

**BULLETIN #6** Return to full time in class instruction

July 9, 2021 Friday

Dear Pattison High School community,

In response to guidance from, and compliance with, the BC Public Health Office and the BC Ministry of Education, Pattison High School is gradually implementing a class by class, full time return to in-class attendance starting on Tuesday July 13, 2021. The teachers will send their requests to the students directly.

The school is mindful that it transitioned from the in-class teaching experience to on-line instruction on the TEAMS platform very quickly in mid-March 2020. Since May 2020, the school has been operating in a hybrid format where some students were kept safe through physical distancing measures in classrooms and others were online.

Increasingly, many students have chosen to attend school in person, where we continue in the Spring 2021 semester with physical distancing measures, the wearing of masks, and the continual cleaning of all surfaces. All this has contributed to a zero incidence of COVID-19 exposure in the school. Pattison High School has remained a completely safe learning environment since the outbreak of the pandemic.

In the course of operating in a hybrid format since May 2020, students and teachers have recognized the challenges of benefiting from the full range of educational experiences. Many have become exhausted from living that experience through computer screens.

Pattison High School wishes to support all students wanting to maximize their educational potential, and to bring the learning community 'back together' for the academic enjoyment of all. Therefore, the school is gradually implementing the return to full time in-class attendance starting from Tuesday July 13<sup>th</sup> and continuing to the last day of the current semester on Friday August 13<sup>th</sup>.

From September 7, 2021, all students are required to be in-class full time attendance, entering into the 2021-2022 school year, consistent with BC Ministry of Education requirements.

Any student, or family, for whom there is a residual concern about in-class attendance is invited to present that concern to the Advisor and the Principal. We will help you to process the concern, and realize the increased benefits of the classroom experience.

Please note that the school will continue to make use of the TEAMS platform in circumstances where a newly arriving student is in quarantine, including the provision of orientation for new students.

Pattison High School is able to report that, effective Friday July 9, ninety-five [95%] percent of staff and faculty have been fully vaccinated. It is our expectation that all students will be fully vaccinated by August 31 2021.

As always, students who are experiencing symptoms that appear to be consistent with the COVID-19 virus are required to quarantine at home and inform their advisor and their teachers. A quarantine period of 48 hours provides enough time for symptoms to pass and, if these symptoms continue – the student should be tested for infection.

Thank you for receiving this message. Stay safe and well.

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Pattison High School