

SRT Newsletter #3

Good evening SRT Community,

On Thursday and Friday, we'll finally start welcoming our new and returning students to SRT and we are looking forward to greeting them in person. We recognize that every student who walks through our doors will bring with them different feelings about coming back to school and we will do our best to make them feel safe, supported and celebrated.

Below I'll provide you with some updated information, some timetable revisions, and some tips to help start the year smoothly.

Timetable Access

Starting tomorrow, September 9th, at 9am, students will be able to access their MyClass Accounts to view their timetables. If you've never logged in to your MyClass account or you've forgotten your password, I've attached an instructional document that may provide a solution for you. If you can't get it to work, don't worry because we'll be handing you a copy of your schedule when you arrive on Thursday or Friday. Also, you may want to check Microsoft Teams as your teachers may have already added you to their classes.

Course Request Changes

We hope you're enrolled in the courses you requested. I can promise you that we tried to honour all requests if possible. If you need to change classes please consider the following. This year there is very little room to move students between classes due to the restrictions of the quarter system and cohort size requirements. However, if you fit any of the criteria below we'll prioritize your timetable issues:

1. You are presently in a course that you've already completed or in the process of completing online
2. You are not in a position to graduate with your present timetable
3. Your present timetable does not include a course that is required for a specific post-secondary program
4. You've been placed in the wrong level of a course. (ie. You've been put in Chemistry 12 without taking Chemistry 11)

If any find any of these conditions apply to you, please click on the following link or to request a priority course change:

- <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Mxgq0Pptfku7Gw497cY0vwRhziqvTrJGvJBEZ9T3QLZUQINVWExZTEU5Nk9SWjBSU0hKM0hDSVhCNS4u>



Revised and Final Schedule for Thursday and Friday Orientations:

First Days of School – September 10–11th

Students will attend either September 10th or 11th to review school safety protocols and to receive important information from their cohort teacher. Students **will meet with teachers in classrooms** to receive all pertinent information for a smooth start to the school year: health & safety protocols, student schedules, access to technology & learning platforms, school routines for breaks and lunch in classrooms, mask policies & expectations to name just a few. *****It is important that students wear masks wh. Masks will be provided if students do not have their own.

Grade 8's

Grade 8's will be attending on both Thursday, September 10th and Friday, September 11th

Thursday September 10 th	8:30–10:10	POD Classroom Admin Zoom 9:00
Friday, September 11 th	8:45–9:45	POD Classroom

We will be emailing out POD assignments by Friday, September 4th with a map of POD classroom locations. We ask that students social distance and come with mask, binder, paper and pen.

Grade 12's

Grade 12's will be attending on Thursday September 10th. They will receive timetable at entrance and proceed to Cohort Class. Social distancing is required when waiting for timetable

Thursday September 10th 10:30–11:45 Admin Zoom 11:00

Last names A–F Meet at South Entrance by Metalwork Shop to receive timetable

Last names G–O Meet at Main Entrance to receive timetables

Last names P–Z Meet at North Entrance near portables to receive timetables

We ask that students social distance and come with mask, binder, paper and pen. (Mask will be provided if needed.)

Grade 9's

Grade 9's will be attending on Thursday, September 10th. They will receive timetable at entrance and proceed to Cohort Class. Social distancing is required when waiting for timetable

Thursday September 10th 1:00–2:15 Admin Zoom 1:30

Last names A–F Meet at South Entrance by Metalwork Shop to receive timetable

Last names G–O Meet at Main Entrance to receive timetables

Last names P–Z Meet at North Entrance near portables to receive timetables

We ask that students social distance and come with mask, binder, paper and pen. (Mask will be provided if needed.)

Grade 10's

Grade 10's will be attending on Friday, September 11th. They will receive timetable at entrance and proceed to Cohort Class. Social distancing is required when waiting for timetable

Friday, September 11th 9:00–10:15 Admin Zoom 9:30

Last names A–F Meet at South Entrance by Metalwork Shop to receive timetable

Last names G–O Meet at Main Entrance to receive timetables

Last names P–Z Meet at North Entrance near portables to receive timetables

We ask that students social distance and come with mask, binder, paper and pen. (Mask will be provided if needed.)

