

Grimsby Secondary School

Return to School Information

September 2020



GSS Families,

I hope that each of you is safe, healthy and doing well. This guide, in combination with the DSBN Parent and Student Guide shared earlier this week, is designed to provide you with important information about how our students will be learning this semester either through the hybrid adaptive model, or fully online.

It is important to note that school starts on September 8th for all students – Cohort A in person, and Cohort B and online students at home.

Our staff is very excited to be starting the school year, although in a bit of a different way.

Please carefully review this guide and let me know if you have any questions.

Mat Miller

Principal, Grimsby Secondary School

Mat.Miller@dsbn.org

Return to School Details For Those Who Have Chosen In-Person Adaptive Learning

Students who have selected this opportunity will be attending school in cohorts and will be completing the rest of their learning online.

Our bell times

- Start of classes 9:50am
- End of classes 1:55pm

September Calendar

[Cohort A September Schedule - MSIP](#)

[Cohort B September Schedule - MSIP](#)

Study Hall

- A supervised study hall will be available daily for students from 8:05am to 9:35am
- It is available for bussed students and other families who contact us in advance by emailing Mrs. Folino (VP) at Jessica.Folino@dsbn.org

Online Learning

- Students will be using D2L Brightspace and/or Google Classrooms to access their online classrooms and need to regularly monitor their school email for reminders and notifications
- It is important to participate as you would on a regular school day and complete your learning to stay on track
- Teachers will be providing you with more specific details about your period 1 class on September 8th, please make sure to login and be ready to get to work!

Timetable and Cohort

There is now a Staff/Student Login at dsbn.org and on grimsbyss.dsbn.org

Students click the link to sign in and will take them to a login page



Enter your student email and password. Instructions are there if you forget your password. Please call our main office for assistance if your child does not have a DSBN email address (905 945-5416). Click on the Aspen button – you will be able to see your timetable and cohort information.

There is also a “student timetable” link which provides graphic instructions.

Return to School Details For Those Who Chose Online Learning

Grimsby Secondary School's September Schedule

[Cohort Online September Schedule - MSIP](#)

Secondary Online Learning

- Students remain part of our school's classes and with their assigned teachers
- Students will be using D2L Brightspace and/or Google Classrooms to access their online classrooms and need to regularly monitor their school email for reminders and notifications
- It is important to participate as you would on a regular school day and complete your learning to stay on track
- Teachers will be providing you with more specific details about each of your classes on September 8th, please make sure to login and be ready to get to work!
- You will be expected to log on daily at a specific time in the morning every day for morning announcements and to have your attendance taken, you can then begin completing your work for the day. You will hear from us with more details.
- Students will have online connections to their classroom teacher in different ways throughout their online journey, your teacher will be in touch with you on September 8th to provide you specific instructions
- They will also have access to qualified DSBN teachers in all subject areas throughout every day to support your learning

Registration Forms

- This year, we will be completing registration forms where possible online
- You will be receiving a message through School Cash Online this week with forms requiring your completion

Return of Loaned Items

- If you are returning to school, please bring your loaned items with you on the first day
- If you are learning at home and have chosen learning online, please contact us to return items you no longer need (eg. textbooks, novels etc.) by sending an email to Mr. Miller at Mat.Miller@dsbn.org
- If you are not returning to our school, please call the school and schedule an appointment to drop your items off

Supports Available

Grab and Go Breakfast Program

- Individually packaged items will be available as you enter the school

DSBN Mental Health Guide for Parents

- [Parents' Guide: Mentally Healthy Return to School](#)

Guidance

- I am requesting a timetable change – fill out a form on our GSS Website (<http://grimsbyss.dsb.org/>) using the Student Support Services box (red box, right hand side, scroll down a bit)

Social Worker and Youth Counsellor

- I would like to request an appointment – fill out a form on our GSS Website (<http://grimsbyss.dsb.org/>) using the Student Support Services box (red box, right hand side, scroll down a bit)

I am having difficulty in a course?

- Have you contacted the teacher? – you can ask about in-person and online supports
- Fill out a Student Support Services request for additional help - – fill out a form on our GSS Website (<http://grimsbyss.dsb.org/>) using the Student Support Services box (red box, right hand side, scroll down a bit)

Need a device or Internet Access?

- Please call our main office at 905-945-5416 or email Mr. Miller (Mat.Miller@dsbn.org)

Need School Supplies

- Please talk to your teacher or contact Mr. Miller (Mat.Miller@dsbn.org)

Niagara Public Health

- Parents and other community members to the general COVID-19 Info-Line, available Monday to Friday from 9:15 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 9:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
 - 905-688-8248 or Toll-free: 1-888-505-6074 press 7, then press 2
 - Parents can also visit our Niagara Parents Social Media accounts for updated information. [Niagara Parents Facebook](#), [Niagara Parents Twitter](#), [Niagara Parents Live Chat](#)
- Main COVID-19 webpage found at www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/

What if we change our decision about the mode of learning selected during the semester?

- Please contact the Principal for details, students will be able to change their mode of learning during the semester as circumstances arise.

Online Learning

It is important that students are checking their school email daily and logging into D2L Brightspace or your Google Classroom. Your teacher will be providing you with the work you are to be completing, schedules, due dates etc. They will also provide details to you about supports available to assist you in your learning.

Unlike the spring, when we transitioned to emergency remote learning, online learning will consist of approximately 300 minutes per day where students are completing synchronous, asynchronous or independent learning.

[How to Access D2L and Google Classroom](#)

What To Bring on the First Day of School

1. Complete the Covid Self Assessment at home before you leave for school, and stay home if you are unwell <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/pdf/screening-tool-colour.pdf>
2. Make sure you have a mask and a brown paper bag to place it when you are eating
3. Any loaned items to return to the school
4. Bring a refillable water bottle with your name on it
5. Bring food/snacks that you can eat at your desk or outside on a break
6. Bring a binder, paper and writing materials
7. Dress prepared for the class you are participating in (ie. physical education, a tech shop, hospitality)

Health and Safety When Attending School

Where to enter our school

- If you are walking, being dropped off, or taking a school bus that lets you off in the front of the school – you enter through the FRONT DOOR (Boulton/Kidd)
- If you are taking a school bus that drops you off at the back of the school, or driving yourself – you enter through the BACK DOOR (Football Field)

When you arrive at school

- Make sure you have completed a Covid assessment
- Ensure you are wearing your mask
- Enter in the door indicated on the map above
- Maintain physical distancing
- Use hand sanitizer
- Head straight to class (15 minutes before the bell time)
- If you arrive on a bus, or have booked in advance, you can report to the Supervised Study Hall located in the Library
- Students being dropped off enter through the front door

How to Stay Informed?

- Review DSBN Board website www.dsbm.org
- Regularly check your the email for communications from the school
- School Website: grimsbyss.dsbm.org
- Follow our school on social media

Twitter: @GrimsbyEagles @MrMillerGSS

Facebook: Grimsby Secondary School

- Contact the school at 905 945-5416

Principal: Mr. M. Miller Mat.Miller@dsbn.org

Vice Principal: Mrs. J. Folino Jessica.Folino@dsbn.org