

September 4th, 2020

Good afternoon Student, Parents and Guardians,

I am emailing to update you on recent changes that have occurred that will directly affect our reopening of school.

Yesterday late afternoon all secondary schools received information from the TDSB in regard to a decrease in staffing numbers at the local school to accommodate the need for staff to teach remote (virtual) learning.

As a result of this decision York Memorial will have 7 full time teachers and one half time teacher (7.5 teachers) teaching this year within the remote learning setting. The impact of this on the school is simple – **we will once again have to re-timetable the school.**

Current school numbers are that 620 students have opted for hybrid learning (in school) and 143 students have opted for remote (virtual schooling). This means that approximately 310 students will be in school on rotation on a daily basis.

Unfortunately re-timetabling takes time, especially if you want to honour student's first and second choices. As a result of this new change we will not be able to give out timetables as promised starting Tuesday, September 8th, instead we will be moving all timelines back. Please see below the revised changes:

Thursday, September 10th	Grade 12 Students
Friday, September 11th	Grade 9 Move on Up Day (special event 😊)
Monday, September 14th	Grade 11 Students
Tuesday, September 15th	Grade 10 Students

Whilst we understand the frustrations these last minute changes may cause, rest assured the administration, front office and guidance team are working extremely hard to ensure that your child receives their preferred programming with the great teachers they have grown to respect and appreciate.

This is extremely challenging times and we continue to respond to the constant changes that occur. Your child's best interests however, will always be at the forefront of any decision that we as a school make.

Thanking you for your patience and understanding. Wishing you a great long weekend.

Principal Drummond