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# Hello DSBN Secondary Students & Families

We are very pleased to welcome you back to school!

Although things will look a little different, we know with everyone’s positive support, we will create an amazing, healthy and safe learning environment for our students.

We understand that the start of a new school year brings excitement and questions. This year is unique for everyone with the newness of protocols we all need to follow to keep each other safe. Our school will look a little different from when you last attended or visited, with new signage to remind us all about keeping safe.

It is very important to review this entire document with your students, so that they understand the new protocols that are in place due to COVID-19.

## RETURN TO SCHOOL DETAILS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE CHOSEN IN-PERSON ADAPTIVE LEARNING

Students who have selected this opportunity will be attending school in cohorts and will be completing the rest of their learning online. You will receive a school specific schedule from your school later this week.

### BELL TIMES

School Name	Bell In	Bell Out
A.N. Myer Secondary School	10:15 AM	2:25 PM
Beamsville District Secondary School	9:55 AM	2:05 PM
DSBN Academy	8:30 AM	1:50 PM
Eastdale Secondary School	9:55 AM	2:05 PM
Eden High School	10:00 AM	2:00 PM
E.L. Crossley Secondary School	10:00 AM	2:05 PM
Greater Fort Erie Secondary School	10:05 AM	2:05 PM
Grimsby Secondary School	9:50 AM	1:55 PM
Governor Simcoe Secondary School	9:55 AM	1:55 PM
Laura Secord Secondary School	9:55 AM	2:00 PM
Port Colborne High School	10:05 AM	2:05 PM
St Catharines Collegiate and Vocational Institute	10:00 AM	2:00 PM
Stamford Collegiate Secondary School	10:15 AM	2:25 PM
Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School	9:20 AM	1:15 PM
Thorold Secondary School	10:10 AM	2:05 PM
Welland Centennial Secondary School	9:55 AM	2:05 PM
Westlane Secondary School	10:15 AM	2:25 PM

### STUDY HALL

A supervised study hall will be available at all secondary schools



before the start of classes. Your School will provide you with more specific details this week.

### ADAPTIVE ONLINE LEARNING

- On the days you are not attending school in-person you will be working on your courses at home
- Students will be using D2L Brightspace and/or Google Classrooms to access their online classrooms
- It is important to participate as you would on a regular school day and complete your learning to stay on track
- Teachers will be providing you with more specific details about your classes on September 8th, please make sure to login and be ready to get to work!
- It is important that you are checking your email daily and logging into D2L Brightspace or your Google Classroom. Your teacher will be providing you with the work you are to be completing, schedules, due dates etc. They will also provide details to you about supports available to assist you in your learning.
- Unlike the spring, when we transitioned to emergency remote learning, online learning will consist of approximately 300 minutes per day where students are completing synchronous, asynchronous or independent learning.

### TIMETABLES AND COHORT

- Later this week, your school will send you information on how to access timetables and cohort information
- **COHORTS**
  - If you have selected to attend school in-person this year, you have been assigned to Cohort A or B

Secondary Adaptive Learning Model			MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
In-school >	Week 1	2 Course mini-block	Cohort A	Cohort A	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort B
	Week 2		Cohort A	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort B	Cohort B
	Week 3	2 Course mini-block	Cohort A	Cohort A	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort B
	Week 4		Cohort A	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort B	Cohort B
	Everyday		Cohort C				

Cohort A: Secondary Student Group A

Cohort B: Secondary Student Group B

Cohort C: Alternative Education/RISE and Specialized School to Community Programs (SSTC)

- C cohort indicates that you will attend school each day - this is for Alternative Programs/RISE and SSTC programs
- Your cohort is listed on your timetable
- Cohorts were developed system wide to balance class sizes and to allow for families to be in the same cohorts (K-12) and to balance bus occupancy.
- Cohorts are fixed, if you have specific concern, please contact the school principal

