

May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians of grade 9, 10 and 11 students,

Next year we will be on a linear schedule that alternates day 1 and day 2. On Day 1, the classes are 1234 and on day 2 the classes are 5678. Like this year the morning blocks will rotate while the afternoon block 4 and 8 will be fixed.

Due to increases in enrollment and to satisfy as many student course requests as possible we will be increasing our morning X-block class offerings. For the 2024-2025 school year we will be offering several X-block classes that occur outside the timetable. We currently have music, drama, yearbook, and ELL classes that happen before or after school. Next year we will not have sufficient space to meet the requests of all students without offering additional morning classes.

X-block classes will follow a day 1 or day 2 schedule. This means that an AM X-block day 1 class will always happen on day 1s, and an AM X-block day 2 class will always happen on day 2s.

**X-block morning classes run from 7:15am to 8:25am before flex time.** We recognize an early start is not for everyone, however we know many students that like the early start as they are alert and refreshed, and they also receive a study block in their schedule where they can finish homework during the day freeing up afterschool time. Many students enjoy this altered timetable as it allows them to balance extracurricular activities and part-time employment with their school classes.

| Grade 10 courses                  | Grade 11 courses                 | Grade 12 courses                 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| English 10 New Media              | Precalculus 11                   | French 12                        |
| English 10 Literary Studies       | Spanish 11                       | Spanish 12                       |
| English 10 Spoken Language        | AP Physics 11                    | Precalculus <mark>12</mark>      |
| Fitness & Conditioning 10 (girls) | Fitness & Conditioning 11 (girls | Fitness & Conditioning 12 (girls |
|                                   | or boys)                         | or boys)                         |
| Sciences humaines 10              | Film & TV 11                     | Film & TV 12                     |
| Social Studies 10                 | Foods 11                         | Foods 12                         |
| Metalwork 10                      | Metalwork 11                     | Metalwork 12                     |
| Art Metal 10                      | Art Metal 11                     | Art Metal 12                     |
| Woodwork 10                       | Woodwork 11                      | Woodwork 12                      |
| Science 10                        | Life Sciences 11                 |                                  |

Below is a list of courses we hope to offer as morning x-block classes (pending enrollment):

(highlighted courses reflect changes from original letter sent to parents/guardians)

We will also be offering an AM learning support block. Students must already be referred for learning support to enroll in this course.



Grade 10 students who are taking a blended career education 10 class next year, or taking an online course, can apply for a study block. The study block application can be found <u>here</u>.

If your student would like to enroll in one of these classes and/or take a study block in their timetable, they need to email their counsellor and Cc you as their parent/guardian.

| Counsellor               | Current Grade | Email               |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Ms. Jessa Peers          | 9             | jpeers@sd44.ca      |
| Ms. Erin Malone          | 10            | emalone@sd44.ca     |
| Ms. Vikki Dashkevich     | 11            | vdashkevich@sd44.ca |
| Ms. Katherine Sigurdsson | International | Ksigurdsson@sd44.ca |

## Requests for study blocks or morning x-block classes must be made by Friday, May 31st.

Sincerely,

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