



Owen Sound District Secondary School

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Welcome Back OSDSS Students and Families,

As many of you prepare for the start of a new school year, we wanted to take some time to highlight some key updates for the first week back to school. First off, welcome to our incoming grade 9 students and those who are joining us for the very first time and a special welcome back to those returning students in grade 10-12 here at OSD.

Tuesday Sept 6th will be the first day of school for all students in grades 9-12. Unlike other years we will not be having our link crew day where just grade 9 students attend. New students to OSD and incoming grade 9 students have had the chance to take part in our summer transition days which occurred on Aug 30th and 31st.

School Schedule: This year we will return to a semestered schedule where students in grade 9-12 will have four classes per day. We will have a week one and a week two schedule. Morning classes (period A and B) will always remain at the same time each week. Afternoon classes will flip each week where week one will be period A, B, C and D and then week two will be period A, B, D and C. Our school schedule is included below for your reference:

Period A – 9-10:15AM
Break – 10:15-10:25AM
Period B – 10:25-11:40AM
Lunch – 11:40-12:40PM
Period C – 12:40-1:55PM
Break – 1:55-2PM
Period D – 2-3:15PM

First Day of School - students will arrive to school and be directed to two student lists posted inside OSD. They will find their homeroom and go to this location to receive instructions about lockers, timetable and first day start up from their teachers. Lockers will be assigned during first period this semester and students will review locker expectations and sign a locker contract. Locks will be available for purchase in the main office for \$5 (new lock) and \$3 (used lock). Students who have spare are asked to go to the cafeteria where we will have staff handing out the first day information to these students and assisting with lockers. Students with coop classes should report to Bailey Hall for in person coop instruction.

Timetable changes: Students are asked to remain in their assigned classes until a timetable change has been made. Students are expected to continue to attend class, be in

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the library or cafeteria if on spare. Timetable changes can be made by signing up for an appointment during the period the student has the issue/conflict. Students will be called out of class to resolve conflicts and move through the list as quickly as possible.

Grade Meetings – we are hoping to have grade meetings for each grade on Wednesday Sept 7th. Period A will be for all grade 9 classes. Period B for all grade 10 classes. Period C for all grade 11 classes and period D for all grade 12 classes. Administration will welcome students back to school, review school expectations, student handbook, introduce members of student services, learning resource, student success as well as share information from athletics, arts, SHSM and student council.

Our transportation department is working hard to organize and connect with families about bus routes and times. They will be in touch with families prior to the start of the school year, however if you have questions please call (519) 364-0605.

As well, a reminder to students and families that our cafeteria will be up and running on Tuesday Sept 6th from 8:30-3:30PM so get ready for some delicious and healthy meal choices.

The week of Sept 12th we are expecting the arrival of our computers for incoming grade 9 students. Technology forms will be included in first day packages so we encourage grade 9 students to complete these and return them to your homeroom teacher before Sept 12th.

Sept 13th is picture day at OSDSS and Sept 23rd is our first PD day where staff will discuss learning recovery and STEM. Please note the attachment included in this message as it highlights important dates for the school year as an easy reference.

We have lots of wonderful opportunities for students at OSDSS and we look forward to a great school year!

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