## RETURN TO SCHOOL DETAILS FOR THOSE WHO CHOSE ONLINE LEARNING

### SECONDARY ONLINE LEARNING

- Students remain part of their school's classes and with their assigned teachers
- Students will be using D2L Brightspace and/or Google Classrooms to access their online classrooms and need to regularly monitor their school email for reminders and notifications
- It is important to participate as you would on a regular school day and complete your learning to stay on track
- You will be notified by your school when you will be expected to log in daily to participate in a synchronous morning announcements and to have your attendance taken, you can then begin completing your work for the day
- Students will have online connections to their classroom teacher in different ways throughout their online journey, your teacher will be in touch with you on September 8th to provide you specific instructions
- Students will have access to qualified DSBN teachers in all subject areas throughout each day to support your learning
- Unlike the spring, when we transitioned to emergency remote learning, students should plan on approximately 300 minutes of synchronous, asynchronous and independent online learning per day

### Mental Health and Well-being Supports

- Together learning from research-based strategies to be strong and resilient.
- Mindfulness strategies to support students with their self-regulation and confidence



### COVID-19 Symptoms Protocol

- Prevention and response in partnership with Niagara Public Health should a student or staff member have a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19



### Minimizing Contact

- Not sharing instructional supplies
- Personal water bottles
- Restricting visitors into the school
- No assemblies or large gatherings
- Changing classroom layouts

### Daily Health Assessment

- Parent completing daily self-assessment of their student
- Mandatory self-assessment of staff



### Signage

- For access, education, and reminders



## Keeping our Secondary Schools Safe Together

### Physical Distancing

- Putting as much space between people as possible
- Directional flow in hallways
- Revising entry and exits



### Hygiene Practices

- Training of and teaching proper skills
- Signage to teach and prompt proper handwashing, coughing and sneezing etiquette



### Masks and PPE

- Staff and students wearing masks



### Enhanced Cleaning

- High touch surfaces disinfecting after use
- Removing upholstered and soft items



### Training, Teaching & Coaching

- Students learning new skills in class to stay safe
- All DSBN staff trained before school year on COVID-19 specific health and safety





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**SYNCHRONOUS LEARNING** is a term used to describe all types of learning where students and their teacher are in different places, but connecting at the same time. This includes live online lessons, small group instruction, individual conferencing, and scheduled teacher support when students and parents can access the classroom teacher.

**ASYNCHRONOUS LEARNING** refers to all types of learning in which students and teachers are not in the same place at the same time. This includes video recordings of lessons and activities, posted assignments and independent learning.

- Teachers will be providing you with more specific details about your classes
- On September 8th, please make sure to login and be ready to get to work on your period 1 class!

### HEALTH AND SAFETY WHEN ATTENDING SCHOOL

#### MASKS

- Wearing masks has been mandated for all secondary students and staff by the Ministry of Education. All students will receive a DSBN mask.
- Wearing a mask can be uncomfortable; however, it is an important strategy in keeping students and staff safe. To ease student discomfort with wearing masks, we will be scheduling breaks with students where they can go outside and will not have to wear masks as long as physical distancing is maintained.
- If you have a medical condition that prevents you from wearing a mask, please contact your school principal for details and the documentation required.
- It is a good idea for students to bring a couple of additional clean masks with them in a ziplock bag, in case they need a fresh one.

#### PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND NO CONGREGATING

- As much as possible, all students are required to maintain physical distancing.
- This will be achieved through directional signage, education and encouragement, making changes to classroom set-ups, hallway flow, and much more.

- Health and Safety signage is posted throughout the school and in all classrooms to remind students how to be safe
- These include: entry protocol, physical distancing cues, proper hygiene practices, restrictions for use of equipment, rooms, and how to travel within the school or worksite.

#### HYGIENE PRACTICES

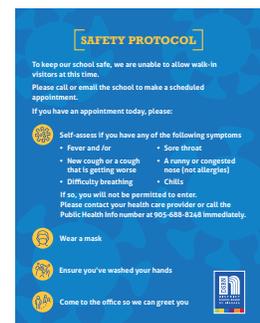
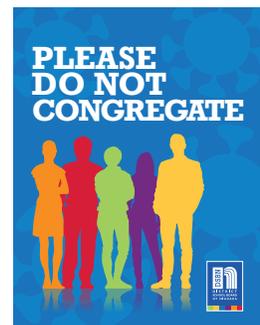
- All students will be hand washing regularly and teaching proper handwashing techniques to students. Reminders to wash hands regularly will be posted throughout schools, and sanitizer will be available in every classroom and at entrances.

