



Bluewater District School Board

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am reaching out to inform you that we have been required to revise our secondary timetable as directed by the Ministry of Education and Public Health.

Whereas we had previously indicated that secondary students would take two courses per quadmester on an alternating Day 1 and Day 2 schedule, we are now required to switch to a Week 1 and Week 2 rotation for the two courses. Each week, students will take one of their courses for the full day each day (e.g., Week 1 – Period A, Week 2 – Period B). This revised schedule, which is supported by the ministry and Public Health, will allow for students to be in one cohort per week, thus limiting the number of contacts for students and staff. Please see the attached calendar at the bottom of this letter.

As a result of this change, I would also like to draw your attention to the following revisions (highlighted in yellow) to the staggered entry schedule we had previously provided for the first week of school.

	Tuesday, September 8	Wednesday, September 9	Thursday, September 10	Friday, September 11
Elementary	JK/SK Students	JK/SK Students Primary: Grades 1, 2, and 3	JK/SK Students Primary: Grades 1, 2, and 3 Junior: Grades 4, 5, and 6	JK/SK Students Primary: Grades 1, 2, and 3 Junior: Grades 4, 5, and 6 Intermediate: Grades 7 and 8
Secondary	Grade 9	Grade 9 Grade 10	Grade 9 Grade 10 Grade 11	Grade 9 Grade 10 Grade 11 Grade 12+ Remote Learning
	Day 1/Period 1	Day 1/Period 1	Day 1/Period 1	Day 1/Period 1

**Students in self-contained classrooms (Special Education) may attend every day.*

Our quadmester dates, instructional days, and exam schedule will be as follows:

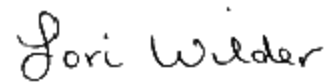
Quadmester	Dates	Instructional Days	Exam Day(s)
1 - Periods 1 and 2	Sept. 8 - Nov. 9	44	Nov. 10 and Nov. 11
2 - Periods 3 and 4	Nov. 12 - Jan. 28	45	Jan. 29 and Feb. 1
3 - Periods 1 and 2	Feb. 3 - April 16	44	April 19, 20, 21
4 - Periods 3 and 4	April 22 - June 23	44	June 24, 25, 28

We understand that this change may not be everyone's preference, and that many families may have based their decision for September to attend school in-person or remotely on our previous quadmester schedule. With this in mind, we are offering the opportunity for anyone wishing to change their registration to contact the school **prior to September 8, 2020**.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please feel free to reach out to the school. I also encourage you to continue monitoring the 'return to school' Q and A on our website for regular updates at www.bwdsb.on.ca/Parents/Return_to_School.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori Wilder". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lori Wilder
Director of Education



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2020–2021 School Year Calendar – SECONDARY QUADMESTER

Week 1 Period 1	Week 2 Period 2	Week 1 Period 3	Week 2 Period 4	E - Exam
Quadmesters 1 and 3		Quadmesters 2 and 4		All Quadmesters

P - Professional Activity Day

H - Statutory Holiday

B - Board Holiday

AUGUST 2020					SEPTEMBER 2020					OCTOBER 2020				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	5	6	7		1 P	2 P	3 P	4 B				1	2
10	11	12	13	14	7 H	8 Quad 1 starts	9	10	11	5	6	7	8	9
17	18	19	20	21	14	15	16	17	18	12 H	13	14	15	16
24	25	26	27	28	21	22	23	24	25	19	20	21	22	23
31					28	29	30			26	27	28	29	30
NOVEMBER 2020					DECEMBER 2020					JANUARY 2021				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2	3	4	5	6		1	2	3	4					1 H
9 Quad 1 ends	10 E	11 E	12 Quad 2 starts	13	7	8	9	10	11	4	5	6	7	8
16	17	18	19	20	14	15	16	17	18	11	12	13	14	15
23	24	25	26	27 P	21 B	22 B	23 B	24 B	25 H	18	19	20	21	22
30					28 B	29 B	30 B	31 B		25	26	27	28 Quad 2 ends	29 E
FEBRUARY 2021					MARCH 2021					APRIL 2021				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1 E	2 P	3 Quad 3 starts	4	5	1	2	3	4	5				1	2 H
8	9	10	11	12	8	9	10	11	12	5 H	6	7	8	9
15 H	16	17	18	19	15 B	16 B	17 B	18 B	19 B	12	13	14	15	16 Quad 3 ends
22	23	24	25	26	22	23	24	25	26	19 E	20 E	21 E	22 Quad 4 starts	23
					29	30	31			26	27	28	29	30
MAY 2021					JUNE 2021					JULY 2021				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
3	4	5	6	7		1	2	3	4 P				1 H	2
10	11	12	13	14	7	8	9	10	11	5	6	7	8	9
17	18	19	20	21	14	15	16	17	18	12	13	14	15	16
24 H	25	26	27	28	21	22	23 Quad 4 ends	24 E	25 E	19	20	21	22	23
31					28 E	29 P	30 B			26	27	28	29	30