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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we prepare for the reopening of schools and the safe return of students, we are following the direction of our Public Health authorities to ensure the safety and well-being of our students. We recognize that the new procedures and protocols will need to be introduced and reviewed with students to support a successful transition to the school environment. Whether you selected remote learning or face to face learning, please expect ongoing and regular communication over the next few weeks as we prepare to implement all of the changes to our procedures, protocols and practices as we work to keep our entire school community safe.

In order to welcome safely all students, we will be staggering the entry of students for the first week of school. The intent of this staggered entry plan is to ensure we can focus our attention on teaching and reviewing health and safety protocols and to ensure our grade 9 students feel welcome as they transition to high school. We have set aside the first two days to orient them into our buildings, to review all protocols, and to ensure their wellbeing. As always, our priority is student safety. The staggered entry plan is laid out in the graphic below. Student Cohorts are determined by a students' last name. **Please note that entry and exit times will be staggered to ensure safety.** A more specific schedule will be sent out via school messenger.

SECONDARY PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE Staggered Entry Plan			
WHO ATTENDS?	WHEN?	START TIME	DISMISSAL TIME
**Grade 9 Cohort A (A – J) (Cohort is approximately half the class)	Tuesday, September 8	8:22 AM	Student dismissal will be staggered by class from 11am
**Grade 9 Cohort B (K – Z) (Cohort is approximately half the class)	Wednesday, September 9	8:22 AM	Student dismissal will be staggered by class from 11am

**Grades 10, 11 and 12 Cohort A (A – J) (Cohort is approximately half the class)	Thursday, September 10	Grade 10 8:22 AM	Grade 11 8:22 AM	Grade 12 8:22 AM	Student dismissal will be staggered by class from 11am.
**Grades 10, 11 and 12 Cohort B (K – Z) (Cohort is approximately half the class)	Friday, September 11	Grade 10 8:22 AM	Grade 11 8:22 AM	Grade 12 8:22 AM	Student dismissal will be staggered by class from 11am.
**Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 Regular Schedule based on Cohorts	Monday, September 14				

Secondary schools will provide parents/guardians with back to school protocols for the first day a student returns to school (i.e., entry, dismissal, etc.). Period 1 schedules and room numbers will be available by Friday, September 4th.

Please note, it is essential students only attend on their designated days during the period of staggered entry in the first week of school. This will ensure students have the opportunity to become accustomed to the essential health and safety measures associated with returning to face to face learning.

Our clerical and administrative staff have returned to work to support our safe return to school, and I would kindly ask that you keep the following information in mind:

- Entry to the school will be restricted in order to establish a safe environment for our occupants in the school.
- In order to have your concerns addressed you must call 905-676-1287 and a school secretary or administrator will address your needs.
- Please do not come to the school - visitors will be strictly limited and only allowed to enter with a pre-approved appointment.

Due to COVID restrictions, each student should come prepared with **learning materials** as identified by their teacher. Communication from your student's teacher will provide some guidelines regarding pens and pencils, textbooks, notebooks, etc. Due to COVID restrictions, students will not be permitted to share learning materials at school. As well, students will be required to keep their belongings, backpack, snacks, water bottles and learning materials with them in the classroom. Please be aware that students may be eating in the classroom and we would request allergy sensitive snacks. Lockers will not be available for student use.

Finally, please be reminded that all students, per the direction from our Public Health authorities, will be **required to wear a mask** that covers their mouth, nose and chin while in school. If students choose to wear a clear plastic face shield, please note that the shield is to be worn *in addition to* a mask: a shield will not replace the need for a cloth mask. Although hand sanitizer will be available at the school, students are permitted and encouraged to bring their own.

The school staff are excited to return to a face to face learning environment, and we all look forward to working with the students in a faith-filled environment.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation as we plan for a safe start to the school year.

Sincerely,

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