



H.J. Cambie Secondary School Return to School September 2021 Start-Up

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Welcome to a new school year! I hope this message finds our H.J. Cambie Secondary School families feeling rested after an enjoyable summer, and that students are looking forward to returning on Tuesday, September 7. I want to welcome everyone back to school and give a special welcome to our new incoming grade 8 students as well as any other new students to H.J. Cambie Secondary School. Also, a special welcome back to our grade 12 students; I wish you all the best for a wonderful graduation year.

All students and staff will be required to complete a 'mandatory daily health declaration' each day and must stay home if they are feeling unwell. At school, students and staff must wear a face-covering or mask and will be reminded to wash their hands regularly and, wherever possible, maintain reasonable physical distancing. All surfaces and high touch areas will be thoroughly cleaned every day. Visitors to the school must sign in at the main office and it is strongly recommended that visitors phone ahead and make an appointment. Parents and guardians who drop off or pick up students before and after school are reminded to follow the signs posted outside of the school. All students will learn important health and safety expectations and reminders in the first week of school.

For the 2021-2022 year, all secondary schools in Richmond will be operating on the semester timetable. This means students will enroll in 4 classes from September until January and 4 new classes from February until June. *Please note that on two days a week we will have Personal Learning Time or PLT. PLT creates opportunities for students to engage in learning that is meaningful to them, to collaborate with others, to seek additional learning support from teachers, to develop core competencies and personal organizational skills, and to reflect and set goals for future learning. Essentially, PLT develops and supports learners' abilities to exercise choice and develop independence. Students will learn more about the expectations of PLT in the first two weeks of school.*

Please see the attached documents for references to the following items,

- Health and Safety Protocols
- Semester Schedule and Bell Schedule
- Staff and Student Orientation
- Question and Answer

Please check our [school website](#) for regular updates designed to build on the information shared in the attached documents. Our overall goal is to ensure that all families clearly understand the structures we have put in place for the 2021/2022 school year.

Thanks in advance for your involvement with making this a great year for HJ Cambie Secondary School.

Sincerely,

Michael Jaswal
Principal



Summary of Key Health & Safety Measures

1. Daily Health Declaration

All staff and students are REQUIRED review the [daily health check](#) questions each morning prior to coming to school. Anyone who answers yes to any of the questions in the declaration must stay home and follow the advice of a health care professional.

2. Non-Medical Masks

All staff, students and visitors are REQUIRED to wear a non-medical mask, a face covering, or a face shield (non-medical mask should be worn in addition to the face shield) at all times while in the school building (except while eating or while engaged in high-intensity exercise).

**No student needs to wear a non-medical mask if, for medical reasons, they cannot tolerate it.

3. Handwashing

Regular handwashing is encouraged throughout the day. All members of the school community are expected wash/sanitize their hands upon entry/exit to the building, entry to a learning space, and before and after eating. Students must wash/sanitize their hands before and after using all shared equipment and materials.

4. Cleaning and Disinfecting procedures

Regular cleaning and disinfection are essential for ensuring the health and safety of our students. All areas of the school will be cleaned and disinfected at least once every 24 hours. High-touch surfaces will be cleaned twice every 24 hours.

5. Physical Space

Cohorts and 2m physical distancing are no longer required in schools. All members of the school community are asked to be mindful of the space around them and avoid overcrowding. When possible, use of outdoor space is encouraged.

6. Food in School

Food and beverages should not be shared. Food served at school events and activities (e.g. fundraisers) must be individually wrapped and prepared in a commercial kitchen. Food prepared as part of a learning activity (e.g. a Home Economics class) can be eaten by students in class.



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Semester Schedule and Bell Schedule Reference

Timetable: 2 Semester Schedule – Four Courses Each Semester

The “**Semester Schedule**” has been utilized by post-secondary institutions and secondary schools for many years. All Richmond high schools will adopt and utilize this model during the 2021-2022 as a part of our COVID-19 pandemic response. It consists of a focused calendar where students take four classes at a time rather than eight in Cambie’s traditional linear schedule.

Basics of the 2 Semester Schedule:

- A Semester lasts for approximately 20 weeks or approximately 90 school days.
- Students will take four classes each semester.
- Classes will meet as per student schedules (Draft Student schedules were emailed home on August 31st and now available to view online on MyEdBC – Student Portal).

