



STAMFORD COLLEGIATE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Good evening!

As we approach the start of school next week, I wanted to give you some updates on the progress we are making preparing the school for your child's arrival.

Here are some of the things that will be slightly different this year:

- Our class times are 10:15 a.m. - 2:25 p.m.
 - Classrooms will be open at 10:00 a.m. - students who are not bussed are asked to arrive between 10:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
 - If your student is not on a bus and needs to arrive before 10:00 a.m., you must call the school and let us know as your child will have to attend a study hall before school starts as students are not permitted to be in the school unsupervised.
- All students will be expected to sanitize their hands each time they enter the school, as well as when they enter other spaces within the school - sanitizer will be provided.
- As you know, masks are mandatory at all times in the school, as well as while riding the bus

Hallways & Bathrooms

- All halls are marked with directional arrows indicating which side of the hall you are to walk on:
 - some halls are one way
 - all stairwells are one direction only - either up or down
- Bathrooms have a maximum capacity - if they are full students are expected to wait outside the washroom until someone exits
 - Each classroom will have an assigned washroom that students in that class are to use. This will minimize the possibility of a bathroom being at capacity
 - In order to keep the hallways clear, only one student is permitted out of the class at a time (during class time) to go to the washroom.

Entrances & Exits

- We will have designated entrances for students - we are still in the final details of working out what those are, and we will send that information out this weekend
- At the end of the day classes will be escorted to the exit closest to their classroom and will leave the school from there. We will have staggered exits in order to prevent the school halls from being congested. There are no extracurriculars running so students will be expected to leave the school immediately at the end of the day.

Classroom/Food Breaks

- All classes will have a 10-minute and a 15-minute break throughout the day - these breaks will also be staggered so that only a few classes are out at the same time. During breaks students will go outside (weather permitting). It is important that during breaks students continue to socially distance from their friends.
- Students are able to eat during their breaks - a reminder that we will not be running a cafeteria this year, so everyone will have to bring food.
 - Vending machines will not be in use
- We will be offering some breakfast club items in the morning - these will be grab and go items.
- Water fountains are not open, however water filling stations are - please bring your own reusable water bottle.

Assigned Seating

- Teachers will create and maintain seating plans for all classes
 - Buses will also have assigned seating

Daily Covid Screening Tests

- All parents/guardians must follow the Daily Parental Screening Agreement and keep students home who have Covid-19 symptoms. This agreement can be found at:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yljU6xdsqH0LQVApZqVfTt9a8oUV8OYz/view>

Visitors

- There is no parent access to the school during school hours - as much as we love visiting with you, we have to restrict access to the school this year to students and staff. We are happy to talk with you over the phone - so please give us a call. Our phone number (905 354-7409) is located on all school entrances.

Specific Class Information

- Change Rooms are not available this year - if your child has a class for which they need to wear certain clothing, they must come to school dressed appropriately (e.g. Phys Ed, hospitality, etc.)
- There will be no locker use this year – students are reminded to bring only what they need to school
- For science classes, slash proof goggles have been ordered for every student in semester 1 and each student needs to keep their goggles with them when they go home and then bring them to school
- Students who are learning fully online will have more specific information coming out about when to log in, attendance, etc.

Timetable Changes (Online Request for Appointments)

- As we spent a lot of time with students picking courses, we are only making timetable changes for a specific reason (i.e. took a course in summer school, need a specific course for post-secondary, need to repeat a course, level change, etc.)
- We will prioritize new students and Grade 12 students who are graduating this year.
- To request a virtual guidance appointment to change your timetable please fill out a form <https://forms.gle/XKTioEy3xCmGKj39>

I have also included the Stamford Return to School guide (which was sent out the other day) again for your reading pleasure. [Stamford Collegiate Student Guide - September 2020](#)

This includes instructions on how to access your timetable and cohort information.

Students who have forgotten their password to access your student account can visit <https://sway.office.com/DldoDNyRpuYhGYn6?authoringPlay=true&publish...> and if you can prove you are who you say you are, you can reset your password from home!

If your child can not access their timetable and cohort information we would ask you to please let us know by tomorrow so we can get that information to you!

Furthermore, I have included links to the calendar for each cohort for September:

[Cohort A September Schedule – Non-MSIP](#)

[Cohort B September Schedule Non-MSIP](#)

[Cohort Online September Schedule – Non-MSIP](#)

[Cohort SSTC September Schedule – Non-MSIP](#)

Lastly, if you have any questions throughout the year about your child's classes, we encourage you to reach out to the teacher.

We also have two vice-principals who take care of our students:

Grades 9 &10 students

Tom Matic, Vice Principal

905 354 7409 extension 65402

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Grades 11 & 12 students

Barb Lane, Vice Principal

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I hope this email finds you well and has answered some questions you may have. We have been working hard for the past few weeks preparing and will continue to do so over the weekend.

I will send out another message on the weekend that outlines specific entrances for students.

Thank you for reading this 75-page email. :)

Enjoy the long weekend.

Neil Sheard
Principal