

December 23 2020

To: PATTISON HIGH SCHOOL students, families, custodians and guardians

Return to school for the Winter 2021 semester

The two week Fall Semester / Winter Semester break for 2020-2021 comes to a close on Sunday January 3, soon after New Year's Day. On Monday January 04, we start the new semester.

With the development and distribution of COVID-19 vaccination in Canada, our communities are becoming increasingly safer. School settings have long been determined to be the safest of environments and vaccination will increase protective measures outside of the school.

We are looking forward to the return of our student community, and the beginning of another 15 weeks of the collaborative inquiry learning experience. This starts with period one on the Monday.

The school is inviting an orderly return to the classroom, starting on Wednesday January 06. The school can accommodate a limited number of students for return, and those students must be recently cleared through the completion of the Classroom Return Questionnaire that was originally sent to all students in early June 2020, and again on August 28 2020. If you previously completed the questionnaire, it is necessary to update your responses to the questionnaire.

In order to be considered for the return to the classroom procedure, it is necessary to complete the question which can be found at the hyperlink < hyperlink >

Once the Student Services Coordinator receives this from you, it will be reviewed and you may confirm with your advisor that you can arrive to the school on the agreed day. You must not come to the school before you have been notified that your <u>Classroom Return Questionnaire</u> is accepted. Students are issued a receipt that acts as an 'entry ticket' in order to be able to enter the class.

The first days of the Winter 2021 semester will proceed much as the Spring 2020 and the Fall 2020 semesters were conducted, with classes online using the Microsoft TEAMS platform. Students in the classroom will also be on the TEAMS platform, with the addition of face-to-face engagement with the teacher and other students in the class.

Everyone in the classroom setting is required to be two metres [six feet] from one another and wearing a face mask.

The school encourages you to complete the <u>Classroom Return Questionnaire</u> soon, so that we may start the planning procedure to place students in classrooms. The placement of students in classrooms may follow a schedule where there is alternating physical versus virtual attendance.

If you have questions please contact your advisor, or the Student Services Coordinator. We are at the school every day, and we are pleased to talk with you.

Continue with staying healthy and safe
Thank you,
Mr Chowne
Principal

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