



### JUNIOR SCHOOL CONTINUITY OF LEARNING PLAN

Dear Junior School Families,

We are very excited to welcome you all to campus on Monday. I visited all classrooms during our mandated shutdown, and I saw happy kids engaged in many different learning opportunities. Thank you for all your support and guidance in learning online. We have been busy getting ready for your safe return to face-to-face learning and can't wait to see the kids!

We continue to work with our college support staff to make our classes inviting learning spaces and environments that support student health and wellness. Our staff have N95 masks, our strict cleaning routines are continuing, and we are assisting our students in adhering to mask protocols. All Junior School classrooms have been provided with HEPA air filters since our return in September 2020.

Please take a moment to read the following information, reminders and updates regarding our return to school plans.

#### **Monday, January 17, 2022: Return to Campus Grades JK-Grade 4**

We look forward to welcoming all JK-Grade 4 students back to campus on Monday, January 17. Please refer to the notes below for updates upon our return.

#### **PK2 and PK3 Classes**

Please note that students in PK2 and PK3 are licensed classes under CCEYA and were not subject to the provincial school closure mandate and will continue in-person classes.

#### **Updated Screening**

The Ontario **COVID-19 Screening Tool for Schools** has now been updated. Please start screening your children now so you are familiar with this screening tool. You can also use the HSC Student Screening tool, which has been adapted with the latest guidelines, by visiting [www.hsc.on.ca/studentscreening](http://www.hsc.on.ca/studentscreening). Parents/guardians must complete student screening each morning prior to departure for school. A member of the Junior School faculty will verify that this has been completed before entering the building or alternatively before boarding the bus. Mrs. Rodriguez will contact parents/guardians to verify student screening when it has not been completed at home. Please assist us by ensuring that this is completed before departure for school each day.

#### **Arrival and Departure**

Arrival and departure times will remain the same. We ask students to follow their prescribed routes to and from the buses. Students are to wear their level 1 medical masks as they travel through the halls, including out of doors as they arrive and depart the College. Parents/guardians are not permitted in the Junior School at this time.

## Academic Program

The Junior School curriculum offers opportunities for students to be engaged in a variety of ways. Some opportunities will be teacher-led, while others will allow students to explore extensions to topics or explore a passion project all on their own. Self-paced activities are a way to enable students to build independence and work with a variety of levels of assistance from home and teachers.

## Cohorting

Please note that students will continue to be cohorted by grade level. This enables teachers to co-teach and provide flexibility for staffing and students who are learning from home and at school. We appreciate your flexibility as well, but we are confident that this level of adaptability will help us ensure a seamless transition back to school and minimize disruptions.

## HSC@home

HSC@home remains available to all students. Parents/guardians opting for online learning on January 17 and beyond must do so with 24 hours' notice and remain in that mode for a minimum of two weeks. Teachers will waive the notice period and facilitate a shift to HSC@home for students who have been sent home or asked to isolate. Please note that if your child is sick, they should not participate in online learning and concentrate on getting well.

To sign up for HSC@home on Monday, January 17 and beyond, please click the link below:  
[www.hsc.on.ca/jsathome](http://www.hsc.on.ca/jsathome)

## Athletics and Arts

PE, French and Music classes will continue to operate based on strict cohorting, physical distancing and wearing masks.

## Lunch

Lunch will continue to be provided on a Grab 'n' Go basis. Students have been doing a great job of maintaining distance as they enter and depart Lawson Hall and the Junior School Served, and this will remain a clear expectation.

## Recess

Grade level cohorts are maintained during recess and we strongly recommend using masks out of doors when physical distancing is not possible.

## After School Activities

All after-school activities in the Junior School have been paused until further notice. Junior and Senior Kindergarten skating programs will be temporarily postponed until further notice.

## Late Duty

We will offer late duty to those families who require after-school care. Please note that after-school care is available for essential needs only to allow for deep cleaning of rooms each night.

## Information Technology

Our Information Technology department has been working behind the scenes to help us set up the ability to teach remotely. They have a topic page on the Resource Board located under IT Services. Please use this page as a reference for any questions you may have over the coming days. Email the IT Team at [itservicerequest@hsc.on.ca](mailto:itservicerequest@hsc.on.ca) for technical support.

Finally, thank you as we continue to pivot and adjust through the next phase of learning through the pandemic. As new information about the pandemic continues to unfold, our expectations will evolve and pivot as we continue to explore the best ways to support our community in the coming days. Rest assured, we continue to keep our students' learning and emotional needs at the forefront of our decision-making process.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. This is going to be an interesting few weeks, so please be patient as we learn to navigate the upcoming weeks together.

Regards,

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