



September 3, 2020

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.

In order to safely welcome 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 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 day 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.

Staggered Entry Plan

SECONDARY PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE	
WHO ATTENDS?	WHEN?
**Grade 9 Group 1 (Cohort is approximately half the class)	Tuesday, September 8 Focus on Well-Being and Health and Safety Protocols for students Orientation to secondary school Orientation to Learning Management System
**Grade 9 Group 2 (Cohort is approximately half the class)	Wednesday, September 9 Focus on Well-Being and Health and Safety Protocols for students Orientation to secondary school Orientation to Learning Management System
**Grades 10, 11 and 12 Group 1	Thursday, September 10 Focus on Well-Being and Health and Safety Protocols for students Orientation to Learning Management System
**Grades 10, 11 and 12 Group 2	Friday, September 11 Focus on Well-Being and Health and Safety Protocols for students Orientation to Learning Management System
**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 of student returns to school (i.e., entry, dismissal, etc.). Students will be emailed their cohort and room number by the end of the day on Friday September 4th.

Please note, it is essential students only attend on their designated day during the period of staggered entry in the first week of school. This will ensure students can become accustomed to the essential health and safety measures associated with returning to in person learning. Period 1 schedules and room numbers will be available by Friday, September 11th. The regular cohort schedule will begin for all secondary students on Monday, September 14th.

Attending School in Person	Grade and Cohort
Monday, September 14	Grade 9, 10, 11 and 12 Cohort A
Tuesday, September 15	Grade 9, 10, 11 and 12 Cohort A
Wednesday, September 16	Grade 9, 10, 11 and 12 Cohort A (alternating)
Thursday, September 17	Grade 9, 10, 11 and 12 Cohort B
Friday, September 18	Grade 9, 10, 11 and 12 Cohort B

Due to COVID restrictions, parents will not be permitted entry to the school; in addition, 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 **unscented** hand sanitizer.

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

Thank you for choosing a Catholic education with the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District school board for your child(ren).

Sincerely,

John Lezon

Principal