

# Greater Fort Erie Secondary School

## Return to School Information

September  
2020



**School Phone Number: 905-991-1132**

**School Website: [greaterforterie.dsbns.org](http://greaterforterie.dsbns.org)**

First day of school is Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> for ALL students. Cohort A will be in person and Cohort B will be online. Classes begin at 10:05 a.m. and conclude at 2:05 p.m.

# 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.

## Our bell times

- Start of classes: 10:05 a.m.
- End of classes: 2:05 p.m.

## September Calendar

[Cohort A September Schedule - MSIP](#)

[Cohort B September Schedule - MSIP](#)

[Cohort SSTC September Schedule - MSIP](#)

## Study Hall

- A supervised study hall will be available for our students that arrive by bus prior to the beginning of classes.
- This is available for bussed students.
- Non-bussed students can access Study Hall and will need to call the school to register for this support.

## Online Learning

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

## Timetable and Cohort

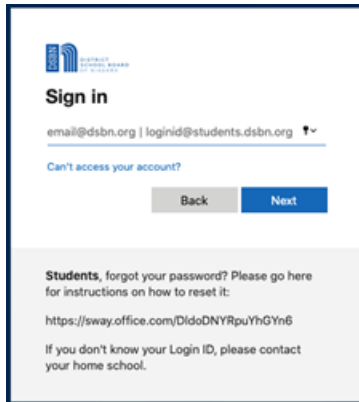
- How to access your timetable
  - Students, using their DSBN login can access Aspen and follow the steps outlined below:

There is now a Staff/Student Login at [dsbn.org](http://dsbn.org) and on our school website at [greaterforterie.dsb.org](http://greaterforterie.dsb.org)

Students click the link to sign in and will take them to a login page



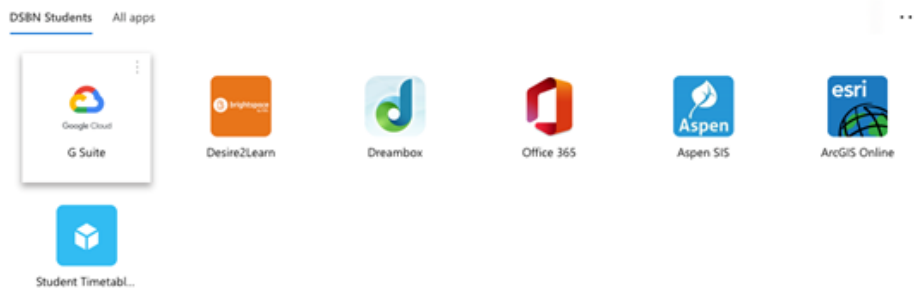
This page also has info on getting the password reset info and link ([can access this document HERE](#))



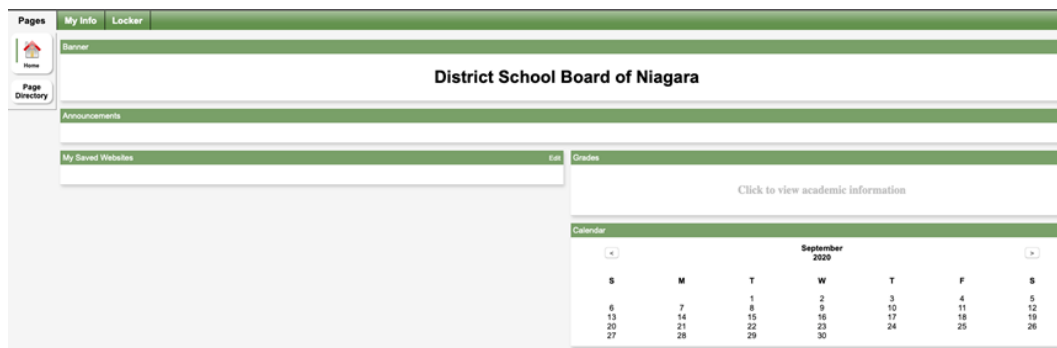
Enter their student email ([username@students.dsgn.org](#))

Enter their password

This brings them to the application page. There is a student timetable link which [takes them to this document](#) outlining how to find timetable.



