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### **'Link Crew Day' Returns for New Bluewater District Grade Nine Students**

Chesley, ON – Students entering grade nine throughout the Bluewater district will receive special support from their peers as they make the pivotal transition into high school. For the fifth straight year, 'Link Crew Day' is being offered as a mentorship program to help connect grade nine students with senior high school mentor students.

This year's 'Link Crew Day' will take place on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at all eleven Bluewater high schools. Incoming grade nine students will have an opportunity to take a tour of their new school, meet their fellow classmates, teachers, support staff and senior students who can assist with the transition in a mentoring capacity. The day will also include a special morning assembly along with other orientation activities.

The 'Link Crew' program has become a successful annual tradition designed as a unique and proactive way to address the adjustments and potential stresses that typically accompany a student's introduction to high school.

"Link Crew is a phenomenal program. Our senior students and Link Crew teachers have been trained in this 'culture building program' and eagerly await the opportunity to welcome our new grade nines, and future graduates of 2015" says Jean Stephenson, Student Success Leader for Bluewater District School Board.

Grade nine students begin their school year with 'Link Crew Day' on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. The official first day of school for all grade ten, eleven and twelve students is Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

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