



# DELVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

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It was great seeing your student(s) at school for orientation. Staff and students were very excited to return to school and we know there were many smiles under those masks.

All students in Grade 8-12 got to meet their learning cohorts and their block A teachers. Within their orientations staff focused on our new schedule and the enhanced Health and Safety procedures that have been put in place. Students were provided with a copy of their quarter one schedule and completed schedules will be made available online within the next few weeks.

Also, this week our new grade 8 students took part in some team building activities following their orientation. This was a great opportunity for students to interact within their learning groups and get to know some of their new peers. Big thank you to Mrs. Schalk, Mr. Laubman, staff volunteers and our Grade 11-12 Raider Leaders for planning and running this event for our students. The mentors that helped out did an amazing job.

## **Schedules and Course Changes:**

At this time students have been provided with their quarter one schedules only. Mr. Sohal and our counselling team have been working incredibly hard at placing students into learning groups while doing their best to honour students' course requests. Over the next few weeks they will be reviewing student schedules in quarters 2-4 and completed schedules will be made available to families online over the next few weeks.

Once the year has started course change requests in quarter one are not permitted as students are not allowed to be placed into a new learning group until the end of the quarter. This is the direction that has been provided by the PHO. If students are requesting course changes for a course in quarter 2-4 please complete the google form posted on the Delview website and your counsellor will be in touch. Please remember when making requests that the requirement to have students in learning groups makes timetable changes more challenging but we will try and to our best to meet those requests when possible.

## **Online Learning Options:**

As mentioned in previous letters families have remote learning options through the District. For students in Grade's 8-9 they can enroll in Home Quest and students in Grade 10-12 can register for online learning through Delta Access. If you are choosing one of these options and have not done so already, please contact the school and inform us of your intentions. Please note that Home Quest is a one-year commitment.

## **School Schedule**

The year will be broken into 4 quarters of about 9 weeks in length. Each day will have 3 blocks – Blocks A, B and C. We are working to create schedules for students that maximize face-to-face learning in quarter classes. The quarter classes will be 120 minutes in length Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesdays the classes will be 85 minutes.

For students in Grade 8-10 they will mostly have classes in Block A and B and are face to face – there might be a few exceptions but not very many. For students in Grades 11-12 there is a strong likelihood that they will have one face-to-face class and one hybrid class in each quarter. Hybrid classes will combine face-to-face learning and remote learning. Students will be distanced as much as possible and face masks are recommended for students. In a Hybrid class face to face will occur every second day. The reason we might offer hybrid classes is because we cannot adequately distance students from multiple learning groups. Students in hybrid classes will receive an email from their B Block teacher indicating if they will be attending face to face on Day 1 or Day 2.

During Block C there is a degree of flexibility for students. It will consist of time for student support for the quarter classes they are taking or a full 120-minute quarter class. For most students, Block C will be like flex time from last year where students can seek out their teachers for help in the courses they are currently taking. If they do not need help, then they will be dismissed.

For students who are enrolled in LA/LD/Grad Quest/Supportive learning we are going to provide you support in Block C and directly in the classes that the students are taking or even some pull outs. Each student will have a non-enrolling block in their schedule that will help the school track who is getting support in these areas. The needs of each student is different and the support teachers will create a plan to support the students.

## **Nutrition and Lunch Breaks**

Between Blocks A - B there will be a 20-minute nutrition break and 30 minutes lunch between B - C. If students are not staying for learning support and Block C then they can be dismissed. For safety reasons we cannot allow students to be in the hallways or canteen during this time.

Students should bring their lunch, snacks and other required items with them when they arrive at school. Food should be in their own containers and they should take those containers home with them at the end of the day. To maintain physical distancing and minimize contact with others, parents are asked to not drop off student lunches/supplies during the school day. Food drink items, dishes, and cutlery are not to be shared. The only exception is manufacturer-wrapped food products.

During the school year vending machines will not be in operation and will be empty. The cafeteria will not be open for student to purchase food. Students need to bring any food they wish to consume with them to school.

## **Daily Health Checks**

All families are required to complete the form on Parent Connect called a “Daily Health Check”. It is required that you acknowledge you have read this form before sending your child back to school. Most importantly, it is imperative that families monitor their child’s health daily and keep students at home if they exhibit symptoms that are cold or flu-like that can include coughing, sneezing, a sore throat, fever or any other cold or flu-like symptoms. If your child is experiencing these symptoms, please have them see a doctor.

**Non-Medical Masks:**

Students are expected to wear a non-medical mask when they enter Delview and are in common areas of the school. Also, they need to wear a mask when they are outside their learning group and cannot remain at least 2 metres from others. While in classrooms and with their learning groups, masks are optional. In Hybrid classes we are encouraging students to wear masks. If students do not have a mask one will be provided from the school.

**Entering/Exiting the School:**

Starting next week students will be able to enter the school through three entrances, 2 entrances at the front of the school and the side door by room 144. Students have been asked to enter the school through the entrance nearest their A block classroom. At the end of their block students will be dismissed through the nearest exit

We are ready to go for Monday, September 14. Staff is ready, the school is ready, and now the students are ready. It is going to be great, but different, but still great! We will be working with families to make this a rewarding school year.

If you continue to have questions please do not hesitate to contact us at 604-594-5491.

Sincerely,

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