

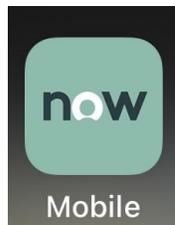
Principal's Message for First Day of School

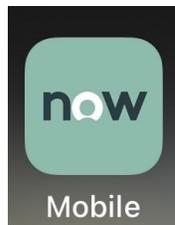
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

For all returning and new students to Don Mills I would like to express a sincere welcome back to the school year 2021-2022! My name is Arnold Witt and I have the honour to serve as your Principal.

School will begin on September 9 and we are very excited to meet your son or daughter. There are various safety protocols in place such as HEPA filters in every classroom. To read up on all the TDSB safety protocols and details you can follow the TDSB website information on [TDSB Return to School Update](#).

Students should aim to arrive in school by 8:45 A.M. to be on time to first class at 9 A.M. There are two main doors open for students to arrive – the main doors at the front and the back doors by caretaking. We encourage students to come in through the back to help balance the flow of people entering the building. A reminder for all parents/caregivers dropping off students in the back, that there is not exit on the north driveway, so cars will have to turn around and exit the way they came in.



Students will need to click on their  app and complete the questionnaire to



receive their Based on the information you have provided, you are cleared to enter TDSB schools this today. This screening/clearance is valid for the day.  to enter the school. Try to make this the first thing to do when waking up, so that upon arrival students can show the app to the Greeter at the door and go straight to class. Please maintain social distancing of 2m when walking to class and always **STAY TO THE RIGHT** when walking. This will help with all the flow in the building. There are no lockers this year to help avoid close gatherings so prepare to have a carrying bag or container for any food items or necessary items needed for class.

Our schedule this year has the first two courses in the first two days, and the week after it will switch to the next two courses for week 2. Students will receive their timetable by Wednesday, September 8 via the [TDSB CONNECTS APP](#)

Below is the schedule as a visual:

Modified Semester for TDSB Secondary Schools for 2021-2022
June 25, 2021

WEEK 1					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 – 11:30 am (2hr.30min/150 min)	Course 1	Course 1	Course 1	Course 1	Course 1
11:30 – 12:15 pm	LUNCH				
12:15 - 2:45 pm (2hr.30min/150 min)	Course 2	Course 2	Course 2	Course 2	Course 2
WEEK 2					
Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 – 11:30 am (2hr.30min/150 min)	Course 3	Course 3	Course 3	Course 3	Course 3
11:30 – 12:15 pm	LUNCH				
12:15 - 2:45 pm (2hr.30min/150 min)	Course 4	Course 4	Course 4	Course 4	Course 4

There will be some organization of short breaks for students during the 150 minutes of learning. Lunch is 45 minutes and the cafeteria service will open on September 13, so please plan to bring some food for lunch for the first two days. There will be safe space seating in the cafetorium and spaces throughout the halls and the school grounds for students to safely eat. As we are an environmental school, we encourage of course that all garbage be put in the appropriate receptacles to maintain the cleanliness of the school.

Photo-day is on September 15 and will be done with safe, social distancing.

I am very excited to be working with you as partners to help in every way to make this year's experience at Don Mills CI the absolute best! Please don't hesitate to reach out to me and ask questions or just say hello!

Best,

Arnold Witt (he, him)
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“If my mind can conceive it, and my heart can believe it—then I can achieve it.”

– Muhammad Ali