

Welland Centennial Secondary School

Return to School Information September 2020



Hello Centennial Families.

We are happy to welcome all of our students for the 2020-2021 school year. This guide, in combination with the DSBN Parent and Student Guide shared earlier this week, is designed to provide you with important information about how our students will be learning this semester either through the hybrid adaptive model, or fully online.

School starts for all students on Tuesday, September 8, regardless of whether in cohort A. B or fully online. All students should be connecting with their period 1 class and teacher on September 8 whether it is in person or at home.

Please review this information carefully as it contains important messages for students and parents as to the start of school, schedules, accessing courses online, and health and safety protocols that must be followed at school and on the school bus.

Our staff is very excited to be starting the school year, although in a bit of a different way. Please carefully review this guide and if you have further questions reach out to the school.

Tammy Zonneveld

Principal

Roy Zuccarello

Vice Principal

Return to School Details For Those Who Have Chosen In-Person Adaptive Learning

Students who have selected this opportunity will be attending school in cohorts on specified days and will be completing the rest of their learning online.

Bell Times

- Start of classes 9:55
- End of classes 2:05

September Calendar

[Cohort A September Schedule – Non- MSIP](#)

[Cohort B September Schedule Non-MSIP](#)

Morning Study Space

- A supervised study space will be available daily for students from 8:10-9:40.
- It is available for bussed students whose busses arrive prior to 9:40 and other families who need to access the study space **AND** who contact the school in advance and get approval from the Principal or Vice Principal.

Online Learning

- Students will be using D2L Brightspace and/or Google Classrooms to access their online classrooms and need to regularly monitor their DSBN school email for reminders and notifications
- It is important to participate as you would on a regular school day and complete your learning to stay on track. Online learning time should be equivalent to a minimum of 5 hours/day.
- Teachers will be providing you with more specific details about your period 1 class on September 8th, please make sure to login and be ready to get to work!

Timetable and Cohort

There is now a Staff/Student Login at dsbn.org and on all school homepages

Students click the link to sign in and will take them to a login page



Enter your student email and password. Instructions are there if you forget your password. Please call our main office for assistance if your child does not have a DSBN email address (905 735-0700). Click on the Aspen button – you will be able to see your timetable and cohort information.

There is also a “student timetable” link which provides graphic instructions.

Return to School Details For Those Who Chose Online Learning

Welland Centennial Secondary School’s September Schedule

[Cohort Online September Schedule – Non- MSIP](#)

Secondary Online Learning

- Students remain part of our school’s classes and with their assigned Centennial teachers
- Students will be using D2L, Brightspace and/or Google Classrooms to access their online classrooms and need to regularly monitor their school email for reminders and notifications
- It is important to participate as you would on a regular school day and complete your learning to stay on track. Online learning time should be equivalent to a minimum of 5 hours/day.
- Teachers will be providing you with more specific details about each of your classes on September 8th, please make sure to login and be ready to get to work!
- You will be expected to log on daily at a specific time in the morning every day for morning announcements and to have your attendance taken, you can then begin completing your work for the day. You will hear from us with more details.
- Students will have online connections to their classroom teacher in different ways throughout their online journey, your teacher will be in touch with you on September 8th to provide you specific instructions
- They will also have access to qualified DSBN teachers in all subject areas throughout every day to support your learning

Registration Forms

- This year, we will be completing registration forms where possible online
- You will be receiving a message through School Cash Online this week with forms requiring your completion

Return of Loaned Items

- If you are returning to school, please bring your loaned items from last school year with you on the first day
- If you are learning at home and have chosen learning online, please contact us to return items you no longer need (eg. textbooks, novels etc.). Please call the school to make arrangements for drop off. There will be no walk-ins allowed.
- If you are not returning to our school, please call the school and schedule an appointment to drop your items off. There will be no walk-ins allowed

Supports Available

Grab and Go Breakfast Program

- Individually packaged items will be available as you enter the school

DSBN Mental Health Guide for Parents

- [Parents' Guide: Mentally Healthy Return to School](#)

Guidance

- I am requesting a timetable change – Fill out the form on our Centennial website (centennial.dsbm.org)

Social Worker and Youth Counsellor

- I would like to request an appointment – please call the school guidance office

I am having difficulty in a course?

- Have you contacted the teacher? – you can ask about in-person and online supports
- Contact Mr. Burattini – Student Success Teacher or Mr. Jackson – Special Education

Need a device or Internet Access?

- Please complete the Request for Technology form on the Centennial website (form available Thursday, Sept 3.)

Need School Supplies

- Please talk to your teacher or contact Mr. Burratini (walter.burattini@dsbn.org)

Niagara Public Health

- Parents and other community members to the general COVID-19 Info-Line, available Monday to Friday from 9:15 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 9:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
 - 905-688-8248 or Toll-free: 1-888-505-6074 press 7, then press 2
 - Parents can also visit our Niagara Parents Social Media accounts for updated information.
[Niagara Parents Facebook](#), [Niagara Parents Twitter](#), [Niagara Parents Live Chat](#)
- Main COVID-19 webpage found at www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/

What if we change our decision about the mode of learning selected during the semester?

- Please contact the Principal for details, students will be able to change their mode of learning during the semester as circumstances arise.

Online Learning

It is important that students are checking their school email daily and logging into D2L Brightspace or your Google Classroom. Your teacher will be providing you with the work you are to be completing, schedules, due dates etc. They will also provide details to you about supports available to assist you in your learning.

Unlike the spring, when we transitioned to emergency remote learning, online learning will consist of approximately 300 minutes per day where students are completing synchronous, asynchronous or independent learning.

[How to Access D2L and Google Classroom](#) - (open this link for instructions)

What To Bring on the First Day of School

1. Complete the Covid Self Assessment at home before you leave for school, and stay home if you are unwell <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/pdf/screening-tool-colour.pdf>
2. Make sure you have a mask and a brown paper bag to place it when you are eating
3. Any loaned items to return to the school
4. Bring a refillable water bottle with your name on it
5. Bring food/snacks that you can eat at your desk or outside on a break
6. Bring a binder, paper and writing materials
7. Dress prepared for the class you are participating in (ie. physical education, a tech shop, hospitality). Change rooms will not be available for students,

Health and Safety When Attending School

Where to enter our school

- If you are taking a school bus or being dropped off – you will enter through the front doors of the school.
- If you walk to school - you will enter through the back doors beside the gym.
- Students being dropped off or walking should not arrive at school before 9:45 am.

When you arrive at school

- Make sure you have completed the Covid assessment
- Ensure you are wearing your mask
- Enter in the door indicated on the map above
- Maintain physical distancing
- Use hand sanitizer
- Head straight to class (15 minutes before the bell time)
- If you arrive on a bus, or have booked in advance to arrive before 9:40, you can report to the Supervised Morning Study Space located in the cafeteria.
- To avoid congestion at the school, please drop students off at the front doors.

How to Stay Informed?

- Review DSBN Board website www.dsbn.org
- Regularly check your email for communications from the school
- School Website: centennial.dsbn.org
- Follow our school on social media
Twitter: @WCSSCougars @TammyZonneveld
Instagram: wcsscougs
- Contact the school at 905-735-0700 or email cen@dsbn.org

Principal: Mrs. Tammy Zonneveld (tammy.zonneveld@dsbn.org)

Vice Principal: Mr. Roy Zuccarello (roy.zuccarello@dsbn.org)