Grade 11's

Grade 11's will be attending on Friday, September 11th. They will receive timetable at entrance and proceed to Cohort Class. Social distancing is required when waiting for timetable

Friday, September 11th 10:45–12:00 Admin Zoom 11:15

Last names A–F Meet at South Entrance by Metalwork Shop to receive timetable

Last names G–O Meet at Main Entrance to receive timetables

Last names P–Z Meet at North Entrance near portables to receive timetables

We ask that students social distance and come with mask, binder, paper and pen. (Mask will be provided if needed.)

SRT: 2020/2021 Quarter System Dates

QUARTER #1 Sept. 14–Nov. 18	QUARTER #2 Nov. 19–Feb. 2	QUARTER #3 Feb. 3–Apr. 22	QUARTER #4 Apr. 23–June 25
A BLOCK BLENDED TIME	C BLOCK BLENDED TIME	E BLOCK BLENDED TIME	G BLOCK BLENDED TIME
A BLOCK (D1-P1)	C BLOCK (D1-P3)	E BLOCK (D2-P1)	G BLOCK (D2-P3)
LUNCH			
B BLOCK (D1-P2)	D BLOCK (D1-P4)	F BLOCK (D2-P2)	H BLOCK (D2-P4)
B BLOCK BLENDED TIME	D BLOCK BLENDED TIME	F BLOCK BLENDED TIME	H BLOCK BLENDED TIME

SRT: Grade 8 and 9 Schedule

TIME OF DAY	QUARTER #1 Sept. 14–Nov. 18		
8:40–9:10	A BLOCK BLENDED TIME	No Direct Instruction by teachers. Teachers attend to online tasks and/or teachers make appt with students or vice versa.	Students must enter class before 9:10: gradual entry.
9:10–11:20	A BLOCK (D1-P1)	Compulsory attendance for block A students.	Actual Instructional Class Begins at 9:10!
11:20–12:00.	Lunch	Lunch in cohort class, at home, or outside	
12:00–2:10	B BLOCK (D1-P2)	Compulsory attendance for block A students.	Students Dismissed at 2:10. Students should exit promptly unless attending blended time
2:10–2:40	B BLOCK BLENDED TIME	No Direct Instruction by teachers. Teachers attend to online tasks and/or teachers make appt with student or vice versa.	

SRT Grade 10, 11, 12 Schedule

Instructional Minutes	Times	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
30 minutes	8:30 - 9:00	Teacher Directed/ Blended Time: No Direct Instruction. Teachers attend to online tasks and/or teachers make appts with students or vice versa. Students must enter class by 9:00am: gradual entry.				
120 minutes	9:00 - 11:10 Actual Instructional Class Begins at 9:00	BLOCK A	BLOCK A	BLOCK A	BLOCK A	BLOCK A
	11:10 - 11:50	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
80 minutes	11:50 - 1:10	Online Learning Block B: Teacher will schedule online meetings	Block B Group 1 Dismissed at 1:10 or later at teacher discretion	Block B Group 2 Dismissed at 1:10 or later at teacher discretion	Block B Group 1 Dismissed at 1:10 or later at teacher discretion	Block B Group 2 Dismissed at 1:10 or later at teacher discretion
80 minutes	1:10 - 2:30		Teacher Directed /Blended Time: No Direct Instruction. Teachers attend to online tasks and/or teachers make appt with student or vice versa.)			

