



ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE
HANDSWORTH
SECONDARY SCHOOL



September 19, 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am pleased to finally have a firm start date for this school year. Today was a busy day with teachers in the school to finish off tasks from the end of the last school year and to begin to prepare for this coming school year.

Below is information regarding the start of school on Monday, September 22, 2014

Schedule

Monday:

All students will go to the Large Gym at the grade specific times listed below.

9:00 – 10:30 - Grade 8 students arrive and proceed to the large gym for a quick assembly, some activities and support from grade 12 mentors, and then distribution and collection of information (timetables, locker, fees, demographic forms...)

I want to express a big thank you in advance to our grade 12 mentors, who are committed to ensuring first day at high school is a positive experience. This speaks to the community spirit of Handsworth's students!

10:45 - Grade 9 and 10 students arrive and proceed to the large gym.

11:30 - Grade 11 and 12 students arrive and proceed to the large gym.

Tuesday - Friday:

Classes start at 8:30 according to the published rotation, starting with Tuesday's block rotation of (1234). As mentioned in the Superintendent's letter, Wednesday's Collaboration time is cancelled resulting in a regular day for Wednesday.

Textbooks

Due to the unusual end to the school year you may find you have textbooks still in your home that we will need for this years instruction. Please ensure all textbooks are returned on Monday so each student who needs a textbook, has a textbook(and to avoid having to pay for the book).



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As you can imagine startup this year has been difficult and getting timetables and locker information to 1,450 students, in a timely manner, is no small task. Please bear with us and rest assured we are doing our best to ensure the best possible experience for all students.

Through all of this your patience is appreciated.

Enjoy the weekend and we look forward to seeing all of our students on Monday.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'T. Mark James'.

Mark James
Principal