

February 3, 2021

Dear Students/families of Sir Winston Churchill

You are probably tired of my emails! Things can change quickly, but we will forge ahead.

Cohort O Students - you can ignore most of this email as nothing really changes for you. Just keep an eye on your emails next week to see if teachers will still offer synchronous moments in your SWC classes.

Attention Cohort A and B Students:

We are pleased to welcome students back to in-person learning at Sir Winston. All DSBN secondary schools will be opening for in-person learning on Monday, February 8.

Health and Safety Measures

We continue to follow all safety protocols under the direction of the Ministry of Education and Niagara Region Public Health for in-person learning for staff and students.

- Enhanced COVID-19 Daily Self-Assessment for Students



- Daily self screening is essential
- We will be issuing a new self-assessment link for students to complete daily before they arrive at school
- Teachers will be validating completion at the start of class
- Students must complete the daily COVID-19 self assessment and must stay home if they have any symptoms
- We will share the specific link and instructions later this week
- Some reminders for students:
 - Make sure you have your mask on before entering the school
 - Use hand sanitizer on entering the school and classrooms
 - Maintain 2 meter physical distancing where possible
 - Follow school signage and follow staff directions
 - A reminder, to not congregate with other students, before and after school and on breaks

School Day and Calendars

- Our school day remains the same as in semester 1 starting at 9:20 and ending at 1:15.

- We will be continuing with alternating weeks (period 1 and 2 or 3 and 4)
- I will be sharing our school's calendars tomorrow

Non-cohorted Classes

- Some of our classes with small class sizes, will be running as one cohort, meaning that students attend school every day that class occurs
- I will notify students and families of classes that will be running non-cohorted later this week

Student Attendance

- In-person learners need to be at school at 9:20. Students who arrive late need to go straight to their class.
- Online learners need to be a presence in their virtual SWC classrooms (which are different than those formal DSBN eLearning classes) by 1:15. I am hoping that SWC teachers will be willing to continue synchronous learning in some way. If that occurs, attendance will be linked to those synchronous moments. More to come but know that I am working hard at finding consistency and reliability.
- Please note that daily attendance is not taken for online learners enrolled in DSBN eLearning classes. ELearning classes are not tied to specific periods.

Return of Semester 1 School Materials

- If you are attending school in-person, please return the materials to the bins that will be at our entrances on your first day back at school
- If you are an online learner, you can return materials anytime between 8am and 3pm. Please email Cheryl.Cook@dsbn.org to make arrangements, or call the school when you arrive in the parking lot.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely

Ann Gilmore, SWC Principal