Masks and Cohorts: Many of our student who are working jobs are accustomed to wearing masks throughout the day. This conditioning takes time, but since it is a necessity of employment it becomes habitual. At SRT, we need our students to get in the habit of wearing masks at all times when they are outside of their cohort class. **Which class is their cohort class?** For all students, the morning class is a cohort class and masks will be optional in those classes, though many students will choose to wear them all day. For grade 8 and 9 students, the afternoon class is also a cohort class. We calculate that grade 8/9 cohorts average about 75 students in total between afternoon and morning classes. For grade 10 to 12 classes, only your first class is your cohort class. This means that your afternoon classes will be composed of kids from many different cohorts and that is why we made these classes a blend of online learning and small group lessons. Please remember to bring a mask every day as you cannot enter the building or proceed to class without one. If there are medical reasons why a student cannot wear a mask, please contact me.

Helpful Habits.

1. The first helpful habit, as mentioned above, is to bring a mask. We will be supplying 2 masks to students as needed but it is best to get in the habit of bringing one to school.
2. Get in the habit of packing in and packing out lunches. Teachers will be opening up their classes for students at lunchtime, but each classroom isn't equipped with all the recycling and garbage containers needed.
3. Get in the habit of bringing hand sanitizer with you if that is possible. We will have hand sanitizer readily available in classrooms so this is not a necessity but you might prefer to use your own.
4. Get in the habit of washing your hands whenever you're near a sink.
5. Get in the habit of bringing your own supplies. A lot of the shared classroom supplies won't be as readily available as they need to be cleaned between users. Therefore, scissors, sharpeners, pens, and other supplies will be more helpful this year than in the past. I know some of the math teachers use mini white boards all the time and so you might even want to get your own board pen if you have such a teacher.
6. BYOD- We have quite strict protocols around sharing technology this year so bringing your own computer, ipad, phone, would be particularly beneficial for 2020/2021. Since you're only taking two classes per day it is less likely your technology will be lost in the shuffle of binders, textbooks, and gym strip. [We will have devices available for students who need them for online courses just like we did last year. We'll send more information about device requests out next Newsletter.](#)

Positive Reminders

School should always be about exploration, testing limits, building relationships and feeling supported and we're determined to make this year about these things despite Covid. We recognize that it's a challenge to feel together when we keep telling to get 2 meters apart, but it is possible.

[To Grade 8 students:](#) You're a Titan now and we want to welcome you into our community. Please view adults in the building as people who want to see you succeed. Say "Hi" and introduce yourself. Take risks and meet new people. Start with Ms. Lunoch, your counsellor, and Ms. Allen, your administrator.

[To Grade 9 students:](#) The excitement of coming to a new school will have worn off by now, but you're facing a pivotal year. Grade 9 is a habit-forming year and I encourage you to seek extra help from teachers if you're struggling or if you want to push yourself. Please get to know Ms. Shields, your counsellor, and Charlene, your Youth Care Worker, as they are great supports and are very resourceful. Ms Sheridan will be available to support you as always.

[To Grade 10s:](#) This is the start of your graduation program years and so your transcript begins on Monday. Stay on top of things and don't be fooled by the quarter system. Classes begin and end in a hurry. Start tapping into Ms. Sekhon and Mr. Wiens in the Careers Office because schools always better if you've got a goal in mind.

[To Grade 11's-](#) This is the first year that you've had the opportunity to make a lot of choices in the direction of your education. Hopefully, you're pursuing your interests now. School gets significantly harder in grade 11. Instead of general Science, you might have taken Physics.

Instead of Woodwork, you might have taken Carpentry. Instead of general Math, you might have Pre-Calculus. Make sure you seek extra help in your classes and keep in mind that the blended time built into the schedule is your best friend.

To Grade 12s- We've got our fingers crossed for all of you. This is a big year. Mr. Wiens, Ms. Sekhon, and I will be keeping a close eye on you to make sure that you're staying on track. Between work, getting your driver's Licenses, and taking On-Line Classes it's easy to get lost so make sure that you take advantage of all the blended time in your schedule. If you've never sat one-on-one with your teacher, this is your opportunity. They want to see you succeed and they want to see you walk the stage.

Good luck to all of our students. Let's get started.

Mr. Elphick

A reminder of some key contacts:

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