



STAMFORD COLLEGIATE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Stamford 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 (Wednesdays) 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: 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 Non MSIP](#) [Dec 2020 Co-B Non MSIP](#)
[Dec 2020 SSTC Non MSIP](#) [Dec 2020 Online Non MSIP](#)

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





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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.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Neil Sheard
Principal