

Questions About Caledonia Secondary School

What Will School Look Like Now?

How many blocks are in a day?

YOUR COURSES ARE NOW 9 WEEKS IN LENGTH. THERE WILL BE TWO BLOCKS PER DAY, WITH A FLEX BLOCK IN THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON FOR THOSE STUDENTS THAT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT OR HOMEWORK TIME.

Do all students have to attend the flex blocks, even if they are caught up?

THE FLEX BLOCK TIMES ARE IN PLACE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO THOSE STUDENTS THAT NEED IT. ATTENDANCE IN THE FLEX BLOCK TIMES IS NOT MANDATORY, SO STUDENTS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE ANY ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE OR HOMEWORK TIME WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THOSE TIMES. THE FIRST BLOCK OF INSTRUCTIONAL TIME EACH DAY BEGINS AT 9:35 AM. ALL STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND BEGINNING AT THAT TIME. AT THE END OF THE LAST INSTRUCTIONAL BLOCK BEFORE THE AFTERNOON FLEX TIME, STUDENTS WHO DO NOT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT CAN BE DISMISSED AT 2:49 PM.

What will be the expectation of bus students, who are dropped off and picked up at set times?

IN THE MORNING, ANY STUDENT WHO ENTERS THE BUILDING WILL BE ASKED TO REPORT TO EITHER THEIR BLOCK 1 OR BLOCK 2 TEACHER, STARTING AT 8:40 AM WHEN THE MORNING WARNING BELL GOES. STUDENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO SIT IN THE HALLWAYS OR COMMON AREAS OF THE SCHOOL. STUDENTS NOT WANTING TO REPORT TO A TEACHER FOR MORNING FLEX WILL BE ASKED TO STAY OFF OF SCHOOL PROPERTY UNTIL THE START OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL BLOCK AT 9:35 AM.

IN THE AFTERNOON, STUDENTS WHO CHOOSE NOT TO STAY FOR THE FLEX TIME AT THE END OF THE DAY WILL BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL AS SOON AS THEIR AFTERNOON CLASS IS FINISHED. BUS STUDENTS REMAINING IN THE BUILDING DURING AFTERNOON FLEX TIME WILL NEED TO BE WITH EITHER THEIR BLOCK 1 OR 2 TEACHER. IF THEY CHOOSE NOT TO STAY FOR FLEX, THEY WILL BE EXPECTED TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL LIKE OTHER STUDENTS, AND CAN RETURN FOR THEIR AFTERNOON BUS.

How long is lunch? Where do the students eat?

LUNCH IS 40 MINUTES LONG. STUDENTS CAN EAT AT TABLES IN MARKED SEATS TO ENSURE SOCIAL DISTANCING. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO GO HOME FOR LUNCH, THIS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO DECREASE STUDENT DENSITY IN THE BUILDING. SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASKS WILL BE MANDATORY IN THE HALLWAYS DURING LUNCH.

How will breaks in the day occur besides lunch?

MORNING AND AFTERNOON CLASSES WILL BE GIVEN STAGGERED BREAK TIMES TO REDUCE TRAFFIC IN THE HALLWAYS AND WASHROOM DENSITY. STUDENTS WILL BE ASKED TO STAY IN THEIR CLASS GROUPING FOR THE BREAK TO REDUCE CONTACTS WITH OTHER STUDENTS. SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASKS WILL BE MANDATORY IN THE HALLWAYS DURING BREAKS.

How will students enter the building, and what happens when they enter?

TO REDUCE STUDENT CONTACTS, THERE WILL BE THREE ENTRANCES THAT STUDENTS CAN USE TO ENTER AND EXIT THE BUILDING:

- 1. WEST LOCKER BAY ENTRANCE BY STUDENT PARKING LOT**
- 2. EAST LOCKER BAY ENTRANCE BY STAFF PARKING LOT**
- 3. FRONT ENTRANCE BY MAIN OFFICE**

STUDENTS WILL BE ASKED TO REMAIN SOCIALLY DISTANT (6 FEET) OF EACH OTHER WHILE ENTERING AND EXITING THE BUILDING. THERE WILL BE HAND SANITIZING STATIONS AT EACH ENTRANCE. STUDENTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO SANITIZE THEIR HANDS EACH TIME THEY ENTER THE BUILDING.

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What happens when a student fails a course?

IF THE COURSE IS A REQUIRED COURSE THEN THE COURSE IS REPEATED THE NEXT SEMESTER OR THE NEXT YEAR.

Are all courses semestered?

NO. JAZZ BAND, CHOIR AND YEARBOOK ARE YEAR LONG COURSES

How much homework can a student expect?

IN A QUARTERED SYSTEM YOU CAN EXPECT APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR EACH NIGHT PER ACACEMIC COURSE. MORNING AND AFTERNOON FLEX TIME WILL HELP REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF HOMEWORK YOU HAVE, SO ALL STUDENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND USE THESE TIMES TO THEIR ADVANTAGE.

Who can give a student extra help if they need it?

