

August 13, 2020 School update

From Principal Lobo

Hello students and parents of Onoway Jr./Sr High School

There has been intense planning and behind the scenes activity over the last few weeks.

This is my attempt to bring more clarity.

1)The Education Minister on July 21 had directed that startup will follow Scenario 1 criteria - Regular return to school with appropriate health measures

2)The ministry has further directed masks be worn on buses and in common areas .

3)In preparation of student return , OJSH will be implementing the following measures

- a) Cohorting- all Grade 8 and 9 students will stay in one classroom for core subjects - La/Math /Science/Social. Teachers will move to the students . We currently have 5 x gr 8 classes and 5 x gr 9 classes groups
- b) Hand Sanitizer at the school entrance and in classrooms. It is to be used upon entry/exit of classrooms AND entry exit of the school
- c) Social distancing will be implemented to the best of our ability in classrooms.
- d) A variety of traffic flow directions in the school to help traffic flow as best we can.

4) NGPS reentry plan -updated on August 12 has been published and is posted on our website and available at this link. There is A LOT of information in this document

<http://www.ngps.ca/download/287417>

The OJSH survey done in early August had a 75% contact rate

From those who replied

75% of students were attending classes in school

17% of students were undecided

8% were not attending in school classes

5) OJSH class schedules for 2020/21

Jr high students - Students in gr 8 and 9 will have YEAR long classes in CORE subjects

(LA/Math/Science/Social /Ped)

Option courses will be semestered , and discussed with students upon their return in September.

Sr High students - will CONTINUE TO BE ON A 2 SEMESTER SYSTEM .

Semester 1- September to January Semester 2- February to June

They will have 4 classes per semester .

Gr 12 diploma courses - diplomas are written in January 2021 and June 2021

We at OJSH ARE NOT GOING TO A 4 QUARTERS system like some urban High schools. We have the complexity of a Jr high AND Sr high to timetable with the existing number of staff.

The transfer points, identified by the NGPS Aug 12 relaunch document in section 4, are an attempt to have a constant plan for grades 1-12 , and parents/students who wish to switch from in school to online (or vice versa) based on a Scenario 1 mandate from the Ministry.

6) The school office is staffed as of Monday August 24. Please call the school at 780-967-2271 on/after that date to make an appointment if you wish to come meet with administration to discuss programming for your child. We have to follow Covid -19 precautions for all visitors, as doors will be locked from August 24 - August 28.

7) Student schedules for 2020/21 will be available on Powerschool as of Tuesday August 25.

8) Please email if you have questions . ohs@ngps.ca

This comes to the principal and will be answered as promptly as possible. Emails will be delegated to other OJSH staff as required .

9) We will welcome 2 new teachers to OJSH in fall 2020

Mrs. Emily Radvanszky- Jr Sr english /Sr Com Tech

Ms. Paige Deacon - Jr/Sr Phys Ed.