

---École Secondaire Régionale Alberni District Secondary School---

*At ADSS we set personal, high-quality standards to become
responsible, independent, life-long learners*



Dear Parents,

In an effort to bring ourselves in line with the recently modified Covid-19 Public Health Order, some adjustments have been made to our daily schedule, for classes at ADSS. There are several expectations within the new protocols, but the most significant of them is to limit hallway congestion. We have looked at several options and have determined that our best way forward is found by looking backwards. Last year, we ran a quarterly system which limited students to two classes per day. This significantly cut the amount of time in hallways, as students were only changing classes once per day.

For the duration of the current Public Health Order, we will be going back to a two class per day system, but it will not be quarterly. Students will instead attend two classes each day, while maintaining a four-class schedule. On alternating days, students will attend two of their classes. On Monday, the first day back to class, students will have their A block class in the morning and their C block class in the afternoon. On Tuesday, they will attend their B block class in the morning and their D block class in the afternoon. This pattern will repeat with A/C and B/D schedules alternating for the duration of the Public Health Order.

Some thought was given to returning to a true quarterly system but going down that road locks us into that system for the entirety of Semester 2. We hold out hope that things will get better, and that come spring, we will be able to switch back to the standard daily schedule.

We will also be reverting to staggered lunch times. Similar to last year, there will be two separate lunch times each day. The difference this year is that there is no requirement for students to be separated into cohorts. Instead, all students will be split into lunch groups based on which floor of the building their morning class is located. Lunches will begin a little later in the day than last year and the cafeteria will be open to both lunch groups.

Finally, we will be adjusting Fridays a little more significantly. Because we have a short day on Friday to begin with, we can manipulate the day to further limit transition times in the hallways. We will still have two classes on Friday, but we will have them back-to-back instead of having a lunch break between them. This will result in the second class of the day ending at 11:30am. Students may leave at that time if they choose, but there will also be a tutorial block from 11:35 until 12:27. This tutorial block will be much like the daily X block that was offered last year. It will allow students to meet with teachers and take care of things like completing tests and

quizzes that may have been missed due to illness. Buses will arrive at the conclusion of the tutorial block to ensure all students can access this support time.

By cutting out the lunch on Friday and removing the need for class transition times throughout the week, students will spend just under one hour less at school each week but the actual amount of time in class will be identical.

As the weeks move forward, we will continue to assess how these changes are working and adjust accordingly. Any significant changes will be shared with parents. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

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| Mon-Thur 8:35-12:05 Inclusive of Lunch | DAY 1 - Block A DAY 2 – Block B | Top Floor 10:45-11:20 11:20 Class resumes | Bottom Floor 11:30-12:05 Students proceed to their afternoon class after lunch. |
| Mon-Thur 12:15-3:10 | DAY 1 – Block C DAY 2 – Block D | | |

Friday Schedule – ALL CLASSES

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| 8:35-10:00 | Morning Block – Day 1 – Block A - Day 2 – Block B |
| 10:05-11:30 | Afternoon Block – Day 1 – Block C Day 2 – Block D |
| 11:35-12:27 | Tutorial Block <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are available to students during this block • Students must be in a class or in the commons |
| 12:27-1:22 | Lunch for all students and Staff |

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