#### LOCKERS

- There will be no lockers issued this year
- Students will need to bring with them required materials for the class they are attending and arrive at school dressed appropriately for their course eg. physical education, technology etc.
- Change rooms are currently closed

#### NO LUNCH DUE TO COMPRESSED DAY

- There is no scheduled lunch period
- Cafeterias and vending machines are closed
- Students will need to bring food with them and will be given an opportunity to eat in their classes and on scheduled breaks.
- Water fountains will be closed
- Please bring a refillable water container as water filling stations are open



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### SPECIALITY CLASSROOMS

- Learning will continue with enhanced health and safety measures

### WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT SCHOOL

- Make sure you have completed your Covid self-assessment
- Ensure you are wearing your mask (bring an extra if possible)
- Enter in the door indicated by your school
- Use hand sanitizer
- Go directly to class (15 minutes before the bell time)
- If you arrive on a bus, or have booked in advance, you can report to the Supervised Study Hall

### ATHLETICS (TEAMS AND PRACTICES), CLUBS AND EXTRACURRICULARS

- Unfortunately these activities cannot happen in-person yet
- We will review the status in October

### STEPS TO COMPLETE BEFORE YOUR STUDENTS ATTENDS SCHOOL

- **Masks**
  - Review of 'How To Wear a Mask' and practice wearing a mask for periods of time before starting school
- **Review proper hand washing**
  - Soap and Water Proper Hand Washing – Soap & Water
  - Hand sanitizer Proper Hand Washing - Sanitizer
- **Review proper cough and sneeze etiquette**
  - Cough and Sneeze Etiquette
- **Registration forms**
  - All forms to be completed will be sent to you by your school through School Cash Online
  - One new form will be included, the Daily Covid Screening Agreement Daily Parental Screening Agreement

### SYSTEM AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

#### COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

- Cooperative education is available to students
- Your coop teacher will have more information about placements, including virtual options

#### NIAGARA LINK & DUAL CREDITS

- Dual Credits will be offered online for semester I

- Niagara LINK classrooms will be off campus for semester I (Welland Program at the Job Gym, NOTL Program at Lifetime Learning)

### SYSTEM PROGRAMS - DIGIT, HOME BUILD

- Full time students will attend every day
- Compressed day schedule, times to be confirmed

### NIGHT SCHOOL

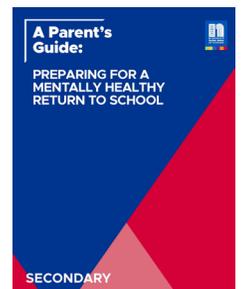
- Night school will be online only - more details and timelines to follow

### SPECIAL EDUCATION

Our staff, including teachers, Special Education Resource teachers and Educational Assistants will be supporting your students throughout the school year. This includes meeting their needs as outlined in the Individual Education Plan (IEP).

### MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

An important part of transitioning your student back to school is to focus on their social-emotional learning skills. This will help them build resilience, manage their stress and foster positive relationships. Our staff will support your student to have a smooth transition back to school for in-person and online learning.



### DSBN MENTAL HEALTH GUIDE FOR PARENTS

- Parents' Guide: Mentally Healthy Return to School

[CLICK HERE](#) for the DSBN Parent Guide: Preparing for a Mentally Healthy Return to School

### RETURN OF LOANED ITEMS

- If you are returning to school, please bring your items to return with you on the first day of school
- If you are learning at home and have chosen online, please keep your DSBN loaned items
- If you are not returning to our school, please call your school and schedule an appointment to drop your items off

### SUPPORTS AVAILABLE

#### GRAB AND GO

- Breakfast program items will be available



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### NEED A DEVICE OR INTERNET ACCESS?

