

Dear GCI families,

We are happy to have our students back in our semester 2 classes. Please note that there are some important dates that are coming up this semester - the first of these is on Wednesday next week.

On these **blended learning and instructional support days**, students may choose to stay home to learn. We have found from our experience in the first semester that these days can be tremendously beneficial to our students' well-being and provide an opportunity for catch-up and a deeper understanding of the topics covered in class.

Blended Learning Days: February 16, March 23, April 27, and May 18

In November 2021, the Ministry of Education announced that all schools in the province will implement a [fully de-streamed and single-streamed Grade 9 Program](#). This new approach will ensure high academic expectations and fewer program restrictions for *all* our learners.

In order to prepare and implement the new Grade 9 program and support students' achievement and well-being, all WRDSB secondary schools will offer 4 blended learning days this semester: **February 16, March 23, April 27, and May 18.**

During the afternoon of these days, synchronous (live) opportunities to meet with each teacher will be provided. The teacher will provide instruction for connecting in each class.

For students, these days will be similar to our Instructional Support Days, where students are not required to attend in-person but will have learning provided through the virtual classroom and live meetings with their teachers. Attendance will be taken, but in-person attendance will be optional on these days. If you do decide to attend on that day, please call the main office attendance line to let us know.

Our schedule for these blended learning days is as follows:

BLENDED LEARNING - STUDENT SUPPORT AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS Feb 16th, March 23rd, April 27th an May 18th, 2022	
Time	Period
8:00 am - 10:35am	Remote - ASYNCHRONOUS Learning Students are to log in to their virtual classroom and complete the work provided by their teachers for all of their courses.

	<p>All 4 classes will have asynchronous materials posted, each should take approximately 35min.</p> <p>ACE Students may attend as usual. Other students attending will have supervised study in the Cafeteria.</p>
10:35 - 11: 15am	LUNCH
<p>Learning in the afternoon is REMOTE and SYNCHRONOUS. Teachers will be available to meet with students as per the schedule below(Students attending will go to their classrooms).</p>	
11:15am - 11:52pm	Period 1 (Block A)
11:55am - 12:32 pm	Period 2 (Block C)
12:34pm - 1:11 pm	Period 3 (Block B)
1:13pm - 1:50 pm	Period 4 (Block D)

Instructional Support Days

Secondary schools will not revert to exam days with the Semester 2 schedule. Instructional Support Days will continue to be offered as they are currently scheduled on our Ministry-approved school calendar. The dates for the Semester 2 Instructional Support Days are **April 19 and 20, and June 22, 23, and 24. There are no synchronous (live) class meetings on these days.**