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Hello again,

We're coming to the end of our first week back and love the positive energy in the building with our students and staff. We're very glad we can be "in-person" and thank you for following the important safety protocols:

- Stay home if you're feeling unwell (Daily Health Declaration)
- Wear a mask
- Sanitize your hands
- Avoid crowding

We have asked students to enter the building through the doors closest to their start-up class (Homeroom this week, Block A for most of next week) and leave through the doors closest to their last class. Grade 12s are welcome to use the front doors to enter and exit to further spread students out. Doors will be open from 8 am to naturally stagger arrivals and remain open until 4 pm.

At lunchtime, in addition to our Rotunda and hallway tables, there are 20 classrooms open so that students can spread out. With the good weather, many students are choosing to eat outdoors – and that's terrific. Students may leave school to go home for lunch or to nearby stores. We know our students will demonstrate PRIDE behaviour wherever they are and make sure they're back on time!

This week, counsellors are managing Course Corrections and a few requests for changes. Friday morning is the deadline for the forms, please. We are doing our best to make adjustments as needed.

Next week, our schedule is a bit different. Please find it attached. All secondary schools are on the semester model and almost all are using the format where two days have two longer classes (Wednesday and Thursday). This will allow us to continue with some of the benefits we found from longer classes last year on the quarter system.

We will also have Personal Learning Time (PLT) this year on Wednesday and Thursday, in the mornings. I've attached the description of Personal Learning Time we emailed to parents last June; this'll be new for our Grade 8s and their parents.

Please note that for next week, Wednesday and Thursday begin with Connexions classes. These classes are part of our Career Education program, required for all students; we'll begin next week with the first Connexions class delving into Personal Learning Time, goal setting and core competencies. The second Connexions class will involve Community Building and personal and social responsibility. You'll note that Wednesday and Thursday next week have a later start (9:25 am). Our staff will be busy preparing earlier on those mornings, but if your teen needs a place to be, the Rotunda will be available.

PLT will begin September 22nd as indicated on the Personal Learning Time attachment.

It's been a good, busy start to the year. Hope to see you, virtually, at some of our upcoming parent evenings.

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Thank you very much,

Sincerely,

Jane McFadyen
Principal

KEY SEPTEMBER DATES (*will be virtual)

Grade 8 Parent Evening*	September 16, 7 pm
School Photo Day	September 21
Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting*	September 21, 7 pm
Meet the Teachers*	September 23
Pro-D Day	September 24
Grade 12 Parent Evening*	September 28, 7 pm
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	September 30

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