

Friday, November 13, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Where did the time go?! It is hard to believe quarter one is behind us and now we look forward to a successful quarter two starting Monday Nov. 16:

Quarter 2 - Nov. 16 2020 to Jan. 29 2021: By now students will have received an email from their Quarter 2 Blk 2 teacher welcoming them to their new class and to identify which rotation, A or B, the students are scheduled to attend starting Monday. Because some Blk 2 classes have a lower enrollment or a larger than normal classroom, there will be some classes running with full attendance, thus those students will not need to worry about the A/B rotation.

Connections Time: Please make note, the connections time in Block two has shifted from the end of class to the beginning of class. This means *our school day now finishes at 3:15pm*, which is important to take note of - our updated bell schedule can now be found on our website and through this [LINK](#).

Bus Pick Up at Lunch: The new quarter starting Monday also brings us back to our 'first five week' model of bussing. All students who need to catch the school bus at lunch to go home for the afternoon (pickup at the school just after the start of lunch, and drop off close to home based on three elongated bussing routes) should check the new schedules and maps posted just outside the main office, and if possible take a picture of the route that works best for them to be able to show the bus driver so that they can work out any issues.

New Quarter, New Cohorts: With the new quarter, students will be experiencing a re-organization of cohorts for their classes. This shuffling of cohorts at the start of each new quarter meets the guidelines as set in the "[BC's Back to School Plan.](#)" The block one classes will be the newly established cohort running at full attendance for the first 5 weeks. Most block two classes will run at a reduced capacity with students attending on alternating days.

Students returning from Remote Learning: We welcome those students that are returning from remote learning. Please meet Monday morning from 8:45am - 9:15am in the Learning Commons for an important orientation session and updates on safety protocols as you transition back to Claremont. If you have a mask please bring one, otherwise one will be provided.

PAC Meeting: Our next PAC meeting is set for **Tues, Nov. 17 at 7:00pm**. Like previous meetings, this will be a virtual or TEAMS meeting for those who wish to join. Please see the following [link](#) for instructions on how to join the meeting. If you plan on attending please RSVP Mr. Westhaver by email and he will send you the link to join pwesthaver@saanichschools.ca Some of the agenda items include; Admin updates, PAC chair report, treasures report and allocation of PAC funds. We hope to see you there and appreciate your input.

Report Cards: Watch for Q1 report cards to be distributed in Block 1 on Thursday morning, Nov. 19th.

Intramurals: The lack of opportunities to participate in sport has been difficult for many students, and we know that physical activity is beneficial for personal wellness and social connection. Therefore, we would like to provide some intramural sports as an option during lunch break. BC School Sports, under the guidance of public health, has noted that “schools may create combined cohorts allowing larger groups for co-curricular activities up to the maximum of 120 as permitted by the guidelines from the Ministry of Education.” Teams will be formed based upon pre-assigned ‘intramural cohorts’, and students will be able to sign up online next week for our first offering: indoor soccer. Unfortunately, there will be no spectators permitted.

Health & Safety - Mask Use: Sorry for the continued reminders about wearing masks, but we need to stress their importance. With the start of a new quarter and new cohort groupings all students and staff need to be wearing masks as much as possible.

Group A/B Rotation: The Group A / B schedule as we begin quarter two listed below:

Claremont Secondary School “Day” Schedule					
Please Note: November 16 th is the beginning Quarter 2 ★ AM Classes will be in full time daily attendance. ★ PM Classes will be on A/B Rotation					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Q2	16	17	18	19	20
	A	B	A	B	NID Day Q1 Report Cards Home
Week 2 Q2	23	24	25	26	27
	A	B	A	B	A

Sincerely,

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