



Ian Bazalgette Information Sheet – January, 2015

Our School

Ian Bazalgette School is located in the southeast community of Dover and serves the neighbouring communities of Valley View, Erin Woods, West Dover and Southview. The school is home to a population of 360 students from grades 7-9 with two additional special education classes and support provided to English Language Learners. A large percentage of our student population attends from the local communities while a small number of students attend the school for access to our special education classes. Upon completion of grade 9, the majority of our students transition to Forest Lawn High School, with a small cohort that continue their education at Jack James High School. Our school population sits between 360-370 students.

Ian Bazalgette is a middle school that offers instruction in the core academic subjects of Math, Science, and Humanities. All students participate in daily Physical Education. We are proud to offer a wide variety of exploratory courses, including classes in Fine and Performing Arts, Career and Technology Foundations (eg: construction, foods, recreational leadership, fashion studies, cosmetology, design studies, robotics,, digital photography, sports performance, outdoor education, film studies and astronomy), Languages, and language and learning support based on student choice.

Our school follows a Middle School Philosophy with teachers organized into partners teaching either Humanities (LA and Social) or Sciences (Math and Science). With this structure teachers are better able to build strong learning relationships with their students to understand where they are and where they need to go next. Our timetable has six periods with larger blocks of time, which will allow students time to engage deeper in their learning. Our teachers are working hard designing purposeful and meaningful tasks with individual student learning needs in mind.

Current Complementary Offerings – Art 2D & 3D, Band, Drama, Guitar, Leadership, Recreation Leadership, Cosmetology, Fashion, Design Studies, Film Studies, Robotics, Outdoor Education, Foods, , Construction, Sports Performance

Learning Supports –Student Services Learning Leader – one-on-one support, 2 full time Educational Assistants; 1 Resource/ Guidance Teacher

Athletics – Cross Country Running, Volleyball, Basketball, Fitness Centre, Soccer, Wrestling, Badminton, Track and Field

Extracurricular Activities – Art Club, Yearbook, Free The Children, Noon Hour Intramurals, YMCA Leadership

Scheduling Information – Modified School Calendar; Timetable 6 Periods per School Day – 56 min. in length; Classes begin at 8:25 a.m.; Dismiss at 2:45 p.m.; Early Dismissal Fri- 12:15 a.m.; Lunch 12:13-12:53 M-Th,

Special Programs – 1- Bridges, 1 – The Class

School Priorities –

Students will demonstrate higher-order thinking skills across the curriculum

- Students will be engaged in effortful and meaningful tasks with embedded assessment that allows for ongoing student feedback.
- Tasks and projects will be inquiry-based, and will span many subject areas.
- Students will work together both within our own school context and across the four-school cohort on authentic and meaningful tasks

Community Partnerships – Gio Team Partnership (Mark & Lauren Giordano), Cardel Homes, Youth Resource Officer Pilot Program(CPS)