- If you have a need, please contact your school Principal.

### NIAGARA PUBLIC HEALTH

- Parents and other community members to the general COVID-19 Info-Line, available Monday to Friday from 9:15 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 9:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
  - 905-688-8248 or Toll-free: 1-888-505-6074 press 7, then press 2
  - Parents can also visit our Niagara Parents Social Media accounts for updated information. Niagara Parents Facebook, Niagara Parents Twitter, Niagara Parents Live Chat
- Main COVID-19 webpage found at [www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/](http://www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/)

### TRANSPORTATION

- If your student qualifies for busing, go to [www.nsts.ca](http://www.nsts.ca) for procedures and health and safety guidelines. Niagara Student Transportation Services is following Ministry of Education protocols for transportation which includes mandatory masks for all secondary students
- For transportation details, bus routes and times access the parent portal at [nsts.ca](http://nsts.ca)
- There are no late busses scheduled as all extracurricular activities are on pause

### WHAT IF I CHANGE MY MIND ABOUT THE MODE OF LEARNING CHOSEN FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR?

- Please contact the Principal for details
- Students will be able to change their mode of learning (from adaptive to online, or online to adaptive) during the semester as circumstances arise.

### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

- The first day of school is September 8 for every secondary student and the day will be a period 1 focus.
- Cohort A and C will be in person at school and cohort B will be online

### WHAT TO BRING ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

- 1 Complete your Covid Self Assessment at home before you leave for school
- 2 Make sure you have a mask
- 3 Any loaned items to return to the school
- 4 Bring a refillable water bottle with your name on it
- 5 Bring a binder, paper and writing materials
- 6 Dress prepared for the class you are participating in (ie. physical education, a tech shop, hospitality)

### HOW TO STAY INFORMED?

- DSBN Board website [www.dsb.org](http://www.dsb.org)
- Regularly check your email for communications from the school
- Follow DSBN social media accounts



- Follow your school's social media accounts

### CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL

A.N. Myer ..... 905-358-5753 ..... [anmyer.dsb.org](http://anmyer.dsb.org)

Beamsville ..... 905-563-8267 ..... [beamsvilless.dsb.org](http://beamsvilless.dsb.org)

Centennial ..... 905-735-0700 ..... [centennial.dsb.org](http://centennial.dsb.org)

DSBN Academy  
Secondary ..... 905-684-8708 ..... [academy.dsb.org](http://academy.dsb.org)

E.L. Crossley ..... 905-892-2635 ..... [elcrossley.dsb.org](http://elcrossley.dsb.org)

Eastdale ..... 905-734-7458 ..... [eastdale.dsb.org](http://eastdale.dsb.org)

Eden ..... 905-646-9884 ..... [eden.dsb.org](http://eden.dsb.org)

Governor Simcoe ..... 905-934-4006 ..... [govsimcoe.dsb.org](http://govsimcoe.dsb.org)

Greater Fort Erie ..... 905-991-1132 ..... [greaterforterie.dsb.org](http://greaterforterie.dsb.org)

Grimsby ..... 905-945-5416 ..... [grimsbyss.dsb.org](http://grimsbyss.dsb.org)

Laura Secord ..... 905-934-8501 ..... [laurasecord.dsb.org](http://laurasecord.dsb.org)

Port Colborne ..... 905-835-1186 ..... [porthigh.dsb.org](http://porthigh.dsb.org)

Sir Winston Churchill ..... 905-684-6349 ..... [sirwinston.dsb.org](http://sirwinston.dsb.org)

St. Catharines Collegiate .. 905-687-7301 ..... <http://collegiate.dsb.org>

Stamford Collegiate ..... 905-354-7409 ..... [stamford.dsb.org](http://stamford.dsb.org)

Thorold ..... 905-227-1188 ..... [tss.dsb.org](http://tss.dsb.org)

Westlane ..... (905) 356-2401 ..... [westlane.dsb.org](http://westlane.dsb.org)