

Newsletter #15 Friday, November 20, 2020

Quad 2 *NEW: Quad 2 begins this Monday, November 23. We welcome back those students who were with us in Quad 1 as well as some students who are returning to us from the TDSB Virtual Secondary School. Most students should have already received their timetables. They are also available in the TDSB Connects App.

The vast majority of DMCI Quad 1 students will be continuing with in-person learning for Quad 2. Less than 15% of students opted to continue their learning on-line with DMCI for Quad 2.

For Quad 2, some cohorts will be all in person and some will be all virtual. Slightly over 20% of our cohorts will be a combination of students learning together on-line and in-person simultaneously.

All virtual students should have received an email reminding them that they are virtual and explaining how to read the timetable. If you completed the Google form to indicate that you wished to switch to virtual learning at DMCI and did not receive the email, please contact Mr. Stoitsiadis.

No student who selected in-person learning has been moved to a virtual-only class or vice versa.

DMCI Covid-19 *UPDATE: As of today, Friday, Nov. 20, 2 p.m., we have one active case of Covid in a Gr. 11 student and no active cases amongst staff. All other cases are now considered to be resolved. As a precautionary measure, one group of Gr. 10 students will continue self-isolating until the end of the day on Monday.

If a student or staff has tested positive for Covid-19 or has been a close contact of someone who has, they must self-isolate as per Toronto Public Health direction and may only return to school once they have been cleared to do so. Please inform the school immediately if you ever test positive for Covid-19 or have been a "close contact" of someone who has tested positive.

Please ensure that you and your families always follow Toronto Public Health protocols both inside the building and also, very importantly, at all times in the community, at home, etc. Toronto Public Health did not find evidence of transmission inside the school building. This is excellent! At the same time, all of our actions anywhere have an impact on everyone here so it is essential that everyone follows the protocols everywhere in order to maintain everyone's safety. For confidentiality reasons, we are not able to provide detailed information about active or resolved Covid-19 cases, however, if you have specific questions or concerns about Covid-19 and DMCI, please feel free to contact Mr. Bushell at 416-395-3190, ext. 20010.

Asynchronous Attendance *NEW: Teachers are now required to take attendance during the Asynchronous periods for all students. Teachers will be sharing attendance instructions with students via Google Classroom, Brightspace or email. Students are to login each morning of their Asynchronous period at 9 am, complete the Google Form (or alternate instructions provided by the teacher) then log off again. A reminder that the Asynchronous period is a time for students to do independent work on homework, projects or any other outstanding tasks provided by teachers.

Quad 1 Report Cards (In-person and Virtual Schools) *NEW: Final Quad 1 report cards will be distributed to students and parents/guardians via email for all DMCI and Virtual school students the week of November 30th.

Beyond 8 Presentation *NEW: Grade 8 Students and their families are encouraged to view the DMCI Beyond 8 video with the link below. It is also posted on the TDSB website. You are also invited to join the

Beyond 8 online information session on Tuesday, November 24 at 6:30 p.m. It will begin with a Cyber Arts presentation at 6:30 p.m. followed by information on our Gifted program. At the end of these presentations, Mr. Bushell, Principal of DMCI, will answer any questions you may have about DMCI. More information regarding programs and Optional Attendance at DMCI and the link to our Zoom presentation can be found by clicking [here](#).

Individual Education Plans (IEP;s) *NEW: Please return signed IEP's to Assistant Curriculum Leader Natalie Veneziale in Room 107.

Winter Weather *NEW: As winter weather and conditions approach please make sure to dress in weather appropriate clothing on school grounds and for when classes have their breaks and/or go for walks.

Post Secondary Information for Families *NEW: To help families make sense of the post-secondary admissions process during COVID-19, the TDSB will be hosting a Post-Secondary Information Session for Parents that focuses on the OUAC (Ontario University Application Centre) and OCAS (Ontario Colleges Application Service) application process and important information related to how applications and admissions are being managed during COVID-19. After a brief overview of the post-secondary application process participants will hear briefly from some of our post-secondary institutions. Presenters include: OCAS, Centennial College, Seneca College, George Brown College, Humber College, University of Toronto, Ryerson University, and York University. This event will take place on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00pm to 8:15pm, via Zoom. [Click here](#) to join the event on Tuesday evening (Passcode: 130289). The Zoom will be available for joining at 6:45pm. Families who require an interpreter can [click here](#) to request Interpretation Services for the event.

Students Not Feeling Well *REMINDER: Families and students are reminded that if students are feeling unwell then they MUST stay home and follow the COVID protocol. Please ensure you take the time to look at the REVISED [Student Screening Poster](#). **On no account should students attend school if they are feeling unwell / have symptoms.** In this situation, students will be immediately isolated and families will be called to come pick up the student. Families should have a 'pick-up' plan ready in the event this happens. **If a student is sent home because they are showing symptoms a “[Return to School Form](#)” needs to be filled out and signed.** This form will be given to the student and family. If a student is ill off-site we can scan/send the form. We strongly encourage students to get tested if they are showing symptoms.

Upcoming Events:

Dec 2 - DMCI Parent Council Meeting 7pm

Dec 8 - Early Closing (Staff Meeting)

Dec 18 - Quad 2, Term 1 ends

Dec 18-Jan 3 - Winter Break

Jan 4 - Quad 2, Term 2 begins