

January 21st, 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students:

It is hard to believe we are nearing the end of semester one. To say the least, it has been a period in time that has tested all of our patience and willingness to be flexible. For these two qualities, we thank our students and staff for enduring this challenging time. It is also an exciting time as we prepare for semester two and the opportunity for students to experience new classes and connect with new teachers and friends. We can't wait to get started, Monday Jan. 31st! Here are a few important topics to review as we head into the final week.

**Assessment Week Update:** Late in the day Thursday, we received word from the Ministry of Education that they are canceling this January session of the Literacy and Numeracy assessments. This news may be concerning for grade 12 students who are wanting to write an assessment in order to have it on their transcript for post secondary applications. In their announcement, the Ministry stated that “No Grade 12 students who are on track to graduate in the 2021/22 school year will be impacted by this cancellation”. Unfortunately, this statement does not clarify some of the questions that may arise; rest assured, we are working to acquire more information in order to provide clear messaging to students and families regarding these assessments. We have sent a number of questions to the Ministry of Ed., and will report back.

With the removal of Literacy and Numeracy Assessment from the schedule below, the focus for the week will be unchanged. However, where you see “Course Completion,” students will have the opportunity to complete overdue assignment(s), write a make-up assessment, or complete a presentation for their teacher, basically wrapping up the semester. Students will be notified by their teacher, IST, Admin., our Counselor if they are to be in session for any or all of the days between Jan 26 - 28. Otherwise, students who are not writing a Math or Science test or making a Capstone Presentation are not expected to be at school. A more detailed version of the math/science exam schedule, with information on the location of each exam, can be found on this [LINK](#). Please take some time this weekend to go over this information with your student(s) to make sure they are clear on what and when they are writing. It may also be a good time to check in as this week may lead to a bit of extra stress for some.

Monday, Jan. 24 Copernican schedule	Tuesday, Jan. 25	Wednesday, Jan. 26	Thursday, Jan. 27	Friday, Jan. 28
<b>Block 1 - all students in session</b>  Final Assessments for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English</li> <li>Humanities</li> <li>Modern Lang.</li> <li>Electives</li> <li>PHE</li> </ul>	<b>Block 2 - all students in session</b>  Final Assessments for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English</li> <li>Humanities</li> <li>Modern Lang.</li> <li>Electives</li> <li>PHE</li> </ul>	<b>9:00am- 12:00pm - only students writing exams in session</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-Calc 11</li> <li>Pre-Calc 12</li> <li>Workplace Math</li> </ul> Course Completion  Capstone Presentations	<b>9:00am- 12:00pm - only students writing exams in session</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FOM 11</li> <li>FOM 12</li> <li>Calculus 12</li> <li>FPC/FMP 10</li> </ul> Course Completion  Capstone Presentations	<b>9:00am- 12:00pm - only students writing exams in session</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chem 11</li> <li>Chem 12</li> <li>Science 10</li> </ul> Course Completion  Capstone Presentations
<b>Block 3</b>  Final Assessments for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English</li> <li>Humanities</li> <li>Modern Lang.</li> <li>Electives</li> <li>PHE</li> </ul>	<b>Block 4</b>  Final Assessments for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English</li> <li>Humanities</li> <li>Modern Lang.</li> <li>Electives</li> <li>PHE</li> </ul>	<b>12:30pm- 3:30pm</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Life Sc. 11</li> <li>Anatomy 12</li> <li>Math 9</li> <li>Lin. Math 9</li> </ul> Course Completion  Capstone Presentations	<b>12:30pm- 3:30pm</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physics 11</li> <li>Physics 12</li> <li>Science 9</li> </ul> Course Completion  Capstone Presentations	<b>12:30pm- 3:30pm</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make-Ups</li> <li>Conflicts</li> </ul> Course Completion  Capstone Presentations  <b>Claremont Exam Schedule Jan. 2022</b> <b>Updated Jan. 20</b>



**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.

**Timetables:** On Wednesday, student timetables for semester two were handed out at the start of block 3. If your student has not yet picked up their timetable, they can do so at the front office. If concerns are noted, students are to book an appointment with Mr. Pama or Mrs. Giese in the counseling department.

**Will Semester Two Begin With a Copernican (long block) schedule?** A great question, and one we will need a bit more time to work through. The ultimate hope is a return to our traditional “four blocks” per day schedule. However, this may be delayed.

**Year at a Glance ([link](#)):** Please make note, and do understand, that some of the dates in semester two will/may change. For example, February 10, early closure for “Meet the Teacher” night will be moved to Thursday February 24th. It is also possible our report card timelines will be adjusted for term three. We will use future memos to remind families of more changes.

**Wendi Marshall is Retiring!** At some point everyone at Claremont has stopped by Wendi’s accounts office to pay a bill, ask for some change, or hear a funny joke. Friday Jan. 28th will be Wendi’s last day working at Claremont. We wish Wendi all the best in her retirement; there have been many wonderful years of service at Claremont and within the Saanich School District. Thank you for keeping our accounts in order and making us laugh.

**Mental Health & Well-Being Snapshot:** Please use this [LINK](#) to access this month's Mental Health & Well-being Snapshot that focuses on Hope and Optimism for Well-Being.

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

Once again we thank you for engaging with this information and for encouraging your students to the finish line of semester 1!

Sincerely,

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