



# Governor Simcoe Secondary School

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Dear students and families,

We are looking forward to seeing you on the first day of school on Tuesday, September 7. The classes for the first week of school will have period 1 in the mornings and period 2 in the afternoons. Our school day starts at 8:10 a.m. and ends at 2:10 p.m.

## **Covid Health and Safety Information**

### **Daily Covid Screening**

- All staff and students must self-screen everyday before attending school.
- Students can find the self-screening tool in their DSBN portal.
- Anyone experiencing symptoms identified by the COVID-19 screening tool must not attend school and seek appropriate medical attention.

### **Masks**

- Wearing masks has been mandated for all secondary students and staff by the Ministry of Education.
- If you have a medical condition that prevents you from wearing a mask, please contact your school principal for details.

### **Signage**

- Follow the Health and Safety signage posted throughout the school.

### **Physical Distancing and Congregating**

- As much as possible, students are required to maintain physical distancing and not congregate.

### **Hand Hygiene Practices**

- Reminders to wash hands regularly will be posted throughout the school.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom and at entrances.

### **If there is a COVID case in your class**

- If you are identified by Niagara Region Public Health (NRPH) as a close contact, there will be different protocols for self-isolation depending on your vaccination status.
- If you are fully vaccinated and asymptomatic, NRPH will likely allow you to continue to attend school.

## DSBN Vaccination Disclosure

- For information about DSBN staff, and all non-DSBN partners can be found here: [DSBN Vaccination Disclosure.docx](#)

## School Day Details

### Arriving in the morning

- Classrooms will be open 15 minutes before classes start.
- If you are walking/being dropped off, please don't arrive more than 15 minutes before classes
- The school schedule will be as follows:

Periods 1 and 3	8:10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
Announcements	10:40 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.
Lunch	10:50 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Periods 2 and 4	11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Announcements & Dismissal	2:00 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.

- This accounts for the weekly schedule for 2 periods a day. As a reminder, the calendar for the first few months is attached to this email.

### Lunches and Breaks

- Students will have one 10 minute break during both the morning and afternoon periods. Breaks will occur in different groups (at slightly different times) to minimize the congregation of students.
- Lunch will be 40 minutes long and will occur for all students from 10:50 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. Students will be assigned eating areas according to grade:

Grades 9 and 10	Cafeteria
Grade 11	English Classrooms (rooms 141 A-E)
Grade 12	Learning Commons (Library)

- We are encouraging all students to spend time outside on their lunch breaks. The main floor of the school will remain open during the lunch period, but floors 2 and 3 will be closed.
- Students will be required to clean their lunch area after use.

### End of the Day

- Student dismissal will be staggered according to grade in order to minimize the congregation of students.

**Lockers**

- Students will be assigned lockers according to their homerooms.

**Grade 9 Tours**

- On Tuesday, September 7th and Wednesday, September 8th during period 1, our Link Crew Student Leaders will be providing grade 9 students with tours of the school. This will happen in small groups at different times of the day (teachers have been given a schedule). Any other students new to Governor Simcoe are welcome to join the tours on Wednesday September 8th. Teachers will provide further direction on this.

**Student Timetables and Guidance**

- Attached is the communication from Monday August 30, 2021. Please refer to this for details about your schedule, accessing Aspen, community hours, and guidance processes.

**Vaccination Locations in Niagara**

- For vaccination locations in Niagara please visit [NRPH Vaccine Locations](#).

Please don't hesitate to reach out to the school if you have any questions. We look forward to a great start to the 2021-2022 School Year!

Thank you,

Principal, Teri Thompson

Vice Principal, Eric Stewart