

Good afternoon,

Sorry that I can't provide more details at this time, but we are working hard on solidifying things and will communicate more details in the coming days:

Survey:

We had over 95% of parents indicate that their children will definitely be returning to school and we are trying to work out solutions for the remainder of our students. We are hopeful that we can make this school year a good one for everyone!

Mask Policy: Update

As I communicated earlier, we have instituted a stringent mask policy at HWSS, basically making masks mandatory at all times while in the building, except while in their Block 2 Learning Groups.

*After speaking to many parents, it is clear that not requiring students to wear masks in the Block 2 Learning Group is a major concern. I explained that this group is considered a 'cohort' making it less necessary as per the medical experts, but totally understand the concern.

Consequently, I am changing the policy from "strongly suggested" to "expected**" in regard to wearing masks in the Learning Groups. If there is a medical reason that your child is unable to wear a mask please let me know, otherwise I greatly appreciate your support in implementing the above policy.

Summary: Students will be expected to wear their masks whenever they are in the building.

- There will be instances where mask use may not be appropriate if physical distancing can be maintained, but as a rule, we are saying that students should be wearing masks at all times. Staff will be following similar guidelines except when their teaching requires them to have their mask off (in which case physical distancing will be required).

Advisories/Safety Orientations (Sept 10th and 11th):

THURS SEPT 10 (Last Names A-J)

- 9:00-10:00 Gr 9s
- 10:30-11:30 Gr 10s
- 12:00-1:00 Gr 11s
- 1:30-2:30 Gr 12s

FRI SEPT 11 (Last Names K-Z)

- 9:00-10:00 Gr 9s
- 10:30-11:30 Gr 10s
- 12:00-1:00 Gr 11s
- 1:30-2:30 Gr 12s

More details re: Advisory #s, Room #s, etc. will be sent next Tuesday.

Student Schedules:

I know students are anxious to get their schedules. However, our counselors just returned from vacation yesterday and are working on them tirelessly as I type this. It will take a number of days as they register new students and make adjustments necessitated by the other changes in enrollment that we are experiencing, causing changes to courses.

*We hope to email Grade 12s their schedules by Friday of this week.

**Gr 9-11 students will get their schedules on the 10th or 11th at their scheduled safety orientation (they may see them on the Student Portal sooner but the schedules will not be final so please do not contact the school about these).

**If your child has taken a summer course outside of the District and you have not let their counselor know, please email the counselor ASAP!!!

Entering and Exiting the Building:

- We will utilize 4 entrances/exits. They will be numbered. Students will be asked to use the entrance/exit closest to their scheduled classes so we can keep congestion to a minimum. We will also have building flow clearly marked and hand sanitizing stations throughout the building and in every classroom. More info on this to follow.

HWSS Staggered Schedule: Quarter 1



Gr 9/10

Block 1: 7:55-9:10

Block 2: 9:15-11:15

Flex: 11:15-11:45

Lunch: 11:45-12:15

Blk 4: 12:20-2:20

Flex: 2:20-2:50

Gr 11/12

Block 1: 7:55-9:10

Block 2: 9:30-11:30

Flex: 11:30-12:00

Lunch: 12:00-12:30

Blk 4: 12:35-2:35

Flex: 2:35-3:05

- **Starting Sept, 14th**, students attend Block 2 in person every day (M-F).
- Students with last names starting with A-L attend Block 4 in person Mondays & Thursdays
- Students with last names starting with M-Z attend Block 4 in person Tuesdays & Fridays

*Wednesdays are on-line for all Blk 4 classes (only Blk 2 students in attendance in the AM).

**The classes will flip half-way through the Quarter (AM-Blk 2 becomes Hybrid/PM-Blk 4 full time face-to-face).

*Not traditional HWSS Flex (this version is optional and can be used for extra help, to travel home, or extend lunch).

Quarter Dates

<i>Quarter 1</i> <i>Sept 14- Nov 17</i>	<i>Quarter 2</i> <i>Nov 18 - Jan 29</i>	<i>Quarter 3</i> <i>Feb 2 – Apr 22</i>	<i>Quarter 4</i> <i>Apr 26 – June 25</i>
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Have a great evening,

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