



# Westmount Secondary School

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Dear Westmount Families,

As we approach the start of semester 2, we would like to share what our students can expect the first few weeks of school. You may be aware that the province has implemented a shut down that impacts face to face learning in schools. This shutdown is tentatively in effect until Feb.10<sup>th</sup>. As a result, our board has revised the model of learning that students will be following from Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> to Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. All students will continue to learn from home during this time period.

Beginning February 2, 2021, Westmount will be following our regular 5-period day school schedule as outlined below. Classes will begin at 8:40 am and end at 3:15 pm. Lunch will be designated in either period 3 or period 4 as outlined in student timetables. Each class will be 75 minutes in length.

## **Bell Schedule from February 2<sup>nd</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>**

Period 1:	8:40 am-9:55 am
<b>Break</b>	
Period 2:	10:03 am-11:18 am
<b>Transition Time</b>	
Period 3 (or Lunch):	11:23 am-12:38 pm
<b>Transition Time</b>	
Period 4 (or Lunch):	12:40 pm-1:55 pm
<b>Transition Time</b>	
Period 5:	2:00 pm-3:15 pm

Classes will run virtually each day as one cohort. Students will not be designated into Cohorts A or B during this timeframe. Please note that all students, including those who previously opted out of face to face learning, are expected to log in and participate in learning during their designated class period everyday. Attendance will be recorded.

This school schedule will continue to be in effect until the provincial restrictions for face to face learning is lifted.



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## **Return to Face to Face Learning (tentative start date February 11<sup>th</sup>):**

When schools are provided direction to resume face to face learning, our board will return to the Adaptive School Model that we followed this past semester. Please see chart below.

### **Adaptive School Model School Schedule:**

8:40-11:10 am	Period 1 In-class face to face learning (Rotation 1)
11:10-12:45 pm	Lunch/Travel Time
12:45-1:35 pm	Period 2 (remote virtual learning)
1:35-2:25 pm	Periods 3 and 4 (remote virtual learning)
2:25-3:15 pm	Period 5 (remote virtual learning)

To support face to face learning, Westmount will follow a 4-period day to align with four face to face rotations. Morning classes will run from 8:40-11:10 am. Students will be designated into cohorts and attend every other day and every other Friday. This will be followed by a common 95-minute lunch/travel time break. Three afternoon classes will resume as 40-minute periods facilitated virtually and remotely. Transition times have been built into the afternoon periods. Similar to first semester, study hall will be accessible for students in the afternoon. Parents are asked to notify the school should they wish for their student to participate in study halls.

Our tentative start date for face to face learning is February 11<sup>th</sup>. We will share more information with families once the start date is confirmed.

### **Cohorts**

In anticipation of a return to face to face learning, Westmount has designated students into either a Cohort A or a Cohort B. Students in Cohort A will attend Mondays, Wednesdays and every other Friday. Students in Cohort B will attend Tuesdays, Thursdays and every other Friday. To align with Public Health protocols class splits have been balanced to support student need and safety, programming needs as well as physical restrictions in the classroom.



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Please note cohorts may change from semester 1 to semester 2 and can potentially change for each rotation of face to face learning. Please double-check your student timetable for cohort/track designation. If a cohort change is required please contact Mr. Stepaniuk, [dstepani@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:dstepani@hwdsb.on.ca) as soon as possible.

## **Student Timetable Distribution:**

Student timetables will be emailed out to students this week. If students have not received their timetables by Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, we ask that they contact the school. A student timetable will also be emailed to parents who have a current parent email on file with the school. Student timetables will also be accessible on the Parental Portal beginning February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

If timetable changes are required, students are asked to contact their guidance counsellor as soon as possible as course spaces are limited.

As we learn more information, further communications will be shared.

As always, feel free to reach out to the school if you have any questions.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Ms. Geeta Malhotra  
Principal