Semester 1 & 2 Class Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Block A 8:30 am - 9:50 am	Block A 8:30 am - 9:50 am	PLT/Prep 8:30 am - 10:10 am	PLT/Prep 8:30 am - 10:10 am	Block A 8:30 am - 9:50 am
Block B 9:55 am - 11:15 am	Block B 9:55 am - 11:15 am	Block A 10:20 am - 12:15 pm	Block C 10:20 am - 12:15 pm	Block B 9:55 am - 11:15 am
Block C 11:30 am - 12:50 pm	Block C 11:30 am - 12:50 pm	Lunch 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm	Block C 11:30 am - 12:50 pm
Lunch 12:50 pm - 1:35 pm	Lunch 12:50 pm - 1:35 pm	Block B 1:05 pm - 3:00 pm	Block D 1:05 pm - 3:00 pm	Lunch 12:50 pm - 1:35 pm
Block D 1:40 pm - 3:00 pm	Block D 1:40 pm - 3:00 pm			Block D 1:40 pm - 3:00 pm

Semester	DAYS OF INSTRUCTION	Student Attendance
		GRADE 8-12
Semester 1 SEPT 7 – Jan 28	90	100% All students will be in attendance full time
Semester 2 Jan 31– Jun 27	90	100% All students will be in attendance full time

- Grade 8 to 12 students will start at 8:30 am (warning bell at 8:25) and finish at 3pm.
- Students should arrive on time to avoid crowds in the entrances and hallways.
- 15-minute nutrition break between 2nd and 3rd period on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, there will be an in-class break provided.

Personalized Learning Time (PTL)

During PTL time, the school is open to all students, and teachers are onsite. Students will have access to teachers and departments, and a place/space to engage in their learning individually or collaboratively. Supports such as ELL, resource, etc., will be made available to learners during PTL. A range of personalized learning opportunities might include (not an exhaustive list):

- Cross curricular and/or project-based inquiry.
- Enrichment and learning support for individuals or small groups.
- Additional learning support to vulnerable learners.
- Enhancing language acquisition for ELL students across the curriculum.
- Reflection and self-assessment of the Core Competencies.
- Mentoring learners engaged in Independent Directed Study (IDS).
- Community service and/or work experiences.
- Development and presentation of Capstone Projects.
- Support for I removal, incomplete assignments, etc.

Personal Learning Time (PLT) is part of our commitment to enhancing student engagement and personalize learning for all students at Cambie.

The Personal Learning Time (PLT) will be based on 4 Guiding Principles. These principles are in line with our school focus of enhancing student engagement and personalize learning for all students at Cambie, while providing a vision and direction for what we are striving to achieve during PLT.

Personal Learning Time (PLT) guiding principles:

1) Self-directed & Self-Managed

PLT activities requires the active participation of students to self-direct their learning and manage their time and resources.

2) Core Competency Development

Developing the Core Competencies of students is the overall goal of all PLT activities. This is done by embedding core competencies on all PLT activities as the foundation to all learning during this time.

3) Build on passion

Students are more engaged in learning when the PLT activities are purposeful, relevant and grow their interests/passions.

4) Growth Mindset

We strive to foster a 'growth mindset' in Students by ensuring all PLT activities build on their current knowledge and skill set, by offering enriching activities during PLT.



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Start Up Week

CAMBIE'S START UP WEEK - September 8 -11, 2020

- September 6 Labour Day, School Closed
- September 7 Staff and Students return to Cambie
- September 7 8:30 Staff Meeting (Health & Safety Meeting)

All staff will review Health & Safety guidelines for the current year.

This time allows teachers and staff to:

- Adjust to their new routines
- Review health and safety protocols

- September 7 **Student Orientation Assemblies and Homeroom**
 During orientation, students will:
- Get assigned to their classes
 - Prepare for new routines
 - Familiarize themselves with Health and Safety protocols

Student Orientation Assembly Schedule

Time	Tuesday
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Grade 8
11:30 - 12:30 pm	Grade 9 -11
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Grade 12

- September 8 **First Day of Classes – Semester 1**
September 15 **First Day of PLT**

KEY SEPTEMBER DATES:

School Photo Day	September 13, 2021
Meet the Teachers (virtual)	September 23, 2021
Pro-D Day	Friday, September 24
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Thursday, September 30

Our government recently passed legislation to make September 30th a federal statutory holiday called the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. All schools in the Richmond School District will be closed on Thursday, September 30, 2021. This day provides an opportunity for all Canadians to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools. This may present itself as a day of quiet reflection or participation in a community event. Schools in our district will be engaged in a variety of activities leading up to September 30th to reflect on the significance of this day in our community and in our nation.