

January 28th, 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

On Monday, Jan. 31st we will begin semester two with our original schedule of **AM classes, Blocks 1,2,3,4, PM classes**. The Copernican schedule served our school community well this month when we headed out of winter break. It allowed us to slow the pace down in the school, make some adjustments in an effort to reduce student transitions (students with spares not in the building and designated break times), and focus on the continued importance of wearing masks. Our student absenteeism was relatively consistent over the weeks, and in comparison with neighboring schools, who remained on a four block schedule, we were all similar.

Administration received a range of feedback from Claremont students, staff and our District Executive on which direction to go with our schedule next week. The majority prefer a return to our four-block day, but would still like to see safety measures in place. We will see a return to some directional arrows in the hallways, continue to encourage students to eat lunch in classes and only provide a few tables in the hallways.

According to recent reports from the PHO and the BC Covid Dashboard, the number of daily cases reported are trending in a better direction. Sports teams will be given permission to participate in tournaments starting February 1, and there is also renewed optimism other restrictions may be lessened.

Semester Two Daily Schedule: After careful reflection of attendance data and student transition patterns these past few weeks, we will return to our 4-block per day semestered schedule with a few slight changes to the length of breaks between classes (6 mins) and the duration of lunch (35 mins).

Class Bell Schedule 2021-2022			
<small>January 31, 2022</small>			
Monday - Friday		Class Early Bell Schedule	
Block 1	9:00 – 10:18	Block 1	9:00 – 10:06
<small>1:18*</small>			
Block 2	10:24 – 11:45	Block 2	10:12 – 11:18
<small>1:18*</small>			
Lunch	11:45 – 12:20	Lunch	11:18 – 11:44
<small>35*</small>			
Block 3	12:20 – 1:38	Block 3	11:44 – 12:50
<small>1:18*</small>			
Block 4	1:44 – 3:02	Block 4	12:56 – 2:02
<small>1:18*</small>			

Please confirm AM or PM class start times with your Teacher

Exam Make-ups: If your student missed an exam last week, we have two make-up sessions scheduled for next week. *Missed exams can be written on Wednesday, February 2nd from 9:00-12:00 OR Thursday, February 3rd from 12:30-3:30 in the LC.* Please ensure the classroom teacher is aware that your child will be writing during the make-up time and clarify which session they will attend.

Meet the Teacher: Due to changes in our calendar and the cancellation of the Open House, we have moved Meet the Teacher night from February 10th to February 24th from 4:00-6:00 PM. We have also changed the evening to a Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interview format. Please stand by for information on how to sign up to have a telephone conversation with your child's teacher(s).

Virtual Session on Digital Safety: This session for students in Grade 8-12 covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen to the criminal consequences of cyberbullying. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding students' use of social media platforms and smartphones will be discussed. The session is from 6:30-7:30 PM on Thursday, February 3rd. Please click this [LINK](#) to register.

Semester 2 Courses Still Available: If students are looking to add an elective course to their semester two schedule, the following courses still have room for enrollment: Accounting 11, Photography, 11/12, Digital Media 11, Spanish 9, Guitar, Drama, AP Chemistry 12, Engineering 10, Drafting, and Psychology 130 & Criminology 154 which both count for course credit at Camosun College, an unassigned first-year elective at some post secondary institutes and 4 credits towards Claremont High School Graduation. Please see teacher counselors Mr. Pama or Ms Giese for more information.

Course Selection Information for 2022-23: It's hard to believe, course selection is just around the corner! The [Course Guide](#) is available on our website under the "Student" tab, click "Application/Course Selection". We will be offering a virtual information session for parents on course selection for current grade 9-11 students on February 23rd, please stay tuned for a link to this event. Further, students will receive course selection information in school on February 23rd and 24th, at which time they will receive a course selection sheet. This is now a good opportunity to engage with your child in the planning of their next year here at Claremont.

Thank you for supporting your child's education.

Sincerely,

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