Clicking on the Aspen button takes them directly to their homepage in Aspen



# Return to School Details For Those Who Chose Online Learning

## Greater Fort Erie Secondary School's September Schedule

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

#### Secondary Online Learning

- Students remain part of our 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.
- Teachers will be providing you with more specific details about each of your classes on September 8th, please make sure to login and be ready to get to work!
- You will be expected to log on daily at a specific time in the morning every day for morning announcements and to have your attendance taken, you can then begin completing your work for the day. You will hear from us with more details.
- 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.
- They will also have access to qualified DSBN teachers in all subject areas throughout every day to support your learning.

## Registration Forms

- This year, we will be completing registration forms where possible online.
- You will be receiving a message through School Cash Online this week with forms requiring your completion.

## Return of Loaned Items

- If you are returning to school, please bring your loaned items with you on the first day.
- If you are learning at home and have chosen learning online, please contact us to return items you no longer need (eg. textbooks, novels etc.).
- If you are not returning to our school, please call the school and schedule an appointment to drop your items off.

# Supports Available

## Grab and Go Breakfast Program

- Individually packaged items will be available as you enter the school.

## DSBN Mental Health Guide for Parents

- [Parents' Guide: Mentally Healthy Return to School](#)

## Guidance

- If you are requesting a timetable change, go to our school website ([greaterforterie.dsbm.org](http://greaterforterie.dsbm.org)) and go to the "Student Support Services" link: [GFESS Student Support Request Form](#)

## Social Worker and Youth Counsellor

- To book a phone appointment with either our Social Worker or Youth Counsellor, go to our school website ([greaterforterie.dsbm.org](http://greaterforterie.dsbm.org)) and go to the "Student Support Services" link: [GFESS Student Support Request Form](#)

## I am having difficulty in a course?

- Reach out to your classroom teacher for additional support.

## Need a device or Internet Access?

- Email Mr. Vandervoet with your request at [Matthew.Vandervoet@dsbn.org](mailto:Matthew.Vandervoet@dsbn.org)

## 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/)

## What if we change our decision about the mode of learning selected during the semester?

- Please contact the Mr. Louws at [Fred.Louws@dsbn.org](mailto:Fred.Louws@dsbn.org) .

# Online Learning

It is important that students are checking their school 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.

[How to Access D2L and Google Classroom](#)

## What To Bring on the First Day of School

1. Complete the Covid Self Assessment at home before you leave for school, and stay home if you are unwell <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/pdf/screening-tool-colour.pdf>
2. Make sure you have a mask and a brown paper bag to place it when you are eating
3. Any loaned items to return to the school
4. Bring a refillable water bottle with your name on it
5. Bring food/snacks that you can eat at your desk or outside on a break
6. Bring a binder, paper and writing materials
7. Dress prepared for the class you are participating in (ie. physical education, a tech shop, hospitality)

## Health and Safety When Attending School

### Where to enter our school

- Enter at the doors where the busses or parents drop you off at school. Walkers enter the front Main Doors.

### When you arrive at school

- Make sure you have completed a Covid assessment
- Ensure you are wearing your mask
- Enter in the door indicated on the map above
- Maintain physical distancing
- Use hand sanitizer
- Head straight to class (20 minutes before the bell time)
- If you arrive on a bus, or have booked in advance, you can report to the Supervised Study Hall located in the Cafeteria (Grades 9 & 10) or the Learning Commons (Grades 11 & 12)
- To avoid congestion at the school, please drop students off at front Main Doors.

## How to Stay Informed?

- Review DSBN Board website [www.dsbns.org](http://www.dsbns.org)
- Regularly check your email for communications from the school
- Follow our school on social media at:
  - School Website: [greaterforterie.dsbns.org](http://greaterforterie.dsbns.org)
  - Facebook: GFESS! The Official Facebook Page
  - Twitter: @greaterforterie
  - Instagram: greaterforterie
- Contact the school at 905-991-1132.