



January 3, 2021

Dear Hawthorn Parents, Teachers, Students, and Staff,

Our Christmas break is coming to an end and we are looking forward to the new opportunities that 2021 will bring. On December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020, it was announced that Ontario would be entering a province-wide lockdown and instructions were provided on how publicly-funded and private schools would re-open in January.

Following the guidelines established by the Government of Ontario, our return to school will be as follows:

- Day Care will open as expected on January 4th, 2021. Their hours will be from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Junior School, Lower School, and Grade 8 will move to full virtual learning for the week of January 5-8, 2021 and will return to in-class instruction beginning January 11, 2021.
- Grade 8 students (since they are considered as elementary students by the Government of Ontario) can return to in-class instruction beginning January 11, 2021.
- The other Upper School students (Grades 9 - 12) will move to full virtual learning from January 5-22, 2021 and will return to in-class instruction on January 25, 2021.

These dates are subject to revision as we continue to follow the direction from the Provincial Government.

Our Full Virtual Learning model was included in our 2020-2021 Summer Package. The schedule by level will be emailed to you tomorrow! As planned, the day will begin, as usual, at 8:30 a.m.

As outlined previously, in the case of a fully online learning environment, the following apply:

- The class schedule will be reviewed and changed as necessary.
- Students will be expected to attend classes and to engage in the online classroom per their teachers' instructions.
- Students are expected to meet deadlines and to contact their teacher(s) if they require additional time to complete assignments. Extensions will be granted at the teachers discretion.

We remain hopeful that the full school will return to in-person learning as soon as possible and thank you for your collaboration, support, and understanding during this time. It is good to keep in mind that the authorities have confirmed that the transmission of COVID-19 in schools has remained low. We continue to do our part in supporting the efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19.

As a reminder, following the provincial public health recommendations, if you travelled outside the province and/or Canada during the Christmas break, you are required to quarantine for 14 days before returning to in-person schooling.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us at [administration@hawthornschool.com](mailto:administration@hawthornschool.com).

Warm regards,

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