



Saltfleet District High School

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Dear Students & Caregivers of Saltfleet District High School:

Welcome to the 2021/2022 school year at Saltfleet. If you are an incoming grade 9 student or a new student to our community, we especially welcome you to a school with more than 90 years of history, tradition and excellence!

Outlined in this letter are some key pieces of information for all our students and their families. We want to assure you that the staff at Saltfleet have a focus on student well-being and are here to support you in your educational journey. Our protocols for re-opening school across HWDSB have been developed in consultation with Public Health and reflect their recommendations of best practice.

Bell Schedule:

Saltfleet, like all secondary schools, will be following a Quadmester schedule to start the 2021/2022 school year. In this model, students will have two courses for 150 minutes each during the first half of the semester and those classes will end on November 12th. In the second half of the semester they will have their remaining two courses using the same schedule.

Bell Schedule (Quadmester Model) September 2021

BLOCK 1 September 8 – November 12	
Period 1	8:00 – 10:30
Lunch	10:30 – 12:00
Period 2	12:00 – 2:30
BLOCK 2 November 15 – February 1	
Period 1	8:00 – 10:30
Lunch	10:30 – 12:00
Period 2	12:00 – 2:30

Return to School Attestation and Daily Screening

Legal guardians or students 18 years of age or older must complete the one-time Return to School Attestation found in the Forms section of the Parent Portal to return to in-person learning. Students will also need to show their period 1 teacher that they have completed the daily COVID screening tool using their personal or board device. All of the COVID protocols and supports can be found on the HWDSB website at <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/blog/covid-19-update-september-2021/>

Lunch Period Protocol:

Students remaining in the building for lunch will eat in their Period 1 classroom. Fire code regulations do not permit eating in the hallways. There is no cafeteria service at this time. School doors will be reopened at 11:50 to allow students that have gone out for lunch to access their afternoon classes. Students will not be able to re-enter the building until this time to help minimize contacts.

Students with Study Periods and eLearning Courses

Students with a study period (“spare”) or eLearning class who for whom it is essential to be in the school because of bus transportation will report to the Lecture Hall for that period as our Library Learning Commons is still under renovation. These students are not to be in the halls or atrium.

Student Services Information:

- 2021-2022 student timetables have been shared by HWDSB on the Parent Portal and via email.
- Guidance Counsellors are available and students needing a course change for the reasons listed below can make a virtual guidance appointment on MS Teams from the Student Services page of the Saltfleet website <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/saltfleet/departments/guidance/>
 - Students who were unsuccessful in a course during the 2020-2021 school year
 - Students who have a “SEEGUI” code on their timetable
 - Students whose summer school results impact their 2021-2022 timetable
 - Students who need a course change that will impact their post-secondary destination

All other course changes can be made beginning Wednesday, September 8, 2021 and priority will be given to students with incomplete timetables. All students are to attend the courses on their timetable until they are seen by a guidance counsellor. Spaces in courses are limited, and we cannot guarantee that course changes will be possible. Wait-lists are being generated for courses that are currently at their maximum enrolment.

iPads:

Students who have not been issued a 1:1 iPad from the HWDSB will be receiving an iPad for the year in the first few weeks of September. Many teachers are incorporating lesson plans and activities on the iPad as well as posting course materials, assignments and information on the Hub. Depending on Public Health and COVID protocols at the time, iPads may be collected in June and redistributed the following September.

Parent Portal:

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to sign up for Parent Portal, a web-based system that allows caregivers to track attendance, view marks, and assist with the selection of courses. Parent Portal is also where caregivers can update student information and access documents such as the Return to School Attestation and Media Consent Agreement.

SafeArrival Attendance Reporting:

With SafeArrival, families report a student absence in one of three ways:

1. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
2. Using your mobile device, download and install the School Messenger app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store (or from links at go.schoolmessenger.ca). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
3. Call toll-free 1-844-506-4350 to report an absence using the automated phone system. Using this method does not require setting up an account. These options are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can report a future absence any time.

If caregivers report absences as soon as possible, it minimizes phone call notification about unexplained absences. Calls for unexplained absences will be made home after 6 pm. If you have questions, please speak with our office staff. Find more resources on SafeArrival at <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/secondary/supports/safearrival/>.

Prevalent Medical Health Conditions:

If your student has a life-threatening prevalent medical condition such as, epilepsy, asthma, diabetes and/or anaphylaxis, or a non-life-threatening medical condition that requires an emergency response, please contact the office so a plan of care can be put in place for your child. If your child already has a plan in place, please call the school to discuss how to complete the renewal form.

School Council:

Saltfleet School Council generally meets 5-6 times per school year and meetings are generally the 3rd Tuesday of the scheduled month. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 21st at 7:00 pm and this will be confirmed and messaged home shortly. Saltfleet School Council has a web page at <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/saltfleet/about/school-council/> with meeting dates and minutes and a Twitter account @SDHS_SC to keep you informed.

Staying up to date:

An easy way to stay aware of Saltfleet news and events is to subscribe to our website at <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/saltfleet/> and to follow us on social media. We also post information and updates on the school sign. Stay connected and up to date with all things school and HWDSB-related with these links:

- HWDSB website: www.hwdsb.on.ca
- Saltfleet Website: <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/saltfleet/>
- Saltfleet Twitter: @SaltfleetHWDSB
- Saltfleet Athletics Twitter: @Storm_Saltfleet
- Saltfleet Athletics Instagram: saltfleetathleticspe
- Saltfleet Student Parliament Twitter: @SDHS_StuParl
- Saltfleet Student Parliament Instagram: sdhs_stuparl

Students of Saltfleet District High School are The Storm! On behalf of the entire Saltfleet staff and community, we hope your time at Saltfleet will be engaging, successful and rewarding, and that our school moto of “Ad Altiora Nitamur” (We Strive to the Highest) will also be yours. By working together as a team to maintain a sense of community and caring, and being involved in school activities, you will certainly enjoy a fabulous high school experience. Should you need support, please remember there is always someone available to help. Guidance counsellors, classroom teachers, Learning Resource, the Student Success teacher, EAs, the office staff, and the administrative team are all part of the support network, and we all look forward to getting to know you. Enjoy the remaining days of the summer break and we will see you on Wednesday, September 8 for the first day of the 2021-2022 school year.

Sincerely,

Mr. G. Cooke
Principal

Ms. A. Moore
Vice-Principal

Mr. P. Fox
Vice-Principal