



Westmount Secondary School

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Dear Westmount Families

Welcome back to another school year at Westmount Secondary School. We are excited to be learning with you back in our school environment where we can be together virtually and on site.

We have been busy this summer putting processes and protocols in place for the safe return of staff and students.

Attached to this letter you will find a school site based plan. Please take the time to review it as it provides a summary of many operational protocols we will be following during the time we are on the Adaptive School Model.

A few reminders we wanted to share with you:

Grade 9 Orientation

Many Grade 9 students were able to participate in our first virtual Grade 9 Orientation session on August 31st. For students who were unable to participate, we are holding a second virtual session on September 16th from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm. More information will be shared as we get closer to the date.

Grade 9 iPad Distribution

Grade 9 students will receive their TLE updated iPads during their period 1 face to face sessions on September 14th and September 15th. Permission forms will need to be completed and signed. If an iPad was issued during the months of March-June last year, we ask students to return these iPads to the school as we will exchange these devices for the updated TLE devices. Students new to Westmount in Grades 10-12 will receive their iPads in the days following.

Parent Portal

We apologize for the difficulties in accessing the Parent Portal. We have been told that most issues have been resolved. Caregivers are encouraged to create accounts to access student timetables, cohort information as well as forms including Student Attestation Form, Study Hall requests and Student Mask Exception forms. Families still having issues accessing the Parent Portal are asked to email info@hwdsb.on.ca for additional support.



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Attestation Forms

A reminder that students who will be engaging in face to face sessions must complete the Attestation form before entering the building. This form can be completed electronically through the Parent Portal. The form can also be downloaded from the board website (in various languages) and the completed form can be emailed directly to the school. The Attestation form can also be found on our website for easy access.

Staggered September Start-Up and Rotation Dates

Please refer to the table below for an outline of our staggered start up for the first two weeks.

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



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Please see chart below for the Rotation schedule and dates for face to face learning.

Rotation	Start Date	End Date	Instructional Days	In-person	Remote Learning
1	September 13	October 9	20	Period 1	Periods 2, 3 or 4, 5
2	October 13	November 10	21	Period 2	Periods 3 or 4, 5, 2
3	November 11	December 10	21	Period 3 or 4	Periods 5, 2, 1
4	December 11	January 22	21	Period 5	Periods 1, 2, 3 or 4

Thank you for your ongoing support, patience and understanding as we navigate our school start up. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school.

Have a wonderful long weekend!

Sincerely,

Ms. Geeta Malhotra
Principal