



# SUCCESSFUL TRANSITIONS



Before school officially opened, all 6 Middle Schools and our 3 largest Secondary Schools (CSS, GWG, SSS) ran WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) and Link Crew Programs to assist students with the transition to middle and high school. Each program is led by one or two teaching staff members who have committed to their professional training as well as the training of their WEB and Link Crew leaders. Approx. 2000 Grade 6 and Grade 9 students were welcomed into their respective schools during the last week of August, and were connected with senior students who will act as their mentors throughout the school year.

*"Thanks SO much for everything you did for us link leaders to be successful today! Being a link leader was a great experience, and I'm definitely hoping to do it again next year. Very grateful for the snacks, donuts, and pizza we had. It was an awesome time and the grade 9's seem super excited for the coming year!"*

*- GWG Student*

*"I wanted to help the grade 6 students have an awesome first year of middle school as well as wanting to learn skills I can use...so it's a win-win." - VMS Student*

**Link Crew** is a secondary transition structure that welcomes grade nines to high school in a fun and supportive way. The foundation of this structure is that students can help students succeed. Link Crew Leaders are trained senior students who act as mentors and student leaders to guide grade nine students as they discover what it takes to be successful during this transition year to high school.

**Link Crew:** <https://www.boomerangproject.com/link/what-is>

**WEB**, which stands for "Where Everybody Belongs" is a middle school orientation and transition program that welcomes 6th graders and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their middle school experience. Like LINK Crew, it is built on the belief that students can help students succeed. The program trains mentors from grade 8 classes to be WEB Leaders. As positive role models, WEB Leaders are mentors and student leaders who help guide 6th-grade students as they make the transition to middle school.

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