

Message to Current Families Regarding Semester 2

Dear Parents/ Guardians:

We hope that you and your family are well as we continue to be faced with challenging times and a second provincial state of emergency. As it is mid-January, we are quickly coming to the end of our second quadmester as a virtual secondary school. We hope that the educational experience has been a positive one and that your student continues to achieve success.

In semester 2, an additional 1300 students will be joining us at DDSB@Home Secondary from in-person schools. To support these new students, we will be adding additional administrators, teaching staff, guidance and student success teachers, Inclusive Student Services teachers, as well as clerical support. As our school grows, it is necessary for us to make changes to ensure that we continue to support our students in the best way possible. We would like to share with you the following updates and information regarding upcoming changes to our school and school structure for quadmesters 3 and 4:

- Junior and Senior Campuses**
- Virtual Family/Student Information Night -January 20th**
- Student Timetables**
- Transition Days February 2nd and 3rd**
- D2L Platform**

Junior and Senior Campuses:

In response to the increase in our staff and student populations for quadmesters 3 and 4 the school will be organized into a Junior and Senior campus. This change will support the management of the over 4400 students who will be attending DDSB@Home Secondary. However, your student’s experience will not change, they will continue to have access all courses, supports, resources as well as club and team opportunities across both campuses. The new organization for Quads 3 and 4 is listed below:

Junior Campus Grade 9/10:	Senior Campus Grade 11/12:
Principal – Alyson van Beinum	Principal – Peggy Perkins
Gr. 9 Vice-Principals - Basil Broumeriotis Shaundell Parris	Gr. 11 Vice-Principals - Mark Lynch Cheryl Rock
Gr. 10 Vice-Principals - Maureen Verhoog Chris Barrowclough	Gr. 12 Vice-Principals - Tiffani Jodoin Jack Page

Virtual Family/Student Information Night -January 20th

As we get closer to the beginning of quadmester 3, we know that students and families may have questions about the changes to our school. We are inviting the families of both our current students, and students who will be joining us in Semester 2 to an information session on Wednesday January 20th at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP using the form below to indicate your attendance and to ensure you receive the link for the meeting:

"link sent via email"

Student Timetables

Students and families will be able to see their Quad 3 and 4 timetables on January 28th through Parent Portal. Requests for elective changes to timetables can be made beginning January 29th. A form will be posted to each grade level google classroom for students to submit requests. All requests for changes must be made before the form closes on February 4th.

D2L Platform

Beginning in Quadmester 3 all students at DDSB@Home Secondary will be able to access their scheduled courses through a separate D2L Brightspace link that has been created just for @Home Secondary students. All students will be able to access their courses and their Google Classrooms directly from this site. Students will be given an orientation to this platform on February 2nd and 3rd.

Transition Days February 2nd and 3rd.

At the beginning of Quad 3, on February 2nd and 3rd, all students will be required to complete a series of asynchronous modules to support their success and their learning via the D2L Brightspace platform

We are so very proud of all our students and teachers who continue to demonstrate their commitment, resilience, and flexibility in adapting to a new school in a very short time. On behalf of our entire school team at DDSB@Home Secondary, we thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,

Alyson van Beinum and Peggy Perkins

Principals, DDSB@Home Secondary