



Saltfleet District High School

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Dear Students & Caregivers of Saltfleet District High School:

Welcome to the 2022/2023 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. All of us are looking forward to an engaging and exciting school year that looks much more like what we're used to having.

Bell Schedule:

Saltfleet will be following the same bell schedule as we had for second semester last year, with the instructional day starting at 8am and running until 2:30pm.

Bell Schedule September 2022

Period 1	8:00 – 9:15 am
Travel time	9:15 - 9:20 am
Period 2	9:20 – 10:35 am
Travel time	10:35 – 10:40am
Period 3 & Grade 9/11 Lunch	10:40 – 11:55 am
Period 4 & Grade 10/12 Lunch	11:55 am – 1:10 pm
Travel time	1:10 – 1:15 pm
Period 5	1:15 – 2:30 pm

Student Services Information:

- 2022-2023 student timetables have been shared by HWDSB on the [Parent Portal](#).
- Guidance Counsellors are available and students needing a course change for the reasons listed below can make a guidance appointment on 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 2021-2022 school year
 - Students who have a "SEEGUI" code or a missing course on their timetable
 - Students whose summer school results impact their 2022-2023 timetable
 - Students who need a course change that will impact their post-secondary destination

Other course changes may be made with your Counsellor, but 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 generated for courses that are currently at their maximum enrolment.

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 Library Learning Commons. These students should not be in the halls or atrium as other classes are in session.

Lunch Periods:

Students will eat in the cafeteria if staying at school, and are welcome to use the atrium after they have finished eating and drinking so that we can keep the atrium area clean. Since we have classes running as well during periods 3 & 4, hallway areas other than Guidance and the Library Learning Commons are closed to students on lunch so that we can have a quiet learning environment for the classes that are in session at that time.

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. The board collects iPads back in June.

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 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.

Grade 9 August Orientation Wednesday August 31st from 9am-1:30pm

On August 31st Saltfleet will be hosting a Grade 9 orientation from 9am to 130pm. Please arrive at the front doors of the school to check-in and enjoy an action packed day of fun, a school tour, a chance to meet some teachers & classmates, learn a little about what to expect as a new member of The Storm, and play some games. A BBQ lunch will be provided. Students are already signed up so no need to RSVP. Please note we are unable to provide transportation for this event.

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 20th 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.

Transportation

Hamilton Wentworth Student Transportation Services manages school bus schedules and routes. Saltfleet does not set the routes, times or determine who is eligible for a seat on the bus. Please contact HWSTS if you have any questions via their [website](#) or phone at 905-523-2318.

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 motto 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 Team, 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 Tuesday, September 6 for the first day of the 2022-2023 school year.

Sincerely,

Mr. G. Cooke
Principal

Ms. A. Moore
Vice-Principal

Mr. R. Gallant
Vice-Principal