



ACSS Totem News

Dream, Believe, Achieve

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Dear Students and Families:

Welcome Back!! This past week, we were thrilled to be welcoming back all of our students! A school just doesn't feel like a school without the energy and enthusiasm that our students bring!! As you know, this week we hosted our student orientations. We shared Health and Safety information with our students, as well as information with respect to the bell schedule and timetable. Below you will find much of the information that we shared with students yesterday and today.

Student Packages

Upon arrival, students received their student packages with the following items:

- Their Timetables
- Daily Health Check Form – **this form needs to be completed once and returned on Monday to the Block A teacher.**
- Student Fees Invoice – please pay fees online as per instructions in the student package.
- Demographic Information Verification Form – please verify the information and return with your student to the Block A teacher on Monday.
- Self Identification of Aboriginal Ancestry Form – please return to the Block A teacher if applicable.
- Medical Alert – please return this form if necessary, to the Block A teacher.

You may have noticed that some of the forms that you typically get in paper form, were not included in the student package. The District is moving towards electronic forms. Next week, you will receive a number of electronic forms that you will be able to access through the Parent Portal in MyEd BC.

Procedures for Monday

On Monday when students arrive, they should go to their designated entrance area. There will be homeroom lists posted. In some cases, schedules have changed, so students will need to double check their Block A (homeroom) class to ensure that it hasn't changed. Students will also receive a new timetable in their Block A class on Monday morning.

Health and Safety Information

The following information was shared with students:

Entrance / Exit Procedures:

Students are required to use their designated entrance. For grade 9 and 10 students, they will be entering through the Library / Learning Commons Entrance. For grade 11 and 12 students, they will be entering through the Main Entrance. Upon entry, students MUST do the following:

1. Wash and/or sanitize their hands. There are hand sanitizing stations at the entrances for student use. Students are also able to use their own hand sanitizer if they would like.
2. Wear a mask. Students are required to wear a mask when they are in common areas, like hallways. More information below with respect to masks. Many students wore a mask today, which was great. All students were also given a mask upon arrival today.
3. Maintain physical distance as much as possible.

Mask Etiquette / Requirements: Please see below for details on when masks need to be worn.

When must I wear a mask?

- As soon as I enter the building
- Whenever I am walking in the hallways or using the washroom
- When I am in the line up in the cafeteria
- If/when I am in a different learning group/cohort than my own

When don't I have to wear a mask?

- When I am outside of the building
- When I am with my learning group/cohort

Can I wear a mask all of the time if I choose to do so?

- Yes. The most important thing is for you to be and feel safe at school.

What if I forget my mask?

- We will have disposable masks to give out (but they are limited and we will not be handing them out every day for every student)

What if I refuse to wear a mask?

- We are all responsible to keep ourselves and others safe when we are in the building. Admin will have an individual conversation with a student if necessary. As Dr. Bonnie Henry says, "Be Kind, Be Calm and Be Safe".

Timetable and Bell Schedule Information

For the 2020 – 2021 school year, we will be operating on a Copernican, or Quarterly, system.

Copernican / Quarterly System:

	Quarter 1 (Sem 1)	Quarter 2 (Sem 1)	Quarter 3 (Sem 2)	Quarter 4 (Sem 2)
AM	Vulnerable Learner Support / Non-Resource Prep			
	A1	C1	A2	C2
AM	~ 130 Minutes ~	~ 130 Minutes ~	~ 130 Minutes ~	~ 130 Minutes ~
	LUNCH			
	B1	D1	B2	D2
PM	~ 130 Minutes ~	~ 130 Minutes ~	~ 130 Minutes ~	~ 130 Minutes ~
PM	Vulnerable Learner Support / Non-Resource Prep			
PM	Outside the Timetable Courses			

Quarter Dates:

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Begins	September 14 th	November 19 th	February 3 rd	April 26 th
Swap	October 16 th	January 5 th	March 9 th	May 25 th
Ends	November 17 th	February 1 st	April 22 nd	June 25 th

Grade 9 & 10 Cohorts:

Grade 9 Cohorts	Grade 10 Cohorts
AVID 9 (Cohort A)	AVID 10 (Cohort A)
Grade 9 (Cohort B)	Grade 10 (Cohort B)

Grade 9 & 10 Bell Schedule:

Time	Block	Minutes
8:35 am – 9:05 am	Resource / LA & Teacher Prep Time	30
9:10 am – 10:30 am	Period 1	80
10:30 am – 11:05 am	Lunch	35
11:05 am – 11:55 am	Period 1 Cont'd	50
12:00 pm – 2:10 pm	Period 2	130
2:10 pm – 2:40 pm	Resource / LA & Teacher Prep Time	30

Grade 11/12 Bell Schedule:

Time	Block	Minutes
8:35 am – 9:05 am	Resource / LA & Teacher Prep Time	30
9:10 am – 11:20 am	Period 1	130
11:20 am – 11:55 am	Lunch	35
12:00 pm – 2:10 pm	Period 2	130
2:10 pm – 2:40 pm	Resource / LA & Teacher Prep Time	30

Grade 11/12 Hybrid Schedule:

Grade 11/12 Blended Model Schedule First Half Quarter 1					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM Block A	In - Class Instruction All Students				
Beginning of Lunch	Group B Leaves	Group A Leaves	All Leave	Group B Leaves	Group A Leaves
PM Block B	Group A	Group B	Online Instruction All Students	Group A	Group B

Grade 11/12 Blended Model Schedule Second Half Quarter 1					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM Block A	Group A	Group B	Online Instruction All Students	Group A	Group B
End of Lunch	Group B Arrives	Group A Arrives	All Arrive	Group B Arrives	Group A Arrives
PM Block B	In - Class Instruction for All Students				

Lunch Time Procedures / Protocols

As you can see in the different bell schedules, grade 9 and 10 students have a different lunch time than grade 11 and 12 students do. This is to minimize the number of students who are in the hallways, cafeteria and other common areas. Cafeteria service is available. Students are able to access the cafeteria, but they are not able to eat in the cafeteria. Students need to eat their lunch in one of two places (1) their Block A class; (2) Outside. If students are finished eating, they are certainly able to be in the common areas throughout the school, as long as they are wearing their mask and are practicing physical distancing. If students are outside, they do not have to wear their mask, but they do need to continue to practice physical distancing.

I want to sincerely thank the staff and the students for being fantastic throughout the Student Orientations. While it wasn't perfect, it was a great start. Our students' willingness to adhere to the physical distancing protocols and health and safety procedures and protocols was excellent. We know that we will have some bumps in the road as we continue to transition back to school. As always, we are open to feedback and questions, so please do not hesitate to contact the school. We will continue to adjust our protocols and procedures to ensure students and staff are safe.

I wish everyone a fantastic weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

For now, take care of yourselves and take care of each other!

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