



Nora Frances Henderson Secondary School

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Dear Henderson Families:

We are looking forward to seeing you very soon for a safe and enjoyable year. We realize there has been an abundance of information in the last few weeks and there is likely many questions you may still have. The information presented below is intended to give you some clarity about the upcoming school year at Henderson.

Student Timetables: Student timetables have been sent electronically. They should be visible in the Parent Portal. Parents/Guardians please check your email addresses to ensure the document has arrived. We will be on hand to help on Wednesday morning if your child has not received it.

Bell Schedule will feature two periods. The day will start at 8:45 am and end at 3:00 pm. There will be a 75 minute common lunch.

Period 1: 8:45-11:15

Lunch 11:15-12:30

Period 2: 12:30-3:00

First Day of School for all students is Wednesday September 8th. Doors will open at 8:30 am. Students will be asked to distance as they enter the school, wear a mask and sanitize. Students are asked to go directly to their period one class. A staggered dismissal will be facilitated at the end of each class to limit congestion in the hallways. Please no congregating in the hallways. The cafeteria and learning commons will be closed. There will also be no food service, this will be revisited later.

- *Depending on where your class is located in the building, you will be entering a specific entrance that is labelled with a letter. If you are not sure where to enter please ask staff who will be on hand.*

Lockers will not be assigned or used until further notice. This will be revisited as the school year progresses and under the guidance of Public Health.

Students with a spare we are asking to report to the cafeteria for the first week.



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Daily Screening COVID Self-Assessment must be completed by all students prior to entering the building. The Ontario COVID Self-Assessment can be accessed here:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/> (save this on your device) **Students will show their screening to their educators using their personal or board device.**

Students who are feeling ill should not come to school.

Attestation

Parents and caregivers, and students over 18 years of age, are asked to complete one-time attestation to declare that you will participate in active daily screening. The attestation can be completed in the Parent Portal. Students will also have access to the forms from the school.

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Return-to-School-Attestation-2021-2022.pdf>

COVID Safety Measures are in place to ensure safety. These include sanitizer at doorways, signage, separate entrances and exits, staggered exits and entrances and sanitization products in classrooms.

Transportation:

The HWSTS Transportation Portal is now open. Parents will be able to confirm transportation arrangements for students who qualify. Please ensure you have your child's OEN (Ontario Education Number) in order to use the portal. This is a 9-digit number that can be found on any old report card issued in the Province of Ontario.

If you do not have a report card for your child, and cannot supply the OEN, please contact your child/ren's home school. Staff are only able to share OEN with the authorized email address on record for each student, without any identifying information.

<https://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/service-stopfinder.aspx>

Parents/Guardians Can Stay Updated:

- <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/blog/covid-19-update-september-2021/#learning>
- <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/covid19/>
- Please check our website/twitter/instagram for frequent updates
- https://twitter.com/Henderson_hwdsb
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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at 905-389-2234 or Henderson@hwdsb.on.ca