



## Ray Shepherd

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Dear Ray Shepherd Families,

This morning, our school district has provided each school with the autonomy to adjust their in-class instruction schedules in response to low enrolment this week.

Our school, on average, had a return rate of 12% student enrolment on each day. Given a low return rate, and with direction from the district, our school has decided to combine Group A and B days to Monday *and* Thursday for our K-5 learners, Mondays for our Grade 6 learners and Thursdays for our Grade 7 learners.

Please know that this decision was made on the following guiding principles:

- Health and Safety is our number one priority, therefore, we want to limit adult to adult contact as much as we can;
- We want to acknowledge that teachers are still trying to balance both online and face to face instruction; and
- With the virtual program being the focus, teachers need time to focus on that work and support remote learners, which are the majority of their class.
- Some classes, had only one or two students return, and by combining the days, they will now have an opportunity to connect with a larger group of peers

We need to keep front and centre in our mind the Ministry Mandate:

- 2 days/week for K-5;
- 1 day/week for 6,7; and
- Max 50% enrolment on any given day.

Our schedule next week, beginning Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> until the end of June, will be as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
K-5 and 6	Blended learning day  Classes only for ESW and Students who require additional supports	Blended learning day  Classes only for ESW and Students who require additional supports	K-5 and 7	Blended learning day  Classes only for ESW and Students who require additional supports
Essential Services Workers and Students Requiring Additional Support				

Note that children of Essential Service Workers and students who receive additional supports can still attend 5 days a week and will be supported by our Support Staff.

Your classroom teachers will follow-up with more information shortly.

Once again, we appreciate your flexibility and support during this unprecedented time.

Sincerely,

Ray Shepherd Staff