

Dear Southwood families,

We are so happy to have our students back in our semester 2 classes. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some important dates that are coming up this semester.

- Photo packages are due by Monday February 14, 2022
- Semester One Report Cards will be distributed Tuesday February 15 2022
- Wednesday, February 16th is a **Blended Learning Day**. Please see info below for details!

Blended Learning and Instructional Support Days

On these **instructional support and blended learning dates**, 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 deeper understanding on the topics covered in class. Please note that our ACE class will continue with in-person learning, following our typical timetable on those days.

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.**

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 less 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. Students are encouraged to let their teacher know they plan to attend in person in advance.

Our schedule for these blended learning days is as follows:

Daily Schedule

REGULAR DAY	
Time	Period
8:10 - 9:25 am	Period 1 Block (A)
9:25 - 9:30 am	Travel Time
9:30 - 10:45 am	Period 2 Block (C)
10:45 - 11:25 am	LUNCH
11:25 am - 12:40 pm	Period 3 (Block B)
12:40 - 12:45 pm	Travel Time
12:45 - 2:00 pm	Period 4 (Block D)

STUDENT SUPPORT AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS Feb 16th, March 23rd, April 27th an May 18th, 2022	
Time	Period
8:10 am - 10:45 am	Remote - ASYNCHRONOUS Learning Students are to log-in to their class VLEs* and complete the work provided by their teachers for all of their courses. Plan to spend approximately 35 minutes on each course.
10:45 - 11:25 am	LUNCH
11:25 am - 12:02 pm	Period 1 (Block A)
12:05 - 12:42 pm	Period 2 (Block C)
12:44 - 1:21 pm	Period 3 (Block B)
1:23 - 2:00 pm	Period 4 (Block D)
Learning in the afternoon is REMOTE and SYNCHRONOUS. Students will be expected to be available to meet with their teacher and classes as directed. Two minute break between each afternoon period.	