

August 31, 2020 Monday

To: PATTISON HIGH SCHOOL students, families, parents and custodians

Important Notice: Return to school for the Fall September 2020 semester

I hope that all members of the school community have enjoyed the Summer break and been staying safe and healthy.

The three week Summer break for 2020 comes to a close on Labour Day, Monday September 7<sup>th</sup>. On Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup>, we start the new semester.

We are looking forward to the return of our student community, and the beginning of another 15 weeks of the collaborative inquiry learning experience. This starts with period one on the Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup>. The Fall semester will start in a HYBRID model, a combination of in-classroom and on-line learning, as transitional period of time.

The school is inviting an orderly return to the classroom, starting on Thursday September 10<sup>th</sup>. Please be aware that the school can accommodate a limited number of students for return. In order to be considered for the return to the classroom procedure, it is necessary to complete the Classroom Return Questionnaire which can be found at the hyperlink that was originally sent to all students in early June 2020:

[Student Classroom Return Questionnaire](#) (please click link to access).

Students must be recently cleared through the completion of the questionnaire. If you completed the questionnaire in June or July, it is necessary to update your responses to the questionnaire for the September return.

Once the Student Services Coordinator, Ms. Ciara, receives the completed form from you, it will be reviewed and you may confirm with her that you can arrive to the school on the agreed day(s). You must not come to the school before you have been notified that your Classroom Return Questionnaire is ACCEPTED. Students are issued a receipt that acts as an 'entry ticket' in order to be able to enter the class.

The school encourages you to complete the questionnaire soon, so that we may start the planning procedure to place students in classrooms. The placement of students in classrooms may follow a schedule where there is alternating physical and virtual attendance.

The first days of the September 2020 semester will proceed much as the Spring semester was conducted, with classes online using the Microsoft TEAMS platform. Students in the classroom will also be on the TEAMS platform, with the addition of face-to-face engagement with the teacher and other students in the class.

Everyone in the classroom setting is required to be two metres [six feet] from one another and wearing a face mask. A face shield is also available at the school; if you want one, please request this from the front desk.

We understand that parents and students might be concerned and hesitant about a return to the classroom - in person. Please be assured that SAFETY is a priority at the school and the school will at no time force a student's return until the family and student feel safe and comfortable to do so. If you decide not to return to the classroom, temporarily, and to start the September semester by staying at home for online learning, please have your parents or your custodian send a written request to the school. The school will review the written request and make arrangements accordingly.

With regard to new students, another New Students' Orientation will be held on Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup>. Detailed arrangements will be sent to you early next week.

To students who are currently outside of Canada: Please consult with your advisors for more details.

Please be confirmed that your student course schedule for the Fall semester have been sent to you via your school email address, in mid-August, by your advisor and/or Student Counsellor, Ms. Pettinger.

If you have any question, please contact your advisor, the Student Services Coordinator Ms. Ciara, or Student Counsellor Ms. Pettinger. I am also available to provide support.

We are at the school every day, and we are pleased to talk with you.

Continue to stay healthy and safe.

Thank you,

Mr. Chowne

Principal

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