

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School

September 08, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

First, we hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well. We have prepared for your child's return next week and rest assured that our staff are excited to see your child in their classroom, and have safety and well-being for everyone as a priority. We appreciate your patience as we planned for students' return.

We all know that this return to school is unlike any other. What will be the same, however, is our care for our students and our continuing high academic expectations.

Here are a few important notes:

- Grade 9 students and students in our Practical Academics and Life Skills program will have their first day on Monday September 14; a schedule and a map of the school with a designated entry into the building have been attached. Students will only have one class/day every 22 days. The first class for grade 9s on the schedules attached is denoted as B1.
- Students in all other grades (in addition to the above) will have their first day of attendance on Tuesday September 15. Information on how to access student schedules will be posted on our Facebook page, our school website, and on Twitter by the end of this week.
- Parents are reminded that every day, students must complete a covid-19 self-assessment prior to attending school. Please visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/> every morning. If directed to self-isolate and/or to be tested, students are to remain home. Parents must then call the school to inform us of the nature of the absence.
- Course changes will be very limited and we encourage changes to be made before next week. Please email jessica.lloyd@tlds.on.ca and/or chris.duchene@tlds.on.ca
- When students arrive at school, prior to their first class, they are to proceed directly to the room in which that class is scheduled. After the first bell rings, all doors will be locked and entrance must be made by calling the main line at the school. Parents/visitors will not allowed in the building.
- Students are encouraged to remain in classrooms for lunch. Cafeteria services are not available. Please send students with lunches and refillable water bottles as drink fountains are closed, yet bottle refill stations are open.
- Cloth masks are mandatory at all times in the building and when physical distancing is not possible. Please send two masks each day with your child.

Please contact us at the school with any questions, and again, we look forward to seeing your child next week!

Sincerely,



Chris Boulay-Principal



Jennifer Mills-Vice Principal