# YOUR HIGH SCHOOL JOURNEY STARTS HERE

High school is a time to try new things, meet new people, and discover new possibilities. Whatever your interests, you'll find your place at Welland Centennial. **You belong here.**




## COMMUNITY

Make new friends, join a team, try a new club or take on a leadership role. There are so many ways to get involved.



## INTERESTS

Tech. Arts. Academics. Clubs. Sports. Hands-on Learning. High school offers more ways to explore your interests and find what you love.

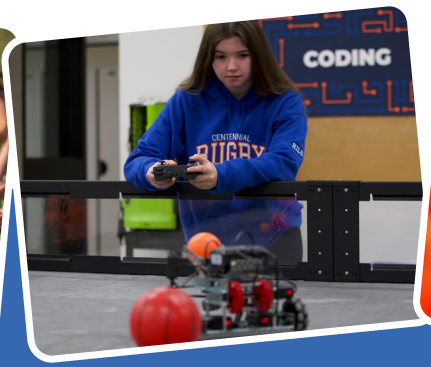


## POSSIBILITIES

Build new skills, gain real-world experience and explore career pathways that can help you take the next step toward your future.








**Clubs. Teams. Arts. Music. Leadership. Community. And so much more!**

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# A GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

Starting high school is an important milestone. This quick guide outlines how Welland Centennial supports students, what opportunities are available and who families can connect with along the way.

## Starting Grade 9

### A SMOOTH TRANSITION

Starting Grade 9 brings new routines, spaces and connections. Orientation activities, peer support and school staff help students become familiar with their new school community and begin the year with confidence.

**TRANSITION SUPPORTS INCLUDE:**

- Grade 8 visits
- Future Cougars Grade 9 preview day (Spring)
- Grade 9 welcome day (August)
- Catch a Slice of Cougar Life
- Peer mentors and homework help

## Learning & Pathways

### EXPLORE. LEARN. GROW

Students can choose from a wide range of courses and programs to build skills, explore their interests and prepare for their future. Whether your child plans to pursue university, college, an apprenticeship, enter the workplace or is still exploring their options, support is available to help them find their path.

**OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:**

- A wide range of academic courses and electives
- Programming including culinary, robotics, health care, videography, woodworking, film production and performing arts
- Support with course selection and future planning
- French Immersion and ESL Programs

## Get Involved

### FIND YOUR PASSION

There are so many ways for students to get involved, meet new people and be part of the school community. From athletics and the arts to student leadership and clubs, there's something for everyone.

**EXAMPLES AT WELLAND CENTENNIAL:**

- 25+ sports teams including Cheerleading, Rugby, Ultimate Frisbee and Wrestling
- Studio Band, Competitive Dance and drama productions
- Black Student Association, Muslim Student Association, Culture Club, GSA, Indigenous Student Trust
- DECA, Film and Video, HOSA and Model UN

## Students & Families

### WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU

Questions or concerns can come up at any time. We want students and families to feel supported and confident reaching out. There is always someone at Welland Centennial who can help.

**SUPPORTS AND RESOURCES INCLUDE:**

- Student Services for students and families
- Student Success, Guidance Counsellors and Social Workers
- Teachers and Administrators
- School news, events and resources on our website
- Follow us on social media! @wcsscougs

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