event.**  **The first question is:**  What happens with lunch? Where do we eat? Can you buy food? Can you go out for lunch? Do you pack lunch? (Student Response, include Snack program)  **The 2nd question is:**  What are the plans for next year if Covid continues? (Over to Ms. Muchnik)  **Another question was**:  Are we going to be able to go to Camp Tamarack? UFA is going this year so I though we're going to be going as well (Over to Ms. Ardell)  **Someone also want to know:**  Will we have access to the library and cafeteria next year, and also will extra-curricular activities be running next year? |
| Matthew and Ruth | Matthew and I enjoyed being your hosts and we’d like to thank you for being such a great audience. Take it from us, you made a great choice to come to PCI. We look forward to meeting you personally in September. To parents, thank you for joining us this evening. Know that your children will be in a safe and welcoming environment. They will be challenged to do their best and they will have encouraged to take advantage of each and every opportunity to develop their skills and abilities. Stay well and have a great summer.  See you soon! |
| Ms. Ardell | Thank you so much Ruth and Matthew. You did a phenomenal job taking us through our Welcome Program. It was great to hear your perspective and know that you are both confident you made the best choice 4 years ago when you picked PCI.  Before we wrap up I’d also like to thank our amazing teachers and other staff members who joined us this evening. Your participation is always appreciated. A special shout out to Ms. Cerven Shaw, who supported the technical aspects this evening…we couldn’t do it without you. Last but not least, thank you to our audience, including our parents who joined along with their students. We hope this presentation provided you with a better sense of what to expect in September and ideally all of you starting grade 9 in September are feeling positive about this transition. Should you wish to get in touch with any additional questions please don’t hesitate to email one of us. If you open the chat box you will see the email addresses to myself, Ms. Muchnik and Ms. Nason.  Wishing you all a safe and happy summer and see you in September! |