

January 11th, 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students:

Thank you to everyone for a great first two days back in school! We have been very impressed with how students are adapting to the new long block schedule and the fact that they are making a commitment to upholding our new routines. We feel it is important to share our weekly memo with families sooner as there is some very important information regarding Health & Safety that we would like you to review with your child. Please see the new monthly and daily schedules in the graphics at the bottom of this document.

For Up-to-Date Information: Please review the [SD63 Saanich Website](#) for all health and safety information.

Attendance: As part of our enhanced Health and Safety measures, it is necessary we keep an accurate record of student attendance as well as basic reasoning for absences. *If your student(s) will be away, please call or email the front office or their teachers to let them know how long they will be away and if the reason is because of illness or excused absence.* We do not need to know if an illness is Covid related, we simply need to differentiate between students who are away sick and those that are away for other reasons. This information is being tracked at the school and district levels and is being used to determine if/when a functional closure is required. Accurate information will allow us to respond appropriately in this ever-changing situation.

Grade 9 Immunization Consent Forms: If your student is currently in grade 9, consent forms will be coming home today for regularly scheduled immunizations. Please read over the form with your student and have it returned to the office by next Monday, January 17th. Immunization is currently scheduled for February 8th, however, this could change according to priorities set out by Island Health.

PAC Meeting: Please use this [LINK](#) to access the virtual PAC Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, 7 pm.

Literacy 10 & 12 / Numeracy 10: Fast approaching is our January session of the provincial literacy and numeracy assessments. All three assessments will be running with a focus on literacy 10 for students currently in English 10 as well as grade 11 & 12 students who are missing any one or several of the assessments or who wish to rewrite.

Food Service: There will be no "before school" breakfast or lunch salad bar service, for now, in the Spartan Store. Breakfast service will be open during morning break times (9:50-10:50 am) only: we have breakfast wraps, hashbrowns, coffee, smoothies, and muffins available! This service is not available on Fridays. Lunch service will be open from 11:45am-12:20pm daily.

Health & Safety PA Announcement: The following reminders were repeated for all of our blocks over the course of the last two days in the hopes that the overall message regarding enhanced safety measures was heard loud and clear. Unfortunately, we are not in the same position as we were before we left for the break: we are now dealing with an Omicron variant that is extremely transmissible. Please help reinforce the following points with your student(s) as this is very important for the overall safety of our Claremont community.

"A reminder that the following measures that were in place earlier in the year will now be reinforced more diligently starting today:

- 1) **Daily Health Check:** Please stay home if you are not feeling well. There's a health check app on the front of our website. Complete a daily health check before coming to school. If you are not feeling well, make the choice to stay home and communicate with your teachers to find out what you'll be missing.

- 2) **Masks:** Masks must be worn properly (over your nose and mouth) at all times while inside the school. You can remove your mask when you need to eat or take a drink, but this should happen while you are stationary. You cannot be walking through the halls eating and drinking with your mask off. We are also asking that all students choose to eat in a classroom at lunch - we will be looking to keep our hallways as clear as possible, especially during lunchtime, and a reminder that everyone is encouraged to go outside!
- 3) **Hand Hygiene:** Be mindful that it is important to wash your hands properly and frequently. Where available, you can also use sanitizer which will be in most rooms in the school.
- 4) **Keep your distance:** As hard as it is to do, we are asking all students to not crowd together and avoid physical contact with others, especially during break times.
- 5) **Use of Basix Cleaning Spray:** Especially when using laptops/chromebooks, please remember to wipe down your device with the Basix spray/cloths provided before you return it.

Speaking of crowding, we have re-introduced some measures to reduce crowding in the halls:

- **Staggered Break Times for Long Blocks:** All classes now have a specific 15min break time for each of their morning and afternoon long blocks. Please ensure that you stick to these times as other classes will be taking their breaks before/after you, and we need to ensure that we space out as much as possible. **NOTE:** you are allowed/encouraged to go outside during your breaks (including lunch), and during class breaks please be respectful of other classes (noise level)!
- **Using the Nearest Entrance/Exit to your Classes:** We are asking all students to please use the entrance and/or exit that is nearest to your classroom(s) when either entering the building in the morning or exiting the building either after your morning block or at the end of the day.

Once again, we are excited to see you all back at school and we look forward to finishing off this semester as safely and effectively as possible!"

January 2022 Schedule: "Copernican Model"

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
9	10 Block 1 Lunch Block 3	11 Block 2 Lunch Block 4	12 Block 1 Lunch Block 3	13 Block 2 Lunch Block 4	14 Block 1 Lunch Block 3	15
16	17 Block 2 Lunch Block 4	18 Block 1 Lunch Block 3	19 Block 2 Lunch Block 4	20 Block 1 Lunch Block 3	21 Block 2 Lunch Block 4	22
23	24 Block 1 Lunch Block 3 (Lit 10 in classes)	25 Block 2 Lunch Block 4 (Lit 10 in classes)	26 Literacy & Numeracy / Final Assessments	27 Literacy & Numeracy / Final Assessments	28 Final Assessments / Course Completion Day	29

Altered January Bell Schedule: "Copernican Model"

MORNING BLOCK	9:00AM TO 11:45AM	* 2 HR 40 MIN INSTRUCTIONAL TIME * 5MIN EXTRA FOR DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS * SCHEDULED 15MIN BREAKS IN SPECIFIC ZONES FOR EACH CLASS
LUNCH	11:45AM TO 12:20PM	* SHORTENED LUNCH BREAK (35MIN) * STUDENTS EAT IN THEIR CLASSROOMS * PROMOTE MOVEMENT IN THE HALLS (NO CONGREGATING IN GROUPS)
AFTERNOON BLOCK	12:20PM TO 3:00PM	* 2 HR 40 MIN INSTRUCTIONAL TIME * SCHEDULED 15MIN BREAKS IN SPECIFIC ZONES FOR EACH CLASS

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