



THOMAS HANEY SECONDARY SCHOOL

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On July 29th 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 implementing extensive health and safety measures 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 regular opportunities for students in grades 9 and 10 to work from home in blended learning situations.

Our school will be moving to a quarter system where students take two courses per quarter for approximately 10 weeks. Most of our junior classes will run as grade 9/10 split classes. Our goal is always for students to receive either their primary or alternate choice elective requests, but the cohort requirements we are operating within are making this difficult in some cases.

For the most part, grade 9 and 10 students will have two set classes in the morning, blocks A/B (see timetable below) 5 mornings per week. After lunch, most students will have a self-directed blended Options block. We know many students will want to leave after block B to take advantage of this 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, and aren't in an assigned class, will be assigned a seat in a work area by administration and they will be required to wear a mask and maintain 6 feet of physical distancing. We will be asking all students to fill in a form indicating their plans for the Options block so that we can plan accordingly. Students who work with a support teacher will discuss an Options block plan with this teacher. This form will be emailed home next week and we ask that students bring this form to their orientation day on September 10th (time TBA).

Junior Timetable/Bell Schedule

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

1 st Bell	8:40
Teacher Advisory	8:45-8:55
Block A	9:00- 10:40
Block B	10:45-12:25
Lunch	12:25-1:00
Options Block	1:05-2:55

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 junior student 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 9th 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) 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

Principal