



# STAMFORD COLLEGIATE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear students and families,

We are looking forward to seeing you on the first day of school on Tuesday September 7. The classes for the first week of school will have period 1 in the mornings and period 2 in the afternoons. Our school day starts at **8:35 a.m.** and ends at **2:40 p.m.**

## **Covid Health and Safety Information**

### **Daily Covid Screening**

- All staff and students must self-screen everyday before attending school
- Students can find the self-screening tool in their DSBN portal
- Anyone experiencing symptoms identified by the COVID-19 screening tool must not attend school and seek appropriate medical attention

### **Masks**

- Wearing masks has been mandated for all secondary students and staff **by** the Ministry of Education
- If you have a medical condition that prevents you from wearing a mask, please contact the school for details

### **Signage**

- Follow the Health and Safety signage posted throughout the school

### **Physical Distancing and Congregating**

- As much as possible, students are required to maintain physical distancing and not congregate

### **Hand Hygiene Practices**

- Reminders to wash hands regularly will be posted throughout the school
- Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom and at entrances

### **If there is a COVID case in your class**

- If you are identified by Niagara Region Public Health (NRPH) as a close contact, there will be different protocols for self-isolation depending on your vaccination status
- If you are fully vaccinated and asymptomatic, NRPH will likely allow you to continue to attend school

### **DSBN Vaccination Disclosure**

- For information about DSBN staff, and all non-DSBN partners can be found here: [DSBN Vaccination Disclosure.docx](#)

## **School Day Details**

### **Arriving in the morning**

- Classrooms will be open 15 minutes before classes start; like last year, students will remain outside until 8:20 a.m.

- If you are walking/being dropped off, please don't arrive more than 15 minutes before classes **(please don't arrive prior to 8:20 a.m.)**
- We will use specific entrances so as to minimize congregating:
  - **Grade 9 students** – Glass Atrium at the back of the school
  - **Grade 10 – 12 students** can enter through whichever of the following doors is closest to their classroom:
    - Drummond Road entrance
    - Math/Science Hallway Entrance
    - Entrance by room 133/room 245 (just down from the math/science entrance)

#### **Lunches and Breaks**

- Students will have a 10 minute break in the morning and again in the afternoon (these will be staggered by class). Students will be asked to go outside, weather permitting.
- Lunch will take place from 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Students will be encouraged to eat outside when possible. Grade 9-11 students will be able to eat in the cafeteria – there will be spots designated for each grade so as to remain in a cohort. Grade 12 students will be able to eat in the library.
- The cafeteria will also be open to buy food starting on September 7 (there will be limited options the first week).
- Students will be asked to go outside, weather permitting, once they are finished eating; students will not be permitted to congregate in the school.

#### **End of the Day**

- Class dismissals will be staggered at the end of the day – your teacher will let you know when you are dismissed. Students will need to leave from the closest exit.

#### **Special First Day Information for Grade 9 Students**

You will be greeted in the back parking lot, by the glass atrium, by your Link Crew leader who will walk you to your first period class! In case you forget your timetable we will have them accessible for you.

There will also be many teachers, administrators, and other adults around to help you in case you have questions! Don't worry! 😊

Once you are in your first period class your Link Crew leaders will work with you and your classmates to help you get used to Stamford Collegiate!

#### **Vaccination Locations in Niagara**

- For vaccination locations in Niagara please visit [NRPH Vaccine Locations](#)

We can't wait to see you on Tuesday!

Mr. Sheard, Principal & The staff of Stamford Collegiate Secondary School