

Thursday, September 10th

Good evening,

I wanted to reach out to everyone and provide some more details and a review of what will be happening tomorrow.

Firstly, I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our students and staff for their patience and their adaptability as we worked through yet another way to bring everyone into the building. The system was not perfect, but it worked well, and everyone was able to pick up their timetables and make it to their classes for their first day of orientation. Even given the complexities of the guidelines we need to follow, it went very smoothly. Tomorrow will be another opportunity to connect with teachers and get answers to any questions that may have arisen from today.

There were as always, some things which presented challenges. Unfortunately, technological issues forced a shift in the virtual assembly times, as we faced bandwidth issues. As a result, some students were unable to attend the assembly and missed the content. Ms. Desai will send out a PDF of the powerpoint to the grade 8s and the 10/11s for reference shortly.

General Observations:

The energy at Seycove was fantastic today. It was incredibly exciting to be able to welcome everyone back. There is life in the building again! The optimism and positive energy was inspiring, and I know staff felt a tangible shift in the atmosphere. We were just so excited to be together again. The only down side is that in order to be able to follow the guidelines and keep everyone safe we need to do a much better job on a couple of simple but very important things.

Physical Distancing ... we all need to get used to maintaining a bigger distance. Even if you are outside. Even if you are wearing a mask. It is just a good habit to get into. We all need to learn to do it automatically. Congregating in the hallways, or just outside of the school, was especially an issue today. I know we will get better, but we need to work harder at it.

Mask use ... The masks today were incredible. It was great to see the variety, and all of the different “Personalities.” We now all have at least 2 masks. Please make sure you are wearing it correctly over both your nose and your mouth. Remember, masks are required in all common areas. We will get used to it. If you forget one, we will have a disposable one at the office for you.

I have included tomorrow’s schedule below. Please note the start times, as they might be bit different from today.

One reminder from the office that the forms students received can be handed back in to their classroom teacher.

SPECIAL NOTES:

- **You are all going to your block 2 (Quarter 1) class today**
- **Grade 8s and 9s** ... please remember that you are entering the school through the entrance closest to your class. If you are unsure, come to the main door, we will help.
- **Grades 10/11/12** ... please refer carefully to the sticker on your timetable today that indicated “Group A” or “Group B” as they have staggered start times as indicated below. As with the grade 8/9s, please enter the school through the door closest to your class.
- The times for the **virtual assemblies** for grades 09 and 12 are posted **in red** below.

• Friday, September 11th

Students will arrive at the school and proceed directly to their second period class via the closest door to their classroom (They went over this on Thursday)

	Grade 8	Grade 9
Arrive at School	8:30	9:00
Leave School	10:00	11:00
Entrance	Door closest to their classroom (established on Thursday)	

* **Grade 09 Virtual Assembly in class at 09:15 ... extra time has been added to the grade 09 class to accommodate**

Grade 10/Grade 11/Grade 12

NOTE: Hybrid groupings were established by office staff and communicated to students on Thursday. It was indicated by a sticker on their timetable.

Hybrid Group A

Arrive at School	Hybrid Group A 9:30
Leave School	Hybrid Group A 10:45

Hybrid Group B

Arrive at School	Hybrid Group B 11:00
Leave School	Hybrid Group B 12:15

Entrance

Door closest to their classroom (established on Thursday)

* Grade 12 Virtual Assembly at 1:00 from home on MS Teams

I am looking forward to another great day tomorrow!

Rob McLeod

Principal

Some other reminders:

- **Masks** ... you get 2, if you forget one, one will be provided at the office.
- **Hallways** ... always keep to the right and minimize hallway traffic
- **Touchpoints**... be aware, everything that you touch has to be cleaned
- **Hand washing** and hand washing stations ... wash your hands frequently
- **Hand sanitizer is available in every class.** Use it, but wash your hands too!
- **If you don't feel well...**
 - If you feel sick at home, stay at home. Call 811, or your doctor.
 - If you feel sick at school, tell your teacher ... we will take care of you.
- **We have staggered entrances for a reason** ... it maintains distancing and minimizes contacts. ONLY enter the school by using the door closest to your classroom. DO NOT congregate!
- **physical distance** ... 2 metres at all times.
- **Stay in your cohorts at all times** ... Grade 8s and 9s, your grade is your cohort. Grades 10/11/12 ... Your class is your cohort
- **Cafeteria/vending Machines** ... closed for the foreseeable future. Bring lunches/snacks. Do not share food/drinks with others

- **Daily Health Check** ... this is mandatory for everyone