



Thursday, June 4th, 2020

Dear Seaquam families,

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, we were overjoyed to welcome students back into the building. Approximately 100 students attended each day during our voluntary limited return to school. We were very impressed with how students were diligent with meeting and exceeding the safety measures created in the building to protect themselves and others. The students who attended their classes experienced one-on-one and small group tutorials with their subject teachers. It is great to get back to a small sample of our regular in school routine.

The information below includes the following:

- Weekly Schedule
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- Counselling Support
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- Food and beverages
- Lockers
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Weekly schedule

As previously published, the weekly schedule will be as outlined below.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-10:15	Tutorial Block A	Tutorial Block E	Remote Learning	Tutorial Block B	Tutorial Block F
10:30-11:45	Tutorial Block C	Tutorial Block G		Tutorial Block D	Tutorial Block H
Afternoon	Remote learning	Remote learning	Remote learning	Remote learning	Remote learning
All Day Structure (LST & Learning Centre) to be determined by SBT on student need	Support for ESW and Diverse Learners Grade 11 & 12 Students struggling with remote learning	Support for ESW and Diverse Learners Grade 11 & 12 Students struggling with remote learning	Support for ESW and Diverse Learners Grade 11 & 12 Students struggling with remote learning	Support for ESW and Diverse Learners Grade 11 & 12 Students struggling with remote learning	Support for ESW and Diverse Learners Grade 11 & 12 Students struggling with remote learning

It is important to emphasize that in class learning will be a tutorial structure and be supplemental to the remote learning that continues. It is also important to note that to ensure social distancing is possible in all classrooms, there are limited spots to sign up for in each block with your student's current teacher. As a result, your student may be placed with a different teacher for support.

Registering for Classes

The Flex Time system on Student Connect and Parent Connect will be open on Friday, June 5th at 2:00pm for students to register for their class tutorials for the week of June 8th to June 12th. Students do not need to sign up for all of their classes, but can select the classes they require more support in. Classes will be limited to 4 students to allow for physical distancing and to meet our 20% capacity requirement.

Priority 1 and 2 students can now use the Flex Time system to register for classes along with the priority 3 students. If priority 1 and 2 students are having difficulty registering for a particular class, please contact the Main Office (604-591-6166) for help.

Priority 1 and 2 students can remain on campus for additional support during afternoon times on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and all day on Wednesday. We ask these students to attend a tutorial session in the Library at those times. Some teachers may also request students to connect with them during these times for course specific support.

We would like to remind our families that we have a maximum limit of 20% of our student population at any given time. This means that there can be no more than 275 students at Seaquam at once. We must follow the Ministry of Education's requirement to provide space for Priority 1 and 2 students. As a reminder the priorities are as follows:

- Priority 1 – students of Essential Service Workers
- Priority 2 – students with ministry designations and students who are deemed vulnerable (those can include students who are struggling with remote learning)
- Priority 3 – all other students

Health & Safety Measures:

The return to in class instruction at this time needs to be organized in a careful and mindful way to ensure everyone is safe. We would like students to follow the basic personal health guidelines of washing their hands frequently, sneezing in the crease of their elbows and staying home if they are feeling sick. We encourage students to wash their hands when they arrive and when they leave the building.

We have made efforts in the building to promote physical distancing with signage, one way staircases, entrance only exterior doorways, exit only exterior doorways and directional tape on the floors to help students and staff navigate the hallways. We need to be careful and mindful when in the hallways and slow down to ensure we maintain our 6 feet distance from others. At hallway intersections, we created roundabouts. Everyone must follow the signage throughout the building to ensure safety for all.

Students must not congregate in groups throughout the school. In between class, they must move to their next class or leave the building using the closest exit. We ask that students do not remain on school property after they complete their classes and proceed directly home.

Monitoring Health Symptoms:

In an effort to maintain a safe school environment, we ask all families to monitor their child(ren)'s health prior to sending them to school. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE NOT FEELING WELL** Families need to be responsible for ensuring the school community's safety at this time. Staff will be monitoring student health as well and will be informing the office if a student is not well in their class.

There are several symptom self-assessment tools online. There are 3 examples listed below.

<https://bc.thrive.health/?fbclid=IwAR1NzQXV3eUgFa5bSimQ2wiRpXVRMZc1LPbgp5fUNIDFK1Sc7yjhcc4aB>

<https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/coronavirus/covid-19-self-checker.html>

<https://www.811healthline.ca/covid-19-self-assessment/>

Counselling Support

The Seaquam Counselling team will continue to be available to support students. This support will continue to be provided online or over the phone. The office spaces for counsellors are limited and cannot meet the physical distancing requirements. Potential of accommodations for in person conversations may be requested, but only in limited situations.

Facilities

Some facilities in the school will not be accessible like the cafeteria, gyms, weight room and change rooms. Although these spaces will not be accessible, those classes associated with the facilities will be conducted in different ways or continue in the remote learning environment.

Food Service and Water Fountains

The cafeteria will not be serving food to be purchased nor will the water fountains be available for student use. We ask that students bring their own food and beverages for the school day.

Thank you for your patience in these different times. We are doing everything we can to provide opportunities to students and to provide a safe environment for everyone.

Lockers

Mr. Nikic has been building a schedule to allow students to come into the building to clean out their lockers and return their textbooks. Students and parents can expect an email outlining a plan for this process to take place. We would appreciate your cooperation in arriving to the building at your scheduled time as it allows us to maintain physical distancing and to not exceed our school capacity of 275 students.

Yearbook Distribution

We are hopeful that Yearbooks will arrive prior to the end of June. In anticipation of the Yearbooks arriving, it is expected that students will return their textbooks, clean out their lockers and clear any fee balances prior to receiving their Yearbook. Please check your student's fee schedule on Parent Connect for the current balance and details on textbooks that have been assigned to your child(ren).

Thank you for your patience in these difficult times. We are doing everything we can to provide opportunities to students and to provide a safe environment for everyone. As always, if you have any questions, please call or email us directly.

Sincerely,

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