

## What is TAG?

TAG is a Cornerstone of WKC.

TAG at WKC is the first *Student Advisory Program* implemented in Regina Public Schools and began when the school was established in 1996. The objective was simple: **to design a program which organized a small group of students with a teacher for their four years at Winston Knoll Collegiate.** TAG is the conduit for communication with home and within the school and a guarantee that each student in the building is attached to a significant adult.

TAG becomes your family at school.

## For Students...

TAG helps to personalize the high school environment, gives students a 'home' and the opportunity to build relationships with a special peer group and teacher. WKC students past and present say this about TAG:

- "Having a TAG teacher was a great experience because she taught me about the road ahead." F.S. 11K
- "My TAG is awesome! We look out for each other— we've become good friends because of TAG" V.V. 10H
- "I appreciated the information about University prep and scholarships." L.M. Grad 2003



- "Turned out I needed the credit to graduate." J.C. Grad 2007
- "My TAG teacher made all the arrangements so I could graduate early." J.R. 11D
- "My TAG teacher gives the best advice .... really helped me sort through problems." K.K. 12C

## For Parents...

TAG teachers are the first, consistent and most important contacts for parents/guardians with the school.

TAG at WKC is consistent with the *Shared Values* of Regina Public Schools—I belong, I want to know, I am responsible and I respect.

Parents can get involved in the advisory program by:

- Attending *Meet the Teacher* and Open House/Registration nights at the school
- Having conversations with your sons/daughters about what happens in TAG
- Participating in parent/student/teacher (3-way) conferencing
- Communicating with TAG teachers and supporting them in getting to know your son/daughter
- Helping with special events
- Speaking to TAG groups about careers, hobbies or special interests

## What makes up a TAG?

***24 students + 1 teacher + 4 years = success***

All students are placed in a TAG with peers of the same age and grade and stay with the group for their four years at Winston Knoll.

TAGs are created by a WKC committee after careful consultation with Grade 8 teachers.

The TAG group meets for 15 minutes each school day. TAGs may also gather in larger grade groups for presentations and to participate in whole-school events.

## Who are TAG teachers?

At Winston Knoll Collegiate, all educators serve as TAG teachers.

The role of TAG teacher is multifaceted. They serve as the first school contact for parents/guardians about students' academic progress and well-being. TAG teachers are very different from counsellors who have very specialized training. As they come to know students, TAG teachers are often first to observe when students might benefit from counselling. They may monitor a given situation over time and refer students for counselling when necessary.

TAG teachers are there in a professional role to:

- Believe in, care for and support young people
- Foster a sense of belonging and connection with the school
- Help develop a positive peer culture and school climate
- Facilitate three-way conferencing and provide academic coaching and advising
- Evaluate student progress in TAG for credit in Life Transitions 20 and 30
- Celebrate the achievements of their students



To contact your son's/daughter's TAG teacher, please call the main office at **791-8696**.

**TAG at WKC is a credit course.**

Students have the opportunity to receive a credit for *Life Transitions 20* at the end of Grade 10 and *Life Transitions 30* at the end of Grade 12.

### Grade Nine Themes

- Personal Self–Knowledge
- Bullying
- Study Skills
- Conflict Management

### Grade Ten Themes

- Goal Setting
- Career Skills
- Time Management
- Career Awareness

### Grade Eleven Themes

- Goal Setting
- Volunteerism
- Relationships & Parenting
- Computer-based Career Education
- 7 Habits of Successful Teens
- Personality and Learning Styles

### Grade Twelve Themes

- Portfolios
- Post-Secondary Education
- Financial Planning
- Ready For Work
- Graduation and Memories

# TAG

Teacher Advisory Group  
at WKC

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## SUCCESS

Making the transition from Elementary School to High School and Beyond



*...Where experiences become memories...*

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