

Newsletter #4 September 16

Dear Don Mills CI Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Students:

We are sending a newsletter mid-week this week as there are really important updates to share as we get closer to returning to school. We kindly ask that families take the time to really go through the updates from the TDSB and links to help ensure a safe return to an extremely different school year. Also, The TDSB also provides regular updates on its [Return to School Webpage](#).

Student Timetables: The Quad 1 student timetables were sent to student's TDSB email account via School Messenger between today. The timetable is password protected using the format of student birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY). Face-to-Face classes will run from 8:45am-12:30pm and students will attend twice out of every four day cycle. Students are also expected to attend afternoon virtual classes from 2:00pm-3:15pm. Timetables will look a little bit different this year. To help clarify how this all works please click on [How To Read Your Timetable](#).

Start of School: The start date for Don Mills Collegiate has been adjusted to Thursday, September 17. Students in cohort A of their first class ONLY will be expected at school. Online classrooms will be established prior to September 17 – all students must check their TDSB student email accounts by Wednesday September 16, 2020. Teachers are also phoning students so ensure to check your voicemail. Students in Cohort B of their first class will attend on Friday, September 17.

Staggered Start & Finish: For the first two days of school (September 17 - Day 1 & September 18 - Day 2) there will be a staggered start and finish to the school day:

- Grades 9 & 11 - 8:45am - 12:15pm
- Grades 10 & 12 - 9:00am - 12:30pm

Health Pass and Screening App to Enter School: When students arrive at the school for the first day, they will need to follow a number of new procedures to gain entry to the building. First, they will need to do a COVID self-assessment and create a record of this using either an online app or paper version. Details on this process can be found here: www.tdsb.on.ca/healthscreening

A self-assessment for students can be verified two ways:

- [TDSB Health Screening App](#) (web-based or phone app)
- [TDSB Student Health Pass](#) (paper)

Families are asked to use the “Now Mobile” Health Screening app each day. It can be accessed from a desktop computer or through the free app. Each day, when self-screening is performed at home through the app, students bring the QR code for quick scanning at the door. Instructions for using the app can be found here [LINK](#). When this is not possible, a daily [Health Pass](#) must be printed, signed and sent to school with the student. All students will sanitize their hands upon entry and be wearing a mask/ face covering. Details about mask protocols can be found here: [TDSB Mask Information](#).

Each student will receive 2 washable masks in the first two weeks of school. We also have a limited supply of masks for students at entry points.

Student Timetable Changes: 2020-2021 timetable changes will take place remotely using a Google form. The deadline to complete a timetable change request is Monday September 21, by 8:45am. This is a firm deadline and the course change form will be closed promptly at the deadline. Please review your student timetable very carefully. If you are interested in a timetable change and you meet the criteria set for timetable changes below, use the correct grade link to submit a timetable change.

Only students who meet the criteria below will be eligible for timetable changes.

- Students with incomplete timetables
- Grade 12 students who need a pre-requisite course for university qualifications.
- Grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 students who completed OR did not complete a summer school or private school credit.
- Students who have an urgent timetable issue

Grade 9 timetable changes, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/>

Grade 10 timetable changes, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/>

Grade 11 timetable changes, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/>

Grade 12 timetable changes, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/>

*** Due to course cancellations and the reduced number of sections offered as a result of students moving to the TDSB Virtual School, VERY LIMITED timetable changes will be possible. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and patience as we process everyone's request.**

Student Life Info! Hey DMCI, our Student Council (SAC) has an amazing Instagram account filled with important and exciting information about Student Life at Don Mills. Join us @dmcisac SAC will be hosting our first-ever virtual live-streamed orientation on Wednesday, September 16th at 2 pm for new and returning DMCI students. Be sure to tune in on our Instagram @DMCISAC for a tour of the building, a demonstration of the new safety protocols, and a live Q&A. See you all there!

Resetting Username & Password (to get into app): **Resetting Username and Password to get into the app:** Students have been downloading and attempting to access the TDSB app, but are having login issues. If you need your password reset please email Daniela.Agostino@tdsb.on.ca. Password are typically re-set to "[shared secret](#)"

Visitors - If someone needs to visit the school, they need to go to the screening station at the main entrance. All visitors MUST sign in when they enter the building and sign out when they leave the building.

School Map - Screening stations are outlined on the [Don Mills CI Floor Map](#).