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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 have set aside the first day to include orienting students into our buildings, to review all protocols, and to ensure their wellbeing. As always, our priority is student safety. Students should report to their period one classroom on **Tuesday September 7 at 8:10am.**

STUDENT TIMETABLES AND LUNCH

Students will be taking two courses every day with a 40-minute lunch as identified in the **sample timetable** below:

8:10 – 10:45	Period 1 (150 minutes) + Homeroom (5 minutes)	
10:45 – 10:50	Transition time between periods (5 minutes)	
10:50 – 2:10	Period 2 (150 minutes + 40 minute Lunch and transition times)	Lunch #1 Lunch #2 Lunch #3

Students will be informed of their lunch period and provided with safety protocols on the first day of school. Students will be permitted to leave the building and re-enter throughout their designated lunch hour.

If not eating with members of their own cohort and eating inside, students will need to maintain two metres of physical distancing.

Please note, our school cafeteria **will not be providing food services.**

Quadmester One will begin on September 7 and end on November 12. Quadmester Two will begin on November 15 and end on February 2.

The following calendar identifies dates in Quadmester 1 and 2:

School Year Calendar 2021 - 2022

Legend **H** - Statutory Holiday Schedule **E** - Scheduled Examination Day **P** - Professional Activity Day **B** - Board Designated Holiday

		Quadmester 1					Quadmester 2																												
Month	Number of Instructional Days	Number of Professional Activity Days	Number of Scheduled Examination Days	1 st Week					2 nd Week					3 rd Week					4 th Week					5 th Week											
				M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F							
September 2021						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
October 2021									1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
November 2021				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
December 2021						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
January 2022				3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			
February 2022					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	

STUDENT MATERIALS

Due to COVID restrictions, parents will not be permitted entry to the school. Students will be required to keep their belongings, backpack, snacks, water bottles and learning materials with them in the classroom. Please be aware that we have students with allergies and we would request allergy sensitive snacks. Lockers will not be available for student use.

MASKING AND HAND HYGIENE

Please be reminded that all students, per the direction from the Ministry of Education, will be **required to wear a mask** that covers their mouth, nose, and chin while in school. Masks are not required outdoors. Teachers will also be providing students with outdoor mask breaks throughout the day. Although hand sanitizer will be available at the school, students are permitted and encouraged to bring their own **unscented** hand sanitizer.

ACTIVE SELF-SCREENING

As was the case last year, all students will need to actively self-screen before coming to school and show the results when they arrive in class using the [Province of Ontario’s COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening](#) tool. Additionally, **ALL students** will be required to have their self-screening results verified upon arrival at school. **Verification will be undertaken by the homeroom teacher during attendance.** Students have two options to indicate they have taken and passed the assessment:

1. Those who take the test online using the provincial screening tool receive a check mark on their phone or learning device upon successful completion of the assessment. Students can take a screenshot of the check mark and display it to the teacher when requested during attendance.
2. Students also have the option to take the assessment by answering “no” to a series of questions based on the provincial tool and holding up a card with a green check mark on it during attendance. Parents/guardians and students can print their own card from the attached file (four cards are provided on the attached sheet). These cards will also be available at the school for students who wish to use this option. Please ask your school if you require this option.

Daily Active Screening and Verification is mandatory.

In the event that a student cannot provide verification that they have passed their daily self-screening, the parent/guardian will be contacted to either verify that their child has passed the active screening, or they must make arrangements to pick up their child.

Parents/guardians will have until the end of school day on September 10th if they wish to change learning mode for their child (i.e., from in-person to remote).

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 your continued support.

Sincerely,

Carl Cini
Principal