

Information for secondary school students

Dear Twin Lakes Secondary School Students

I am pleased to have the opportunity to welcome students back to school for the 2020-2021 school year. It will be an interesting year but with your cooperation I am confident that we have put the required safety protocols in place to keep you safe and learning.

When you arrive at school on your designated day, please follow directions of those staff members who are outside to guide you. Once inside the building please follow the arrows and directional signs on the walls and floors.

As you prepare for the first day of school, here are some important things you will need to know.

Secondary school start date

If you are returning to in-school learning in September, you will begin with a staggered start based on your grade. Start dates are as follows:

- Grade 9 students will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020
- Grade 10 students will join Grade 9 students in attending on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2020
- All secondary students will attend Thursday, Sept.10, 2020

A staggered start allows for the gradual return of students, and time for learning and adopting new routines and safety practices. The staggered start also provides our Grade 9 students with a day for orientation, followed by a gradual increase to the school population.

If you are in a county class program (social skills, developmental skills, life skills and autism spectrum disorder) you will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 8, and will attend every day.

Secondary school schedule

Your semester one timetable will be based on a quadmester. This means you will take two subjects from September to November and two subjects from November to February, focusing on one subject per week. This alternating schedule limits the number of students in your cohort, and it reduces the number of students you come into contact with each week.

Your daily schedule will look like this:

Class	Time
Period 1 - Week A Period 2 - Week B	8 to 10 a.m. 120 minutes (8-minute break)
Lunch	10 to 10:40 a.m. 40 minutes (5-minute break)
Period 1- Week A Period 2 - Week B	10:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. 120 minutes (8-minute break)
Study Hall	12:40 to 1:55 p.m. 75 minutes

Calendar

Quadmester 1: Sept. 8 to Nov. 12

September 2020

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A Period 1	7 Labour Day (no school)	8 First Day for Gr. 9 students	9 First Day for Gr. 10 students	10 First Day for Gr. 11 and 12 students	11 All students
B Period 2	14	15	16	17	18
A Period 1	21	22	23	24	25
B Period 2	28	29	30	1	2

October 2020

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A Period 1	5	6	7	8	9
B Period 2	12 Thanksgiving (no school)	13	14	15	16
A Period 1	19	20	21	22	23 PA Day
B Period 2	26	27	28	29	30

November 2020

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A Period 1	2	3	4	5	6 Exam Day Period 1
B Period 2	9	10	11	12 Exam Day Period 2	13 Start of Quadmaster 2

Quadmaster 2: Nov. 13, 2020 to Feb. 2, 2021

November 2020

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A Period 3	16	17	18	19	20 PA Day
B Period 4	23	24	25	26	27

December 2020

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A Period 3	30	1	2	3	4
B Period 4	7	8	9	10	11
A Period 3	14	15	16	17	18
	21 Winter Break	22 Winter Break	23 Winter Break	24 Winter Break	25 Winter Break
	28 Winter Break	29 Winter Break	30 Winter Break	31 Winter Break	1 Winter Break

January 2021

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
B Period 4	4	5	6	7	8
A Period 3	11	12	13	14	15
B Period 4	18	19	20	21	22
A Period 3	25	26	27 Exam Day Period 3	28 Exam Day Period 4	29 Exam Day Period 4

Student timetable

You may access your timetable by logging into the student portal. The link to the student portal can be found under the student tab on our school website here: (<http://twi.scdsb.on.ca/>).

Guidance staff are available beginning Aug. 31 to address timetable questions. At this time, Guidance counsellors are asking that if you have timetable change requests to please complete the following form. [Twin Lakes 2020-21 Timetable Questions](#)

Health and safety

You will be required to wear a face mask while inside the school building. Please wear your own mask that firmly and completely covers your nose and mouth. We will provide cloth masks to students who do not have them.

Each morning, you are required to complete a self-screen prior to attending school. The self-screening tool can be found here: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>.

If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, you must stay home. You will be required to report your absence by contacting school office staff.

Lunch

You will be required to remain with your cohort during the lunch period. To begin the school year, lunch will take place in your classroom and, when possible, may take place outdoors. You will not be able to leave the school property, so please remember to pack a lunch and bring a refillable water bottle.

Lockers

Lockers will not be available at the beginning of the school year. You will be required to bring your books, lunch, and personal belongings to class with you.

Remote learning

If you are participating in the remote learning program, you will be contacted by your teacher in the first two weeks of school and classes will begin on Monday, Sept. 21.

As a staff, Twin Lakes are doing everything in our power to ensure your success during the 2020-2021 school year.

I look forward to your arrival next week.

Sincerely,

Dan Macdonald,
Principal
Twin Lakes Secondary School.