

Full day schedule for Vanier grades 10-12 starting April 19, 2021

As we know, students in grades 10-12 will be attending school full days starting April 19th. We recognize that not everyone is in agreement with this decision. However, we will be going forward with all day school for senior students. In creating the new timetable, we needed to have the following criteria involved:

1. A senior timetable that still allows for separation and different bell schedule between the senior students and the junior students.
2. A timetable that took into consideration the amount of change that has already affected students for the past year.

What the new timetable will look like:

1. Keep the same bell schedule that we have now for 10-12s.
2. Keep Day 1 and Day 2 on the same schedule we have now.
3. Each day students will have 2 long classes instead of 4 shorter ones. See examples below.

Current timetable for grade 10-12 students

Day 1		Day 2		
8: 45-10:05 80 minutes	A block	8: 45-10:05 80 minutes	C block	Shift one students
Break	10 minutes	Break	10 minutes	
10:15-11:25 70 minutes	B block	10:15-11:25 70 minutes	D block	Shift one students
Lunch 11:25- 12:35	70 minutes	Lunch	70 minutes	
12:35-1:55 80 minutes	A block	12:35-1:55 80 minutes	C block-	Shift two students
Break	10 minutes	Break	10 minutes	
2:05-3:15 70 minutes	B block	2:05-3:15 70 minutes	D block	Shift two students

New timetable for Grade 10-12 students starting April 19th

Day 1		Day 2	
8: 45-10:05 80 minutes	A block	8: 45-10:05 80 minutes	C block
Break	10 minutes	Break	10 minutes
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Rationale behind this decision included the following:

1. Senior students are already in this bell and lunch schedule and have become accustomed to a day 1, day 2 rhythm. This plan entails the least amount of change.
2. Teachers will have 70 more minutes of classroom time each day to work with students. This will allow more time for field trips, labs, exams, and class projects. The continuity of instruction time flowing into work time should make for more productive use of the time teachers and students have together.
3. With the revised Learning Continuity Requirements, teachers will have more concentrated time to address the learning recovery needs of students who have missed massive amounts of teacher instruction time in the past year. Emphasis can be on more supervised work time and teacher assistance.
4. This is the easiest way for our extra student support teachers to continue to work with students, either in the classroom, or for appointments during “work time” in their current classes.

5. Keeping the long lunch will allow students to access the student support teachers, counsellors, and their classroom teachers for lunch time appointments since they will no longer have their off-shifts to meet with their supports in the school.

Many people were involved in this decision and the plan has been approved by our school council.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact us. Thank you for your cooperation and support during this time of change.

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