



THOROLD SECONDARY SCHOOL

...your community high school

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Good evening!

As we approach the start of school next week, I wanted to give you some updates on the progress we are making preparing the school for your child's arrival next week.

In-School Cohorts and Online Students

- **Students in Cohort A** are expected to attend school next Tuesday Sept. 8 (Period 1) and Wednesday Sept. 9 (Period 2). They will work online from home on Sept 10-11.
- **Students in Cohort B** will be contacted with instructions from their Period 1 teacher on Tuesday Sept. 8. They will be working online on Tuesday and Wednesday. Their first in-school day will be Thursday Sept. 10 (Period 1), followed by Period 2 on Friday Sept. 11.
- **Online students** will be contacted by their teachers through their school board email with instructions on Tuesday Sept. 8.

Procedures for Attending In School Classes (Cohorts A and B)

- Our class times are 10:10 a.m. - 2:05 p.m.
 - Classrooms will be open at 9:55 a.m. - students who are not bussed are asked to arrive between 9:55 a.m. and 10:10 a.m.
 - If your student is not on a bus and needs to arrive before 9:55 a.m., you must use the following link to Sign up for Study Hall: [Study Hall Sign Up Form](#)
 - All students will be expected to sanitize their hands each time they enter the school, as well as when they enter other spaces within the school - sanitizer will be provided.

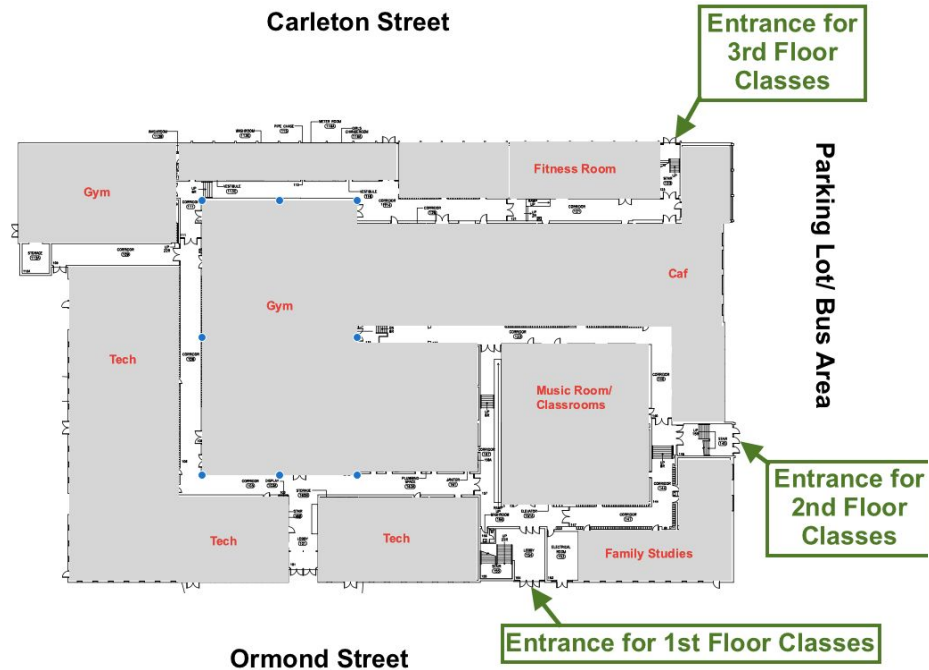
Hallways & Bathrooms

- All halls are marked with directional arrows indicating which side of the hall you are to walk on:
 - When moving in halls always keep right
 - all stairwells are one direction only - either up or down
- Bathrooms have a maximum capacity - if they are full students are expected to wait outside the washroom until someone exits
 - Each floor will have assigned washrooms that students in that group are to use. This will minimize the possibility of a bathroom being at capacity and minimize the movement throughout the school.
 - In order to keep the hallways clear, only one student is permitted out of the class at a time (during class time) to go to the washroom.

- As you know, masks are mandatory at all times in the school as well as while you are riding the bus.

Entrances & Exits

- We have designated entrances for students. The map below shows the plan for entrances.



- At the end of the day classes will be escorted to the exit closest to their classroom and will leave the school from there. We will have staggered exits in order to prevent the school halls from being congested. Teachers will assist in directing students.
- There are no extracurriculars running so students will be expected to leave the school immediately at the end of the day. They may wait socially distanced outside for their bus or ride.

Classroom/Food Breaks

- All classes will have a 20-minute break - these breaks will also be staggered so that only a few classes are out at the same time. During breaks students will go outside (weather permitting). It is important that during breaks students continue to socially distance from their friends.
- Students are able to eat during their breaks - a reminder that we will not be running a cafeteria this year, so everyone will have to bring food.
 - Vending machines will not be in use
- We will be offering some breakfast club items at break time - these will be grab and go items.
- Water fountains are not open, however water filling stations are - please bring your own reusable water bottle.

Assigned Seating

- Teachers will create and maintain seating plans for all classes
 - Buses will also have assigned seating

Daily Covid Screening Tests

- All parents/guardians must follow the Daily Parental Screening Agreement and keep students home who have Covid-19 symptoms. This agreement can be found at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yIjU6xdsqH0LQVApZqVfTt9a8oUV8OYz/view>

Visitors

- There is no parent access to the school during school hours - as much as we love visiting with you, we have to restrict access to the school this year to students and staff. We are happy to talk with you over the phone - so please give us a call. Our phone number (905 227-1188) is located on all school entrances.

Specific Class Information

- Change Rooms are not available this year - if your child has a class for which they need to wear certain clothing, they must come to school dressed appropriately (e.g. Phys Ed, technology, etc.)
- For science classes, slash proof goggles have been ordered for every student in semester 1 and teachers will share instructions around this.
- Students who are learning fully online will have more specific information coming out about when to log in, attendance, etc.

Timetable Changes (Online Request for Appointments)

- As we spent a lot of time with students picking courses, we are only making timetable changes for a specific reason (i.e. took a course in summer school, need a specific course for post-secondary, need to repeat a course, level change, etc.)
- We will prioritize new students and Grade 12 students who are graduating this year.
- To request a virtual guidance appointment to change your timetable please fill out a form. Students will not be able to line up at guidance to make changes. They must use the form.

I have also included the Thorold Secondary Return to School guide (which was sent out the other day) again for your reading pleasure. [Thorold Secondary School Student Guide - September 2020](#)

This includes instructions on how to access your timetable and cohort information.

Students who have forgotten their password to access your student account can visit <https://sway.office.com/DldoDNYRpuYhGYn6?authoringPlay=true&publish...> and if you can prove you are who you say you are, you can reset your password from home!

If your child can not access their timetable and cohort information we would ask you to please let us know by tomorrow so we can get that information to you!

Furthermore, I have included links to the calendar for each cohort for September:

[Cohort A September Schedule – Non-MSIP](#)

[Cohort B September Schedule Non-MSIP](#)

[Cohort Online September Schedule – Non-MSIP](#)

[Cohort SSTC September Schedule – Non-MSIP](#)

Lastly, if you have any questions throughout the year about your child's classes, we encourage you to reach out to the teacher..

We also have a new Vice Principal : Mr. Beau Daniels, 905-227-1188 x 66002,
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I hope this email finds you well, and has answered some questions you may have. We have been working hard for the past few weeks preparing, and will continue to do so over the weekend.

I will send out another message on the weekend that outlines specific entrances for students.

Thank you for your patience.

Karen Ferguson
Principal