



August 30, 2021

Dear St Catharines Collegiate Secondary School students, families/guardians,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful summer and are ready for a great school year. We look forward to seeing you all on ~~Tues~~ Tuesday September 7th. Below you will find some key information to ensure a smooth start up.

Today after 4:00pm you will be able to access your school timetable for the school year. If you have questions about your timetable or require a course change, please fill out the following form and someone from our Guidance Team will reach out to you.

<https://forms.gle/FCHbrPxEDjimpd18C7>

Instructions to access your timetable

- [How to Access Your Schedule in Aspen](#)
- If you have forgotten your DSBN password [Student Password Reset](#)
- If you have forgotten your DSBN login - contact your school directly
- For new students to DSBN, parents/guardians would have received an email during the week of August 23rd with their login and temporary password

Below is some additional information for you

Schedules

- The daily school schedule for September and October is [Calendar - Sept. & Oct](#)
- Our bell times are

Period 1 / 3	8:10 - 10:50
Lunch	10:50 - 11:30
Period 2 / 4	11:30 - 2:10

Covid

- It is important to know if there is a positive covid case in one of your classes, Niagara Region Public Health will determine who is a close contact. Based on your vaccination status, you may have to self-isolate. If you are double vaccinated, and asymptomatic you will likely be able to keep attending school.

Grade 9s

- Community Involvement Hours
 - The community involvement graduation requirement is for 40 hours
 - If approved by your school's principal, students may count the following towards their community involvement hours:

- up to 10 hours of paid employment if a student is 14 years or older and completes a reflection exercise demonstrating how their work contributed to their community
- community involvement during school time, for example, walking a younger child to and from school or helping younger siblings with school work
- duties normally performed at home, for example, helping an elderly relative with errands or providing after school care for a sibling

Grade 10s

- The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) is requirement for graduation
 - We will share more details with you in September about this year's OSSLT
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Grade 11s

- The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) is requirement for graduation
 - If you wrote in the spring, you will receive your results from us when school starts
 - If you did not write, or were not successful, there will be a fall and a spring opportunity
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Grade 12s

- Community Involvement Hours
 - For students who are graduating in the 2021-2022 school year, the graduation requirement was reduced to a minimum of 20 hours of community involvement activities. The community involvement graduation requirement of 40 hours will be restored in 2022-23. Students working towards their OSSD should make sure they meet these graduation requirements in time for their graduating year.

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- The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) is **not** a graduation requirement if you graduate during the 2021-22 school year

Later this week you will receive an email with more details about the first day of school on September 7.

Please reach out should you have any additional questions or concerns, our office hours for Aug 30 - Sept 3rd are 8am-3pm. You can contact us at 905-687-7301

Sincerely,

Johanna Provost – Principal
Kim Landon – Vice Principal, Grade 9 & 10
Carla Piovesana – Vice Principal, Grade 11 & 12