



Monday, December 5th, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We will be making some adjustments to the daily schedule starting January 3rd, 2023. These changes will be in effect for the remainder of this school year and involve a small redistribution of minutes during the day but no change to the number of instructional minutes. These changes are the result of feedback and experience with the current schedule this fall.

Working within the parameters of the Collective Agreement and Ministry requirements regarding instructional minutes the changes are as follows:

- Lengthening of transitions times from 4 minutes to 10 minutes.
- Shortening of lunch from 60 minutes to 45 minutes.
- Adding 3 minutes of transition between the end of flex time and the start of first block.

The instructional day remains the same, 8:30am to 3:00pm, as does the length of each class period, 70 minutes, and the length of flex time, 41 minutes.

We have decided to start this change effective January 3rd as opposed to the start of semester 2 for several reasons. Many students and staff are finding it challenging to get from one part of the school to another in 4 minutes. The change to a 10-minute break will also allow people an opportunity to grab a snack/drink or get to the washroom without having to use class time. We know that the end of semester is a busy time for our school community and making full use of all 70-minutes is more important than ever.



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A PDF of the new schedule is attached to this email and posted on our website [HERE](#).

Daily schedule starting January 3rd:

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| 8:30 to 9:12 | Flex time |
| 9:12 to 9:15 | Transition to first class |
| 9:15 to 10:25 | First class |
| 10:25 to 10:35 | Break |
| 10:35 to 11:45 | Second class |
| 11:45 to 11:55 | Break |
| 11:55 to 1:05 | Third class |
| 1:05 to 1:50 | Lunch (45min) |
| 1:50 to 3:00 | Fourth class (period 4) |

Morning blocks will continue to rotate on the same cycle as before. Note: this is the same schedule in place at Sutherland this fall.

Sincerely,

Kim Jonat
Principal