

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 reminders and updates. Whenever you have questions, we encourage you to refer to our website.

Schedule

Secondary Schedule		MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Week 1	Morning	Period 1				
	Afternoon	Period 2				
Week 2	Morning	Period 3				
	Afternoon	Period 4				

• As conditions continue to improve and provincial guidelines change, we may revise this schedule

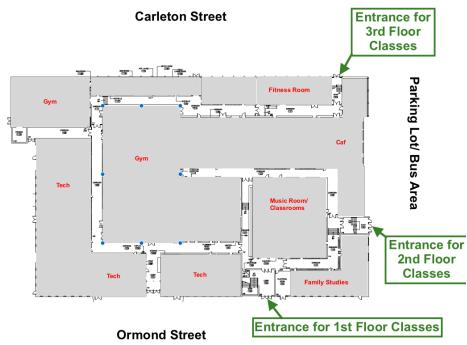
Continued Covid Protocols

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.
- Students will be expected to leave the school immediately at the end of the day, unless participating in an extra- curricular activity (contact tracing required). They may wait socially distanced outside for their bus or ride.

Classroom/Food Breaks

- All students will have a 40 minute lunch break During lunch- students will go outside (weather permitting). It is important that during breaks students continue to socially distance from their friends.
- Teachers will offer students a 5 minute break mid morning and mid afternoon. Students are able to eat during their breaks This is a short break and there will not be time to leave the school property to purchase food.
- 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. Signage indicates that you should hand sanitize before and after accessing the filling station.
- Cafeteria service will resume later in the month of September and we will reopen the cafeteria at that time.

Assigned Seating

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

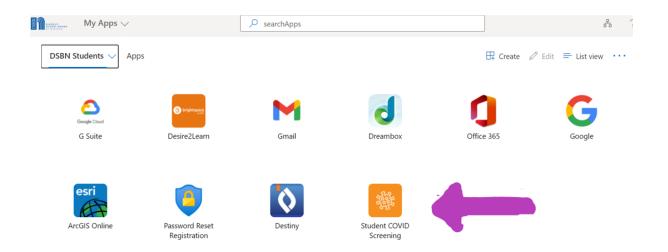
Daily Covid Screening

• Students are expected to stay home if they have any symptoms and contact a Niagara Public Health official (905-688-8249 or 1-888-505-6074). Teachers will be validating that students have completed the assessment at the start of every class.

Instructions for students:

- 1. Log in to your DSBN student portal
- 2. Click on the icon below "Student COVID Screening" (see image below with red arrow)

3. Once you complete the questions, you will see a green check mark if you are to attend school. If you see a red "X" please remain home and contact your healthcare provider.



Visitors

 Access to the school by visitors is by appointment only, and with the permission of Administration - 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 now available. You must follow posted protocols and keep your mask on while changing. PE teachers will be monitoring changerooms to be sure that

Covid protocols are followed.For science classes, slash proof goggles have been ordered for every student in semester 1 and teachers will share instructions around this.

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 the online form posted on the TSS website. Students will not be able to line up at guidance to make changes. They must use the form.

Instructions to access your timetable (also found directly on the TSS website)

How to Access Your Schedule in Aspen

Students who have forgotten their password to access your student account can visit <u>https://sway.office.com/DIdoDNYRpuYhGYn6?authoringPlay=true&publish...</u> and if you can prove you are who you say you are, you can reset your password from home!

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 : Mrs Jessica Bell, 905-227-1188 x 66002, jessica.bell@dsbn.org

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

Karen Ferguson Principal