

## Parent's Message – September 2, 2021

### SCHOOL START-UP INFORMATION

#### Weekly Schedule:

Week 1: Period 1 in the morning (**8:25am**); Period 2 in the afternoon (**12:00pm**). Each Block is 150 minutes. **See the full daily schedule below.**

Week 2: Period 3 in the morning; Period 4 in the afternoon. Each Block is 150 minutes.

#### Attendance at School:

- Students who have chosen in-person learning are expected to be at school to learn
- Attendance will be taken four times a day (in each quarter)
- Teachers will have a digital platform for each class with resources / support materials BUT not necessarily teaching materials – the learning will happen at school
- Please report absences through School Messenger (or call the school to demit your student if it is a last-minute demit).

#### Arrival to School:

- Only the **GYM DOOR** will be open each morning at **7:40am**; classes start at **8:25am**
- When students enter the school, they may go to their locker to drop off their backpack and then head directly to their first period class
- When class has started, external doors must be locked

#### Hallway and Locker Expectations:

- No congregating in the hallways – they are a thoroughfare, not a gathering place
- Mall area seating is not available – it is a thoroughfare, not a gathering place
- Students will have access to their own locker - no sharing lockers.
- Students must not use a different locker than the one they are assigned.
- No eating or drinking in the hallways
- Locks are NOT available for purchase from the school. Students must bring their own lock.

**Breaks:**

- Students may stay in their classroom, use the washroom, or go outside

**Nutrition Program:**

- We will have a nutrition program with individual snacks such as fruit, juice boxes, granola bars, and other snacks in the mall area each morning before classes
- Students may not eat snacks in the hallway – only in the designated mall/'breakfast club' seats

**Lunch Time:**

- Students will eat lunch in their period 1 classroom, the cafeteria or outside
- **NO FOOD WILL BE SOLD** at school in the cafeteria this year
- Open gym and library are NOT available over lunchtime right now
- If students leave the school building, they will not be allowed back into the building until the the gym door opens at 11:45

**Masks, Physical Distancing, and Hand Hygiene:**

- Masks are mandatory for all staff and students at all times inside the building (unless a student has a medical exemption following the TVDSB process)
- Masks are encouraged outside, especially where students are unable to physically distance from each other
- Masks temporarily removed for singing, eating, drinking, or playing musical instruments (with restrictions)
- Masks encouraged for indoor sports, mandatory while waiting to participate
- Physical distancing will be maintained through hallway signage, forward-facing desks, staggered breaks, and room capacity limits in shared spaces
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at the entrance to the building and in classrooms; regular hand hygiene is required

### **Screening:**

- Parents must complete a screening for their child **before** sending them to school – parents will get a checklist – the screening is found at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>
- If a student doesn't pass the screening / is feeling unwell / has symptoms, they may not come to school

### **Students Experiencing Symptoms at School:**

- Any student experiencing potential symptoms while at school will be moved to a designated space in the school
- Staff will immediately contact guardians, who are required to pick up the student

### **Shared Materials:**

- Students may share materials during the school day (for example, one student may use a Chromebook during the morning; another student may use the same Chromebook during the afternoon) – hand hygiene and sanitizing processes are to be followed
- Continued focus on regular hand hygiene

### **Extracurriculars:**

- While we are excited that extracurriculars will be returning in some capacity this year, TVDSB is taking a cautious and gradual approach with a focus on maintaining health and safety
- The current focus is in returning to the learning environment
- Covid protocols and contact tracing will be in place as extracurriculars begin (more information to follow)

### **Visitors / Access to the Building:**

- At this time, TVDSB is only allowing approved visitors (e.g. TVDSB employees coming to work with a student, TVCC, LHIN, teacher candidates)
- Meetings with parents will be held **virtually** in almost every circumstance
- Parent / community volunteers are not allowed at this time

### **Guidance / Course Changes:**

- If a student requires an appointment to discuss their timetable, appointments will be available upon returning in September. Set up your appointment now using the provided link on the school website. Students set their appointment time and date and are asked to come to the guidance office at their scheduled appointment time.

**Please note – there will be no drop-in appointments, due to covid-19 restrictions and contact tracing.**

- Our staff allocation and master timetable was created from the courses the students selected in February. Consequently, once the schedule is set, course changes and drops will only be made under exceptional circumstances. Valid reasons include:
  - Errors in timetabling
  - Previously achieved the course
  - Failure of a course
  - Change in a career plan which requires a course change
  - Pathway change (i.e. Need for a course at a different level of difficulty)

Students will not be permitted to begin in a new course after the second week of the semester. A commitment to the assigned timetable is expected.

## AVSS 2021-22 Daily Schedule

Period 1	8:25-9:40	75 minutes
<i>Break</i>	9:40-9:50	10
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<i>Lunch</i>	11:05-12:00	55
Period 2	12:00-1:15	75
<i>Break</i>	1:15-1:25	10
Period 2	1:25-2:40	75