

Dear Parents and Guardians of NDSS Students,

Here is the weekly information update for Wednesday, January 5, 2022

RETURN TO SCHOOL

- Next Monday, Jan 10th, all students are expected to return to full-time, in-school instruction, as of 8:30am. Students are asked to reduce crowding at entranceways by using the doors that are closest to their first class of the day on Mondays.
- Entry doors will be unlocked at 8:15am and students/teachers will be following the same Mon-Fri timetable as they did before the winter break. Upon arrival Mon, students are to head to their block A class at 8:25am for an 8:30am start time.
- During block A Monday, all teachers will be logging into a live videoconference for a school wide TEAMS assembly @ 8:45am, facilitated by the NDSS administration team. Seniors who don't have class in block A are to go the library @ 8:30.
- The purpose of the virtual assembly will be to welcome back students and share our updated school safety measures that will be in place until further notice. Please read the '*Preparing to Return*' section below which has a few of the changes.

ENHANCED HEALTH & SAFETY

- Beginning Monday, until at least the end of January, ND will implement staggered lunch and dismissal times to reduce the number of students lining up to buy food in the cafeteria as well as to ease crowding doors when school ends.
- We are still in the process of determining the best way to organize a staggered lunch hour and students can expect details to be shared as part of the virtual assembly on Mon. morning. The plan will also be shared with parent next Wed.
- Staggered end of day times will begin next week. As of Monday, students will be dismissed 10 minutes apart: senior's first and then juniors. A bell will ring at both dismissal times and students will exit from their designated zone doors.
 - Seniors (gr. 11-12) will be dismissed at 1:36pm on Monday/Friday
 - Seniors (gr. 11-12) will be dismissed at 2:50pm on Tuesday, Wednesdays, and Thursday
 - Juniors (gr. 8-10) will be dismissed at the regular end time of 1:46pm on Mondays/Fridays
 - Juniors (gr. 8-10) will be dismissed at the regular end time of 3:00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays
- Parents/Guardians who are pick up teens who are in different grades are kindly asked to wait in their vehicles with the gr. 11 or 12 student until the junior is dismissed a few minutes later. Thank you for adjusting to this temporary change.

PREPARING TO RETURN

- Given the increase in COVID-19 cases, anyone planning to enter a school in B.C. is to go through one of the [K-12 daily health checks](#) prior to leaving the house. One is a [general K-12](#) & the [other is grade specific](#). Using either one is fine.
- Students or adults who answer 'yes' to any of the items in the checklists are to follow the instructions provided.
- If the result of the daily health check is that it's okay for your teen to head to school that day, please ensure they have a face mask that [covers their mouth and nose](#) prior to leaving the house. School can't provide masks as a routine practice.
- Everyone must have their masks on prior to entering the school building. Masks are always on unless eating or drinking.
- Starting Monday, NDSS students are not allowed to eat or drink if standing or walking. Students are to be seated at a desk when eating/drinking in class and during breaks they can sit in the cafeteria or along the lockers in the hallways to eat/drink.
- The District has an excellent page on the SD68 website devoted to the most up to date [information on covid 19](#). It's a great '*one stop shop*' for resources, including the updated [NLPS COVID-19 Communicable Disease Plan](#).

JANUARY PAC MEETING

- The Jan NDSS PAC meeting scheduled for tonight, Wed Jan 5th has been cancelled. New date TBD/TBA shortly.

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