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Dear Sackville High Families,

We are continuing to develop our back to school plan, and I would like to share some of the details with you today. I appreciate your patience and hope to have all or most of your questions answered by this letter, plus additional information that will follow.

For additional reference, we have created a 'Back to School' section on our website that will include this and other information, and you can find this by clicking on the 'Our School' link on the homepage or here: <https://svh.hrce.ca/svh/general-information/back-school-plan>

Last week, safety signs and floor decals were installed throughout the building, and this week there were direction arrows placed in hallways to help guide students as they enter the school and walk to and from classes.

Later this week, each student and family will receive an email indicating which homeroom class students are in to start the day on September 8th, the location of the homeroom and which door they are to enter upon arrival.

Further details about opening day will follow. In the meantime please note that things are going to look very different this year, including:

NEW SCHEDULE & BREAK TIMES

- In order to cohort students and limit contact we have changed our schedule, resulting in students taking two classes one day, and two different classes the next. That means most students will be in four different classes every week, with the same class all morning, and another class all afternoon following lunch.
- To limit the number of people in the building, students who have an unscheduled block, or "off-block," are encouraged to remain away from school until they have a class. That means not coming to or staying at school over the lunch block unless necessary. For those who must be present during unscheduled blocks because of transportation or

other reasons, they will be expected to report to the In-school support room and observe scheduled breaks.

- There will be different break times for different classes in the morning and afternoon so that not all students are having a break at the same time.

CAFETERIA

- Unfortunately, there is no food service from our cafeteria, for the moment. Students are encouraged to bring their own lunch or make plans to get food off site. Students will be able to eat in the cafeteria, some classrooms, and other spaces where physical distances can be maintained. Microwaves will not be available.

WATER & VENTILATION

- We are still using bottled water coolers as a source of drinking water, students are encouraged to bring their own full bottle from home to get a start on the day.
- Preventive maintenance checks of our school's ventilation system have been completed to ensure the equipment is operating optimally and in good condition.

GRADE 9 ORIENTATION

- Grade 9 students will go to their first classroom on Tuesday, September 8th, and representatives from Student Council will be providing brief orientation to individual groups in the morning.

You can expect additional information tomorrow, and again on Friday.

Take care.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Sheehan', with a stylized, flowing script.

Shaun Sheehan