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DCSS - South Peace
Covid Updates for Families

The Covid Omicron variant is highly infectious and spreads quickly. The purpose of delaying the restart of classes this week is twofold: (1) to make plans that could help prevent a school closure due to illness and absences, and (2) to make plans to continue learning in the event of a school closure. When students return on Monday, it will not be business as usual. We have implemented changes to protocols and school structures to keep our school community safe considering the newest variant. It is important that families take time to read and understand the changes to be implemented on January 10th.

Schedule Changes and Protocol Updates are two major pieces of information to highlight for families. Details of these updates are provided below.

Scheduling Changes:

Day One/ Day Two:

For the remaining three weeks of first semester, South Peace will adopt a Day One, Day Two rotation:

- On Day One, students will attend their A-Block class in the morning and their B-Block class in the afternoon.
- On Day Two, students will attend their C-Block class in the morning and their D-Block class in the afternoon.

Classes will be 160 minutes in length with breaks embedded into the class. This schedule is similar to the 2020-21 school year.

January 2022 – Semester One				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10 – Day One: A/B	11 – Day Two C/D	12 - Day One A/B	13 – Day Two C/D	14 - Day One A/B
17 – Day Two C/D	18 - Day One A/B	19 – Day Two C/D	20 - Day One A/B	21 – Day Two C/D
24 - Day One A/B	25 – Day Two C/D	26 – Day One A/B	27– Day Two C/D	28 – Day One A/B

Adopting this schedule reduces student transitions and times of mass gatherings. It also facilitates a staggered lunch break.

Staggered Lunch Breaks and Entrances

To further reduce instances of large gathering, student lunch schedules and morning entrance will be divided into two groups.

Students will be assigned into either Group 1 or 2 based on their morning class.

Group 1	
If your morning class teacher is: 8:50-11:00 A or C block 11:00-11:30 Lunch 11:30 – 12:10 A or C block cont. 12:10 – 3:00 B or D block <u>Morning Entrance:</u> Back Bus Doors	Bandali
	Bowie
	Corcoran
	Delawsky
	Fodor
	Kotylak
	Kurjata
	Moeller
	Preston
	Rose
Rand	
Wolf	

Group 2	
If your morning class teacher is: 8:50-11:40 A or C block 11:40-12:10 Lunch 12:10 – 3:00 B or D block <u>Morning Entrance:</u> Concession Doors	Eagles
	Rodrigue
	Best
	Chau
	Damas
	Eichelberger
	Herve
	Longley
	Payne
	Rivard
	Roberts
	Sapergia
Stuart	

Please note:

- The time for dismissal has been changed to 3:00pm. With the longer classes, there is less need for transition breaks, allowing for a 10-minute early departure. Bus students will be picked up at their regular time.
- A student's lunch schedule and morning entrance is dependent on the morning class. It is possible that a student would have a different lunch time on Day One and on Day Two. For example, if on Day One the A-block teacher is Ms. Bandali and on Day Two the C-block teacher is Mr. Eagles, the student has lunch at 11:00am on Day One and 11:40am on Day Two.
- Second semester is scheduled to commence on Tuesday, February 1st. Before the semester change, school scheduling will be re-evaluated, and updates will be provided to students and families.

2. Protocol Updates

With the new variant and enhanced response measures, updates and emphasis are required in the following areas:

Student Daily Health Check

It is very important that students stay home if they are unwell. Please review the [student daily health check](#). If [symptoms](#) are present, stay home. If a student comes to school sick, or they become sick at school, they will be sent home.

Masks

Students are required to wear masks in the school in accordance with the [Provincial Health Officer Order on Face Coverings](#). We expect students to always wear a mask in all areas.

There is an increased vigilance on mask wearing. Properly worn face coverings are a measure that has been shown to suppress the transmission of Covid.

Please bring a mask to school. If you do not have one, one will be provided. If there is continued refusal from a student to comply with a staff request to wear a mask, that refusal is non-compliance and student discipline may be required.

There is a new mask exemption requirement for families to complete if a student is unable to wear a mask for health or behavioral reasons. If families have already contacted the school to request an exemption, they will additionally be required to complete the new exemption request form. If families require an exemption request form, please contact the school.

Structured class time

If students do not have a scheduled class (a spare), they must remain at home. There will be no tolerance of unexcused absences. If students are wandering hallways, they will be sent home. During lunch time, it is expected that students are in the concession, North Court or a classroom (with permission); there is to be no wandering and eating.

The complete and updated district protocols can be found [here](#).

Thank you,

DCSS Admin

Parents/Guardians,

Please share this document with your student and have them complete the following quiz to check their learning:

On Monday January 10th (Day 1), my morning teacher (A block) is_____.

My lunch time is _____.

My entrance door is _____.

On Tuesday January 11th (Day 2), my morning teacher (C block) is_____.

My lunch time is _____.

My entrance door is _____.

My mask is packed in my bag ready to go for the day. Check here

If I'm not feeling well, what should I do?

Where do I need to wear my mask?

- a. All spaces all the time
- b. Anytime I'm anywhere in the school
- c. From the time I enter the building until I leave the building
- d. All the above are correct