



MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTINUITY OF LEARNING PLAN

Dear Middle School Families,

We look forward to welcoming students back to campus on Monday, January 17. Please note the following reminders and updates regarding our return.

New Updates

All co-curricular activities will be paused the week of January 17-21. Students will be expected to take the early bus home or be picked up by 3:30 p.m. Please note that late pickup is available on an essential needs basis only. Please communicate your intention to use late pick-up to Mrs. Sebastiano, so we can prepare cohorted supervision accordingly.

We continue to work with our College support staff to make our classes inviting learning spaces and environments that support student health and wellbeing. Our staff have N95 masks, our strict cleaning routines are continuing and we are assisting our students in adhering to mask protocols. Our buildings have built-in air filtration systems with the highest grade filters. These have been in place since our return in September 2020.

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. Parents/guardians must complete student screening each morning prior to departure for school. Our home form teachers will verify that this has been completed and Mrs. Sebastiano will be in contact with parents/guardians if it has not been completed at home. Please assist us by ensuring that this is completed before departure for school each day.

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. Students participating in HSC@home as a result of public health directives such as COVID-19 diagnosis or needing to isolate will be directed by Health Services as to when they can return to school.

To sign up for HSC@home, please click this link: www.hsc.on.ca/msathome

Arrival and Departure

Arrival and departure times remain the same. We ask students to follow their prescribed routes to and from the buses. Students are not to congregate at student lockers or while moving from class to class. Students are to wear their masks as they travel through the halls, including out of doors as they arrive and depart the College.

Academic Program

The Middle School will continue to cohort by grade, with classes delivered by our specialist teachers. We will keep individual home form cohorts separated as much as possible. We will pause any combining of classes (such as Grade 5 physical education). Given the Ministry mandates, the music program will halt instrumental programming for January and reassess at month-end; our amazing music team will adapt their curriculum accordingly, as they did so well last year.

Lunch

Lunch will continue on a Grab 'n' Go basis, with home form classes dismissed one at a time. Students have been doing a great job of maintaining distance as they enter and depart Lawson Hall and this will remain a clear expectation.

Recess

Masks will be encouraged at all recesses and are mandatory on the blacktop, where students are engaged in closer contact activities. Students engaged in athletic games on the fields will also be required to wear a mask. Only those students maintaining their distance on the cohorted fields may remove their masks.

Thank you for your understanding and patience. The Middle School Leadership Team values your support.

Regards,

Adrian Hoad-Reddick,
Principal, Middle School