

## Greetings Grizzlies,

This information is intended to inform students, families, and staff of some of the changes that schools in SD33 are required to make in accordance with the "<u>Addendum- Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines</u> for K-12 Settings" that districts received in response to the increased prevalence of the Omicron Covid-19 variant in BC.

The school will continue with many of the preventative measures already in place such as practicing hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, and the use of face coverings/masks. Please have a look at the following changes to preventative measures during the school day to help reduce crowding during transition times, the number of contacts, and the risk of Covid-19 transmission.

## Timetable and Bell Schedules:

- GWG will be moving classes to a quarterly system where students will have 2 classes per day. One class in the morning and a second class after lunch.
- Please refer to Appendix A below for the class and bell schedules for the remainder of semester 1.

## Entrance & Exits:

- The school is broken up into 4 sections based on the location of classrooms in the A, B, and C wings of the school, along with the portables being section D.
- Each section will have assigned entrances and exits that they will use to help reduce crowding during transition times.
  - Section A: Main Entrance/Exit and North Entrance/Exit
  - o Section B: Main Entrance/Exit and Bus Loop Entrance/Exit
  - Section C: Bus Loop Entrance/Exit and East Entrance/Exit
  - Section D-Portables: Can use the North Entrance/Exit during breaks and for restroom use.
    <u>During lunch</u> we ask that students coming from the portables that need to access the Cafeteria use the Main or Bus Loop Entrance to help reduce traffic flow at the North Entrance.
- There will be a staggered dismissal from classes for lunch breaks and end of the day.
- Please refer to Appendix B for maps of the sections and entrance/exits.

## **Restrooms:**

- All students must use the restroom in their section.
- Student who are in the portables will use the restrooms in the MPR/Cafeteria.



#### Space Arrangement:

- The cafeteria, lounges, and library will remain open for student use.
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Furniture has been moved to allow for more space between students.
  - More furniture has been added upstairs to alleviate crowding in the cafeteria.
  - The library will remain open for drop-in before and after school, and during lunch, but will be limited to the first 30 students.
  - Please do not re-design or move furniture from its current location.

#### **Staff Gatherings and Assemblies:**

• All staff meetings, in-service, professional development, and school assemblies will occur virtually until further notice.

### School Gatherings, Events, and Extracurricular:

- School gatherings and events, parent-teacher interviews, open houses will be rescheduled or occur virtually.
- All school tournaments have been postponed or cancelled until further notice.
- Inter-scholastic sporting events between 2 schools can still take place, but we are not allowed to host spectators. This means only the two teams, coaches, and referees are in attendance. <u>No Spectators.</u>
- Theatre productions and music concerts can still take place, but we are not allowed to have spectators. **Visitor Access:** 
  - Schools are not allowed to have drop-in visits. If you need to talk or meet with a staff member, please call the office ahead of time and arrange an appointment.

#### MASK USE AT SCHOOL:

- Everyone at school (without exemptions) are required to wear a non-medical mask or face covering while inside the building.
- All masks **MUST** be worn so that it covers the nose, mouth, and chin.
- Students should come to school with their own masks.

#### Daily Health Checks:

- Parents and students are reminded that it is their responsibility to complete a Daily Health Check in the mornings before coming to school.
- Link to the <u>K-12 Health Check</u> app
- Staff and students are reminded to stay at home when they are sick.
- If symptoms develop at school, parents will be contacted and will need to arrange for their child to be picked up.

Please also see the December 29, 2021 Addendum-Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings.

If you have and questions you can send them to <u>gwg\_admin@sd33.bc.ca</u> or to our Health & Safety Team at <u>gwg\_healthandsafety@sd33.bc.ca</u>.



Appendix A





# JANUARY CLASS SCHEDULE

Mon, Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>	Tue, Jan 11 <sup>th</sup>	Wed, Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs, Jan 13 <sup>th</sup>	Fri, Jan 14 <sup>th</sup>
Block A	Block B	Block E	Block F	Block A
Block C	Block D	Block G	Block H	Block C
Mon, Jan 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tue, Jan 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wed, Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs, Jan 20 <sup>th</sup>	Fri, Jan 21 <sup>st</sup>
Block B	Block E	Block F	Block A	Block B
Block D	Block G	Block H	Block C	Block D
Mon, Jan 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tue, Jan 25 <sup>th</sup>	Wed, Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs, Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>	Fri, Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>
	Assessn	nent and Reporti	ng Week	
Block A	Block C	Block E	Block G	Success Day
Block B	Block D	Block F	Block H	A&R Time

# **BELL SCHEDULE**

TIME	MINUTES	PERIOD	
8:16		Warning Bell	
8:20 - 11:12	165 (+7-minute break by section)	Period 1	
11:12 - 11:57	45	Lunch	
11:52	10001281	Warning Bell	
11:57 - 2:47	162 (+8-minute break by section)	Period 2	

\*Note\* The 3 extra minutes allocated in Period 1 are for daily announcements.





