



Orchard Park Secondary School

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Dear OP families,

We are excited about welcoming back students – in person and through remote learning – to the 2020-21 school year. The pandemic has brought many changes to our school and its families, but I know that we can rise to the occasion if we work together.

Thank you for keeping up with the communications coming from HWDSB, and for completing important forms and surveys as required.

We are taking many actions to prevent COVID-19 at our school. You will notice that safety is guiding our programming choices. Here are some of the important points to remember:

Attestation

Before a student can enter a school, we require that their family (or the student if over age 18) completes an attestation that they have read, understood, and will abide by expectations. Find this on the [Parent Portal](#). ([Backup location](#) for forms and translations.)

Daily COVID-19 Screening

HWDSB COVID-19 Student Screening Checklist is to be completed daily before arriving at school. The checklist is found on the Parent Portal as well as on the [HWDSB website](#). If you answered YES to any of the screening questions, or if you refuse to answer the questions, the student has failed the screening and must not attend school. The family should contact Public Health (905) 974-9848 or their family doctor for testing. Please contact the school using [SafeArrival](#) to report the absence. If the student is tested for COVID-19, your school would appreciate knowing the outcome of that test.

Staggered start details

As you know, we will be opening our school with a staggered start timeline. This means that not all students will begin on the same day. Please see the chart below, see the Parent Portal to learn which cohort your child is in and reach out if you have more questions:

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MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7	TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8	WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9	THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10	FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11
LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	Student/Staff Timetable Adjustments Study Hall Readiness	Student/Staff Timetable Adjustments Study Hall Readiness	Students that Require Special Education Supports/Supports with Transitions and Mental Health (in-person) All Students Remote – welcome and orientation	Students that Require Special Education Supports/Supports with Transitions and Mental Health (in-person) All Students Remote – welcome and orientation
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14	TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15	WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16	THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17	FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18
Grade 9 & 10 Cohort A In-Person and Remote Learning Classes Grade 11 & 12 Remote Learning Classes Only Rotation 1 Begins	Grade 9 & 10 Cohort B In-Person and Remote Learning Classes Grade 11 & 12 Remote Learning Classes Only	All Students Cohort A	All Students Cohort B	All Students Cohort B

New routines and protocols

School operations are changing significantly to ensure that we can provide a safe learning environment for students. Please find the OP Specific Site Plan on our school website for more information.

Visiting Schools

This year, our school must significantly limit or even prohibit visitors to school, including parents, to support a safe and healthy learning environment. We ask families to call or email our school if they need to provide information or contact a staff member. Also, it is strongly recommended that parents do not drop off items during the school day.

I will continue to send updates as we receive added information. Thank you for understanding the challenges of planning the new school year, and for sharing our commitment to safe and successful school year. Learn more about COVID-19 precautions at HWDSB at www.hwdsb.on.ca/covid19.

If you have any questions, or think your child might struggle with school, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Kristen Armstrong

Principal