



Guildford Park Secondary School

"Providing Opportunities and Challenges Through Education"

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Welcome back to a new and different school year.

I want to start by thanking the entire staff at Guildford Park for their tremendous work preparation for our utterly different school year. You have done and continue to find creative ways to teach and support our students.

As we come back to a new school year, we all have some anxiety levels for various reasons. Our idea of school has been changed in terms of structures like schedules and time tables. How we enter, exit the building. Remote and in-person learning. Where do we eat lunch? Not to mention the fear we all have, the pandemic. We all share these and many more uncertainties.

All community members need to know that Guildford Park has done and will continue to do everything we can to ensure the building is safe. We will continue to learn and change as needed. However, making any system work requires the cooperation of all members working together for its success. If week one was any indication of us working together, I am so proud to be apart of this community. Our students were outstanding! Our parents/guardians have been supportive and accommodating. Thank you!

That said, we still have some work to do. Students have been outstanding in wearing masks in all common areas, being patient and supportive of school requests. However, we need to work on Social Distancing, though very difficult when we are near our friends, it must be done. Here are some ways we can improve our social distance:

- When eating lunch, please use the entire school grounds, not just the front of the school
- When you arrive at school, enter the building and go straight to your block A class
- Grades 10-12 do not arrive at school earlier than required (8:40 am for 8:50 am class)
- End of the day, exit through the closest door to your classroom, do not sit and socialize with friends at the front of the building.
- Grades 10-12 when in block B, please make sure you are maintaining Social Distancing in the class.

Again, I want to thank the entire Guildford Park community for this past week. It was such a great feeling (different but great) to have people in the building. Together, we will learn, change, and grow as needed to ensure we do our very best for everyone.

Have a great weekend.

Proud Principal,

Brian Tait

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