



# THOMAS HANEY SECONDARY SCHOOL

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On July 29<sup>th</sup> 2020 the BC Ministry of Education released the [K – 12 Education Restart Plan](#) to school districts. Upon release of this plan, we have been working to re-build our timetable as well as putting extensive health and safety measures into place following guidelines set forth by BCCDC, WorksafeBC, and the Ministry of Education.

We have been working to create a plan that provides the necessary safety structures, but also retains elements of the self-direction and self-management that are the foundation of the THSS model. This includes opportunities for grade 8 students to work from home after second block.

Our grade 8 model will have cohorts of approximately 25 students that will stay together in most quarters. Students will have two set classes in the morning, blocks A/B (see timetable below) 5 days per week. After lunch students will have a self-directed blended Options block. We know many students will want to leave after block B to take advantage of the work-at-home option for the afternoon. Some students may stay after lunch for additional learning support, English Language Learner instruction or for other educational reasons. Students who stay will be assigned a seat in a work area by administration and they will need to wear a mask and maintain 6 feet of physical distancing from other students. We will be asking all students to fill in a form indicating their plans for after second block so that we can plan accordingly. This form will be emailed home next week, and we ask that students bring this form to their orientation day on September 10<sup>th</sup> (time TBA).

Our school will be moving to a quarter system where students take two courses per quarter for approximately 10 weeks. All grade 8's will take the following courses in the following quarters:

Quarter 1: Applied Design, Skills and Technologies (ADST) and Fine Arts

Quarter 2: English and Science

Quarter 3: Physical Education and 2<sup>nd</sup> Languages (French/Spanish)

Quarter 4: Social Studies and Math

## **Draft Grade 8 Timetable/Bell Schedule**

There will be staggered start/lunch/end times for our students. Our grade 8 schedule is below:

1 <sup>st</sup> Bell	8:10
Teacher Advisory	8:15-8:25
Block A	8:30- 10:10
Block B	10:15-11:55 (with a signed permission form students may leave after 2 <sup>nd</sup> block)
Lunch	11:55-12:30
Options Block	12:35-2:25

Other changes include:

- Assigned entry/exit points for all students for school arrival/departure
- Clear handwashing protocols
- Students will be required to wear a non-surgical mask in common areas of the school ie in hallways, when entering/exiting the school etc. SD 42 will provide a mask for every member of our community.
- Hallways will have a designated traffic flow with markings
- All water fountains are closed; students are encouraged to bring their own reusable water bottles
- There will no distribution of lockers for student use as this reduces hallway congestion and lockers would need to be disinfected daily if used
- If students stay for lunch, lunch will be eaten:
  - In their cohort classroom or
  - Outside, but 6 feet apart from students not in their cohort
- Our cafeteria will be open and will be following all food service WorksafeBC and CDC recommendations.
- We have made changes to the school ventilation system improving filtration, increasing air flow and increasing active system time

There will be additional communication from the school over the coming week, including information about our grade 8 orientation date/time. The primary focus of this orientation will be on our health and safety measures and our expectations for students. Student timetables will be ready for viewing in student MyClass accounts on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

Our plans continue to evolve, and I ask that you please check the Parent Portal regularly for up-to-date information. Please note we have launched a new website ([schools.sd42.ca/thss](https://schools.sd42.ca/thss)) and plan on updating the information regularly.

I thank you advance for your patience and support as we work through the challenges this year's school start up presents us.

Sincerely,

Grant Frend

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Principal/Head Senior Boys Basketball Coach