




Thursday, November 5, 2020.


Dear St. Catharines, Collegiate students, parents and guardians:

I'd like to let you know that all DSBN secondary schools will be changing their school course schedule from the two-week mini-blocks to a model of alternating one-week blocks *effective Monday, November 30, 2020*. Study hall on Wednesday will continue as usual. Essentially, instead of two courses every two weeks, it will shift to an alternating week schedule.

There will not be a change to the students' cohorts, number of contacts within a week, number of in-person days, transportation or bell times. Niagara Region Public Health has reviewed the new schedule and has no concerns about the change.

The new schedule will look as follows:

 Secondary Example Week: MSIP		MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
In-school >	Week 1	Period 1 Cohort A	Period 2 Cohort A	Period 5 Cohort A	Period 1 Cohort B	Period 2 Cohort B
	Week 2	Period 3 Cohort A	Period 4 Cohort A	Period 5 Cohort B	Period 3 Cohort B	Period 4 Cohort B

 Secondary Example Week: Non MSIP		MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
In-school >	Week 1	Period 1 Cohort A	Period 2 Cohort A	Cohort A attends mandatory study hall with Period 1 or 2 focus	Period 1 Cohort B	Period 2 Cohort B
	Week 2	Period 3 Cohort A	Period 4 Cohort A	Cohort B attends mandatory study hall with Period 3 or 4 focus	Period 3 Cohort B	Period 4 Cohort B

We believe this change will better support our students to ensure their success. The benefits of having an alternating week schedule include:

- Provide more balanced learning for students
- Allow your child to see their subject teachers more frequently
- Allow students to be closer to a more “normal” semester schedule

From a practical standpoint, I want to ensure this is a smooth transition for you and your student. Below are links to calendars for the remainder of the semester:

[Dec 2020 Co-A MSIP](#) [Dec 2020 Co-B MSIP](#) [Dec 2020 SSTC MSIP](#) [Dec 2020 Online MSIP](#)

[Dec 2020 Co-A Non MSIP](#) [Dec 2020 Co-B Non MSIP](#)
[Dec 2020 SSTC Non MSIP](#) [Dec 2020 Online Non MSIP](#)

[Jan 2021 Co-A MSIP](#) [Jan 2021 Co-B MSIP](#) [Jan 2021 SSTC MSIP](#) [Jan 2021 Online MSIP](#)

[Jan 2021 Co-A Non MSIP](#) [Jan 2021 Co-B Non MSIP](#)
[Jan 2021 SSTC Non MSIP](#) [Jan 2021 Online Non MSIP](#)

We have had many successes since our return to school in September. Everyone has worked hard to adapt to change, and to make this year as positive and memorable! As always, please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Johanna Provost
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