

# A.N MYER SECONDARY SCHOOL

## Return to School Information

September  
2020



**Hello Marauders and Myer Families:**

Soon you will all be heading back to school - whether that is in person, or virtually. I can tell you that your Myer family has missed you, and is excited to connect with you. I am very honoured and excited to be the Proud Principal of this great school. While there are certainly aspects of school life that are on hold right now, I am looking forward to learning alongside all of you. I have heard so many positive things about your engagement in classroom activities, how you participate in extracurricular activities, and how you display Marauder pride, passion and spirit. Being a part of such a vibrant school community is so very rewarding!

You have already experienced the delivery of “school” in a different format and have worked hard to keep yourselves and others safe as we navigated through this pandemic. While everyone is excited to return to school, it will continue to look and feel very different. We are sending out this communication to make sure that you are prepared as possible for the school start up. Please make sure that you read through the following carefully - and ask questions if you need to!

It is extremely important that we all work together to make our school a safe place. That means that as students you are abiding by the expectations set out here – and that you and your families respect that there are structures put in place that have very little flexibility. We want to stay in school with you, so everyone has a part to do. Please remember to only come to school on the days that you are scheduled, unless you have chosen to learn at home full time. Student’s Council is hosting two live Instagram sessions this Friday at 10:00 am and 12:00 pm – if you have any questions, join us at @myermarauders for some answers! See you on September 8<sup>th</sup>!

**Mrs. Carruthers**

# Return to School Details For Those Who Have Chosen In-Person Adaptive Learning

Students who have selected this opportunity will be attending school in cohorts and will be completing the rest of their learning online.

## Our bell times

- Start of classes is at 10:15
- End of classes is at 2:25

## September Calendar

[Cohort A September Schedule - MSIP](#)

[Cohort B September Schedule - MSIP](#)

[Cohort SSTC September Schedule - MSIP](#)

## Study Hall

- A supervised study hall will be available daily for students who be arriving before 10:00am. All other students are asked to not arrive before that time. If there are extenuating circumstances, you are asked to call the main office to discuss.
- Grade 9 students will report from the bus to the cafeteria
- Grade 10 and 11 students will report from the bus to the gymnasium
- Grade 12 students will report from the bus to the Learning Commons

## Online Learning

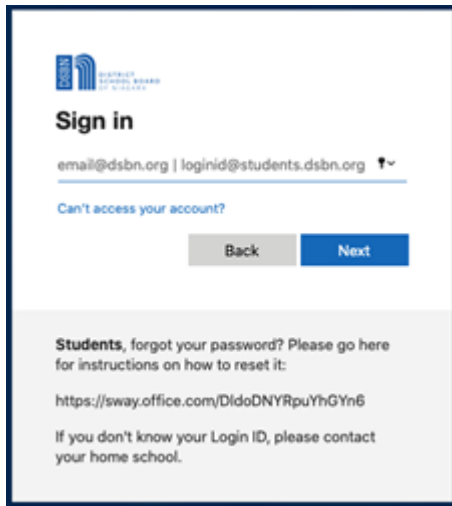
- Students will be using D2L Brightspace and/or Google Classrooms to access their online classrooms and need to regularly monitor their school email for reminders and notifications
- It is important to participate as you would on a regular school day and complete your learning to stay on track
- Teachers will be providing you with more specific details about your period 1 class on September 8th, please make sure to login before 8:30 am and be ready to get to work!

## Timetable and Cohort

There is now a Staff & Student Login link on the dsbn.org site and on all school homepages. Students click the link to sign in and they will be taken to a login page



This page also has info on getting the password reset info and link ([can access this document HERE](#))



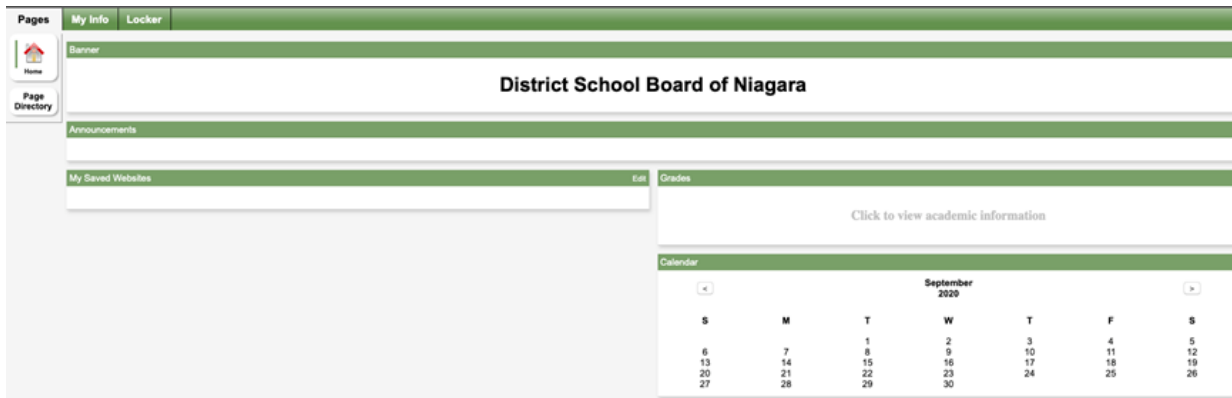
Enter their student email ([username@students.dsbn.org](mailto:username@students.dsbn.org))

Enter their password

This brings them to the application page. There is a student timetable link which [takes them to this document](#) outlining how to find timetable.



