

February 4, 2021 (Email titled: Calendars & Non-Cohort Classes)

Dear students and families of Sir Winston Churchill

Calendars have arrived! I've also worked out which classes I will be able to blend cohorts – allowing in-person students to come to school for that period whether it is an A day or a B day. We are calling these classes – NON-COHORT Classes. See further details below.

Here are the schedules for our school for February and March:

- Cohort A students [Cohort A Feb & March Calendar](#)
- Cohort B students [Cohort B Feb & March Calendar](#)
- Online [Online Cohort Feb & March Calendar](#)

More about NON-COHORTED Classes (does not impact Cohort O students).

Non-Cohorted = classes where both A students and B students are required to attend in-person (i.e. If it is a period 3 class that is non-cohorted, students attend both 3B and 3A days, which would be Feb 8 and Feb 10)

As we communicated yesterday, some of our classes with smaller in-person class sizes are able to attend every day. I've attached a master schedule that highlights every **Non-Cohort Class in bright yellow**. This is going to take work on your part. Students need to identify which of their classes are cohorted and which are non-cohorted so that they can figure out which classes they attend on their official Cohort day, versus classes they attend whether it is an A day or a B day.

Teachers will help communicate this – but use this information now to create your calendars. I know this can be confusing, but the good news is that we've increased the number of times students attend in-person. Please keep this in mind though. If students move from Cohort O, back to in-person, it could result in the school needing to change a class from non-cohorted back to cohorted. The same could happen in reverse if students choose to go from in-person to O. As we've learned over the past few weeks, nothing is written in stone!

Here is one last piece about non-cohorted classes. For students to ride the bus on their opposite cohort days (i.e. imagine a "Cohort B-student" taking the bus on a "Cohort-A-day"), I need to add the letter "C" to their cohort designation. That means that if a Cohort A Student has a non-cohorted class, I need to change them to Cohort CA. That is what it means if you see the letter "C" in Aspen.

Whew! I hope this all makes sense! I'm excited to see students on Monday.

p.s. If you did not indicate that you need the bus when you did that DSBN survey, and you now need a bus, please reach out to nsts.ca.

Sincerely

Ann Gilmore, Principal