



## Secondary School TOP TEN

### *...things you need to know about school start-up at PCS for September 2020*

- #10. Students entering Grade 8, 9, and 10 will receive schedules when they come for their first morning at school. Schedules for students in Grade 11 and 12 should be ready for pick-up on Tuesday and Wednesday (Sept. 8 and 9). If you don't pick it up, we'll have it for you on your first day.
- #9. For September 8 and 9, only some grades (learning groups) will attend:  
Tuesday, September 8: Grade 8 students (8:40 – 11:30)  
Wednesday, September 9: Grade 8, 9, and 10 students (8:40 – 11:30)  
All students (Grades 8 – 12) will begin full day attendance on Thursday, Sept. 10.
- #8. For this year, we have spread out arrival times alphabetically and by grade levels.  
Grade 8-10 arrival times: 8:20 (A-I); 8:30 (J-Q); 8:40 (R-Z)  
Grade 11/12 arrival time: Alphabetically if you arrive with siblings, or 8:45 if you come alone.  
\*Once we get into Week 2, Wednesdays will have a late start (9:00/9:10/9:20 arrivals).
- #7. We'll explain the schedule to you when you get to school – for now, we'll just say it has been made simpler to reduce movement and mixing. It is most different for Grade 11 and 12 students, who will take two courses per quarter (instead of 4 per semester).
- #6. Speaking of movement: the main halls and stairways are one-way. Be sure to follow the arrows so we can all be moving in the same direction. Avoid stopping for conversations in the halls.
- #5. To help keep the halls uncrowded and keep us moving, we won't be using lockers. Plan to have a well-organized school bag that you keep with you throughout the day.
- #4. There are two different lunch breaks (Grade 11/12 first and then Grade 8-10). You'll go outside for your 30-minute break and stick to the zone assigned to your learning group. It will be important to pack ready-to-eat snacks and lunch each day. A refillable water bottle is also an important school supply this year.
- #3. Since we'll be taking breaks outdoors, it is important to dress for the weather – and maybe put a rain jacket or umbrella in that well-organized school bag you're packing!
- #2. Masks that cover your mouth and nose must be worn in halls and other common spaces, and will also often be used in classrooms when distancing is a challenge. Be sure to be wearing a mask as you arrive.  
(\*those needing medical exemption should contact the Principal)
- #1. *Yes, it will be different* as we make lots of changes to keep our school community healthy and safe – but *it will be good* to be back together as PACERS!

**DAILY HEALTH CHECK:** *Before coming to school, every staff member and student must assess themselves for symptoms of Covid-19: fever, chills, sore throat, cough, runny nose, nausea, diarrhea, loss of taste/smell, headache, fatigue, muscle aches, dizziness, rash, pink eye.*

**If you have any of these symptoms, you must stay home and call 811 or your health care provider.**