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Dear Students/Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the start of the 2021-2022 school year! We hope that you are having an enjoyable summer and that you have had the opportunity to relax and spend time with friends and family.

As we enter a new school year, we come with a renewed sense of optimism with the knowledge that in-school teaching and learning is happening once again. Yeah!!!

We recognize that the past school year has been challenging and that the next few months will continue to bring new experiences. We are confident however, that just as we have successfully managed the changes in the past, we will continue to adjust accordingly, and students will continue to flourish and enjoy what we hope we be a wholesome school experience. Thank you to our families for your support in the past and your continued support as move forward with the school opening.

School Schedule

School will officially begin on Thursday, September 9th, 2021. The school year will be operating on a two Semester model (semester one September 9 – February 1st and semester two February 3rd – June 29th). During each semester students will take up to a maximum of 4 credit courses.

Our school will be running a week one, week two schedule on rotation. **Note that September 9th & 10th will follow the Week 1 schedule.** Students will attend their course 1 & 2 classes for those two days. Week beginning September 13th will follow the Week 2 schedule. Students will attend courses 3 and 4 on their timetable for the duration of the week. We will then rotate back to the week one schedule. Please refer to the schedule below for further information including start and end times.

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

If a student has not received their timetable please email to YMCI Office Assistant Mrs. .Bitaxi at pat.bitaxi@tdsb.on.ca and she will follow up with you.

Transition/Move On Up Days

We will be hosting a Move On Up day for our grade 9 students on Wednesday, September 1st. Further information about this event will be sent to grade 9 students and their families in a separate email.

We will also be hosting a transitions orientation day for all students within our Developmental Disabilities program on Friday, September 3rd. A separate email has been sent to the families.

Advance thanks to the staff members and student volunteers who will be planning and/or assisting during these two funs filled events.

Changing of Timetables

Students were mailed via Canada post and emailed (to their TDSB account) their timetables at the beginning of July 2021. For some students, their initial course choices were substituted for an alternate elective in order to provide them with a full timetable. Also, many of our

students have taken additional credits at summer school or through e-learning and as a result may need to revise their timetables. In addition, students who were unsuccessful in attaining a credit may also need to re-enrol in the course. It is these students mentioned who will be given priority to revise their timetables this school year.

Once the guidance counsellors have assisted these students, all other students will have the opportunity to speak to our guidance counsellor about potential timetable changes.

Please note that once a class is full we CANNOT add more students to the class, this applies even if several students in the class are learning remotely. There are contractual agreements which limit the number of students that a teacher can have in any one class and we are legally obligated to adhere to these numbers.

We shall be doing our utmost to accommodate student requests to the best of our ability within the tight restrictions that we have. Once a change is made, we will not be making additional changes to a student's timetable.

For students wishing to adjust their timetable, you can request an appointment with a guidance counsellor by completing the Guidance Google Appointment Request form. Please click on the following link to make your appointment.

<https://forms.gle/jRyxTT32z7JxFz7q7>

Your Guidance Counsellors for semester one are Mr. Vujacic (counsellor for students with LAST names A-L) and Mrs. Ostermann (counsellor for students with LAST names M-Z). Please note with Mrs. Saylor being on paternity leave (I am happy to announce that she had a beautiful baby girl in July) our two Guidance Counsellors we be busier than ever, so we thank you in advance for your patience as they work towards responding to each student request.

Guidance Google Classroom Codes:

Grade 9 mi5xgov

Grade 10 kc25v54

Grade 11 ly46aeg

Grade 12 b6o73mx

Future Updates

We will be emailing further information to families in the coming days with regards to school start up, student fees (\$50), information regarding how we will accommodate our remote learners and the safety measures and protocols that will be in place for the students and staff who will be attending in school.

Whilst our office is now open, students and/or families wishing to visit the school in- person are asked to **make an appointment and receive confirmation prior to coming to the building.**

As always please do not hesitate to contact the main office at (416) 394-3000 or an administrator if you have any questions. A copy of this letter as well as additional Information can also be found on the school website.

Wishing you a wonderful rest of the summer!

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