Clicking on the Aspen button takes them directly to their homepage in Aspen



# Return to School Details For Those Who Chose Online Learning

## Secondary School's September Schedule

### [Cohort Online September Schedule - MSIP](#)

#### Secondary Online Learning

- Students remain part of our school's classes and with their assigned teachers
- Students will be using D2L Brightspace and/or Google Classrooms to access their online classrooms and need to regularly monitor their school email for reminders and notifications
- It is important to participate as you would on a regular school day and complete your learning to stay on track
- Teachers will be providing you with more specific details about each of your classes on September 8th, please make sure to login and be ready to get to work!
- You will be expected to log on daily at a specific time in the morning every day for morning announcements and to have your attendance taken, you can then begin completing your work for the day. You will hear from us with more details.
- Students will have online connections to their classroom teacher in different ways throughout their online journey, your teacher will be in touch with you on September 8th to provide you specific instructions
- They will also have access to qualified DSBN teachers in all subject areas throughout every day to support your learning

## Registration Forms

- This year, we will be completing registration forms where possible online
- You will be receiving a message through School Cash Online this week with forms requiring your completion

## Return of Loaned Items

- If you are returning to school, please bring your loaned items with you on the first day
- If you are learning at home and have chosen learning online, please contact us to return items you no longer need (eg. textbooks, novels, chromebooks etc.). Please call the main office.
- If you are not returning to our school, please call the school and schedule an appointment to drop your items off. Calls should go to the main office.

# Supports Available

## Grab and Go Breakfast Program

- Individually packaged items will be available as you enter the school

## DSBN Mental Health Guide for Parents

- [Parents' Guide: Mentally Healthy Return to School](#)

## Guidance

- If you would like to request a timetable change please use the link on the main page of the website to fill in the google form. A member of the Guidance team will get back to you with an appointment time.

## Social Worker

- I would like to request an appointment with Sara McLean. This can be done through this [anonymous link](#) or on our website on the right hand menu under counselling services. You can also call her at 905-227-5551, extension 52277.

## I am having difficulty in a course?

- Please contact your classroom teacher first
- Contact our Student Success Lead Teacher Ryan Zapata at extension 81622
- Contact our Guidance Office at extension 60014

## Need a device or Internet Access?

- Please call the main office to discuss your technology needs. We will do our best to get back to you in a timely manner.

## Need School Supplies

- Please contact Ryan Zapata, our Student Success Lead Teacher at extension 81622. Your call will be handled with absolute confidentiality.

## Niagara Public Health

- Parents and other community members to the general COVID-19 Info-Line, available Monday to Friday from 9:15 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 9:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
  - 905-688-8248 or Toll-free: 1-888-505-6074 press 7, then press 2
  - Parents can also visit our Niagara Parents Social Media accounts for updated information. [Niagara Parents Facebook](#), [Niagara Parents Twitter](#), [Niagara Parents Live Chat](#)
- Main COVID-19 webpage found at [www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/](http://www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/)

## What if we change our decision about the mode of learning selected during the semester?

- Please contact the Principal for details, students will be able to change their mode of learning during the semester as circumstances arise.

# Online Learning

It is important that students are checking their school email daily and logging into D2L Brightspace or your Google Classroom. Your teacher will be providing you with the work you are to be completing, schedules, due dates etc. They will also provide details to you about supports available to assist you in your learning.

Unlike the spring, when we transitioned to emergency remote learning, online learning will consist of approximately 300 minutes per day where students are completing synchronous, asynchronous or independent learning.

[How to Access D2L and Google Classroom](#)