ALL TEACHERS OFFER EXTRA HELP SESSIONS FOR THEIR STUDENTS. FLEX TIME IS A WAY FOR STUDENTS TO ACCESS THIS TIME DURING THE REGULAR SCHOOL DAY.

Is there wifi?

YES. THIS YEAR, STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR OWN LAPTOP OR OTHER INTERNET READY DEVICE TO REDUCE CONTACTS WITH SHARED DEVICES. WIFI WILL BE ACCESSIBLE ALL DAY FOR STUDENTS.

Where does a student get food if they are hungry?

THERE IS A BREAKFAST CLUB IN THE CANTEEN AREA EVERY MORNING FROM 8:20 -8:40 AM. THERE WILL BE OTHER FOOD OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS.

Is there a school nurse?

NO, BUT WE HAVE FIRST AID ATTENDANTS THAT DEAL WITH INJURIES AND HEALTH CONCERNS.

How many counselors are there?

TWO. MRS. MULDER IS THE COUNSELLOR FOR STUDENTS WHOSE LAST NAMES BEGIN WITH A – K. MRS. CHANT IS THE COUNSELLOR FOR STUDENTS WHOSE LAST NAME BEGINS WITH L – Z.

Can a student see a counselor whenever they want?

COUNSELLORS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS, AT LUNCH AND AFTER SCHOOL. LEAVE THEM A NOTE IN THEIR DOOR BASKET AND THEY WILL CONNECT WITH YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WHERE POSSIBLE, THEY MAY TRY TO CONNECT WITH YOU BY MICROSOFT TEAMS TO AVOID UNNECESSARY IN-PERSON CONTACTS.

What extra-curricular activities/clubs are at Caledonia? (besides musical, choir and band) Will they still be able to run due to Covid-19?

DRAMA CLUB, STUDENTS' COUNCIL, ATHLETICS, PHYSICS CLUB, INTERACT ETC. ARE ALL CLUBS THAT HAVE BEEN OPERATING AT CALEDONIA. THERE WILL BE INFORMATION COMING OUT SOON TO STUDENTS ABOUT HOW THESE ACTIVITIES MIGHT BE OCCURRING DUE TO COVID-19.

If a student wants to change their timetable, do they get to choose where and when the class is or is it up to the counselor?

THE STUDENT GIVES THEIR COUNSELLOR THEIR REQUEST FOR A CHANGE AND THE COUNSELLOR CHECKS TO SEE IF THE CHANGE CAN HAPPEN, AND IF IT CAN THEN A NEW TIMETABLE IS GIVEN TO THE STUDENT. COURSE CHANGE REQUEST FORMS ARE LOCATED ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE UNDER THE 'PARENT AND STUDENT' MENU. YOU CAN FILL IN THE FORM USING THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE AND EMAIL IT TO YOUR COUNSELLOR FOR CONSIDERATION.

How many terms are in the school year?

THERE ARE FOUR QUARTERS THIS SCHOOL YEAR. YOU WILL COMPLETE 2 COURSES IN EACH QUARTER AND THEN BEGIN TWO NEW COURSES.

When do the doors open/close in the morning/afternoon?

THE DOORS ARE UNLOCKED AT 7AM. THE DOORS ARE LOCKED AT 3:45PM. DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS, STUDENTS WILL NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE GYM AND WEIGHT ROOM OUTSIDE OF STRUCTURED TIMES. STUDENTS ENTERING THE BUILDING BEFORE THE START OF FLEX TIME IN THE MORNING WILL BE EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING FROM OTHER STUDENTS.

If a student is sick, is it possible for someone to pick up the missed work if it is only for a day? If not, this will be an issue as students can get heavy workloads.

REQUESTS FOR WORK MISSED AT SCHOOL ARE DONE WHEN A STUDENT IS ABSENT FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE DAYS AND PARENTS PHONE THE SCHOOL TO REQUEST A PACKAGE AND THEN PICK UP THE PACKAGE. TEACHERS MAY ALSO HAVE WORK POSTED TO MICROSOFT TEAMS THAT STUDENTS CAN ACCESS FROM HOME IF THEY ARE SICK. STUDENTS WHO MISS ONE DAY OF SCHOOL SHOULD MAKE SURE THEY USE FLEX TIMES TO CATCH UP ON MISSED WORK.

If a student leaves on a trip that is not school related, can they take homework or do they get zeros? (I've heard it depends on the teacher?)

CHECK WITH YOUR TEACHER. THERE IS AN EXTENDED LEAVE FORM IN THE MAIN OFFICE THAT NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT AND THE TEACHER. BE ADVISED THAT COURSES MOVE FAST IN A QUARTERED SYSTEM,

AND THAT EXTENDED PERIODS OF ABSENCE WILL MAKE IT VERY DIFFICULT TO BE SUCCESSFUL, PARTICULARLY IN ACADEMIC COURSES.

Is there going to be home rooms this year?

DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS, THERE WILL BE NO HOME ROOM CLASSES THIS YEAR.