

# Information for EDHS Students – September 2021



Dear Elmvale District High School Students,

Welcome Back Eagles! Last year school year was unlike any year we have experienced before. In the face of adversity our students, staff and families consistently rose above, displaying incredible resilience, patience, and kindness. We have learned from this experience and we will bring this knowledge forward so that we can continue to grow together in a positive direction this year.

Our goal is to provide our students and staff with the best possible learning and instructional experience in the safest way possible. We are hopeful that as we move through 2021-2022, we will be able to slowly and safely return to some of the activities and practices you would find in a more typical school year.

We want our families to know and understand that we must continue to take our direction from public health authorities and the Ministry of Education. Many of the protocols and decisions around how our schools operate are mandated based on research, best practice and expert advice.

This year, the vast majority of our students are returning to face-to-face learning. The return to class for our students and staff will be done carefully, with many of the same enhanced health and safety protocols in place as last year to provide our students and staff with a safe place to learn and work.

Once again this year, our plan will focus on ensuring a safe and healthy environment for students and staff. We look forward to yet another year. Despite the challenges we have faced together, we have emerged better and stronger. Looking forward to an amazing school year!

Sincerely,

Mark Ruzyllo  
Principal

## As you prepare for the first day of school, here are some important things you'll need to know.

The first day of school for all students (in-person and remote learning) is **Tuesday, September 7, 2021**.

## School schedule

**Elementary**– please see schedule in table below under 7/8 times.

**Secondary**-The semester one timetable will be based on a modified semester. This means students will take two classes per week, alternating between week A and week B for the full semester. This schedule limits the number of students in a cohort, and it reduces the number of students that come into contact with one another each week.

EDHS DAILY SCHEDULE		
TIME	CLASS	7/8 TIMES
8:50 - 10:05	Per. 1 - Block A 75 minutes	8:50 - 9:40
10:20 - 11:35	Per. 1 - Block B 75 minutes	9:40 - 10:30
		10:30 - 11:20
11:35 - 12:40	Lunch + 5 min travel 65 minutes	Lunch 11:20 - 12:30
12:40 - 1:55	Per. 2 - Block C 75 minutes	12:30 - 1:20
2:10 - 3:25	Per. 2 - Block D 75 minutes	1:20 - 2:10
		Recess 2:10 - 2:35
		2:35 - 3:25

## **Accessing Secondary Student timetable**

You may access your timetable by logging into the student portal. The link to the student portal can be found under the student tab on our school website here: (<http://elm.scdsb.on.ca/>).

Instructions on how to access Timetable through portal here: [Timetable Portal Access](#). Parent Portal can be accessed as well. Instructions on how to create an account here: [Parent Portal](#) and instructions on how to add a student to your parent portal here: [Adding Student to Portal](#)

Guidance staff will be available for timetable questions.

## **Health and safety**

You will be required to wear a face mask while inside the school building. Please wear your own mask that securely covers your nose and mouth. We will provide cloth masks to students who do not have them.

Each morning, you are required to complete a self-screen prior to attending school. The self-screening tool can be found here: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>.

There is a PDF version available here [Covid Screening PDF](#)

If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, you must stay home. You will be required to report your absence by contacting school office staff.

## **Well-being**

We believe that looking after our physical and mental health is essential to our well-being. We are committed to creating an inclusive school environment where students feel safe, welcome, and included.

For helpful information and resources to support student mental health and well-being, visit the [SCDSB web-site](#) or [School Mental Health Ontario](#).

## **Entering and exiting School**

Students will have a dedicated grade entrance. These will be clearly identified with signage on their respective entrance. In keeping with the covid cohorting, we will continue with specific grade washroom facilities to limit contacts.

## **Lunch**

School cafeterias will also be open for student access. The serveries will have limited options available to students, with a grab and go option. Elementary students must have permission to leave school property.

## **Lockers**

Lockers will be made available **the second week of school**. The lockers will be issued in a role out format starting with the grade 12's.

## **Remote learning**

If you indicated in June that you are participating in the remote learning program, you will be contacted by your teacher with instructions for logging on to the remote learning platform. If you did not indicate you would be a remote learner, then you are registered to attend in-person. Changes to learning modes can only be accommodated for semester 2. Classes begin on September 7, 2021.