## What To Bring on the First Day of School

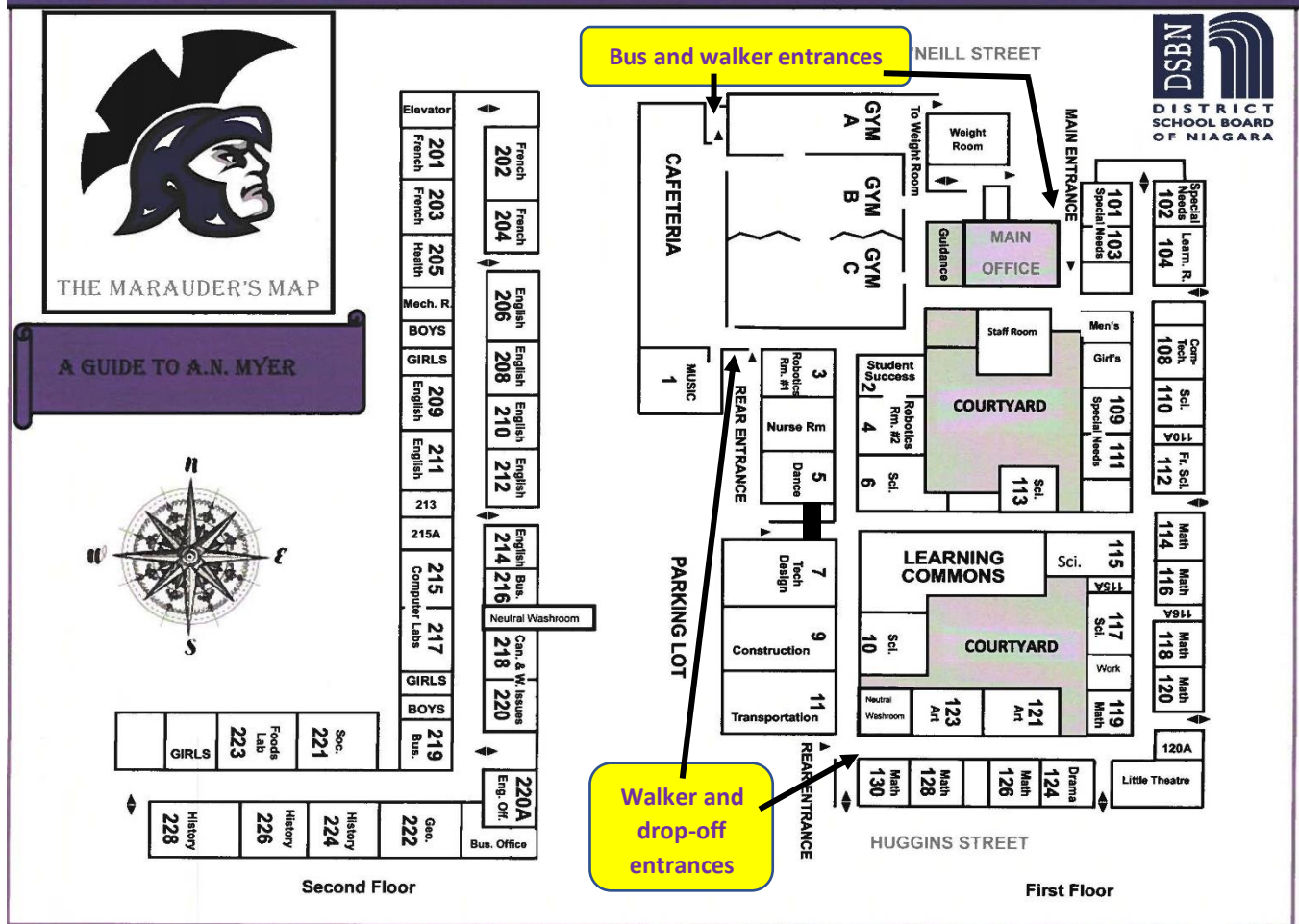
1. Complete the Covid Self-Assessment at home before you leave for school, and stay home if you are unwell <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19/pdf/screening-tool-colour.pdf>
2. Make sure you have a mask and a brown paper bag to place it when you are eating
3. Any loaned items to return to the school
4. Bring a refillable water bottle with your name on it – we will have Myer waterbottles for all of you, but they won't be here on the first day!
5. Bring food/snacks that you can eat at your desk or outside on a break
6. Bring a binder, paper and writing materials
7. Dress prepared for the class you are participating in (i.e. physical education, a tech shop, hospitality)

## Health and Safety When Attending School

### Where to enter our school

- There will be three entrances open and ready to welcome students into the school. Staff will be available to monitor physical distancing, mask use, and the application of hand sanitizer. Students can enter through the Main Entrance, the Cafeteria / Gymnasium Entrance, and the Rear Entrance (please see map for these locations).

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## When you arrive at school

- Make sure you have completed a Covid assessment
- Ensure you are wearing your mask
- Enter in the door indicated on the map above
- Maintain physical distancing
- Use hand sanitizer
- Head straight to class (15 minutes before the bell time)
- If you arrive on a bus, or have booked in advance, you can report to one of the Supervised Study Halls:  
Grade 9 – Cafeteria  
Grades 10 and 11 – Gymnasium  
Grade 12 – Learning Commons
- To avoid congestion at the school, please drop students off at either the rear entrance or the Cafeteria / Gymnasium entrance



## How to Stay Informed?

- Review DSBN Board website [www.dsbm.org](http://www.dsbm.org)
- Regularly check your email for communications from the school
- Contact the school at:
  - Email: [anm@dsbn.org](mailto:anm@dsbn.org)
  - Telephone: 905-358-5753