

August 24 - OJSH update from Administration - Mr. Lobo / Mrs. Villneff

Hello OJSH Parents and Students

Please review this update as it addresses up to date information.

The NGPS 2020/21 Relaunch plan answers MANY Questions.

It is found at this link. <https://www.ngps.ca/download/28741>

Our office is now open, but you need to call 780-967-2271 and book an appointment.

Masks will be mandatory for all visitors as well as completion of the daily self screen, found under appendix C of the relaunch plan.

1)School return 2020/21

In person classes start dates have changed. We still have a staggered start.

Gr 8/9 - first day is now WEDNESDAY September 2, 2020.

Gr 10-12 first day is now THURSDAY September 3, 2020.

Bus Drivers will be contacting you with pickup time, prior to the first ride dates.

Please contact NGPS transportation if you have not received a call closer to startup.

transportation@ngps.ca

2)Powerschool Portal/ Schedule changes

We have 2 new teachers for 2020/21

Ms Deacon (PEd) and Mrs Radvanszky (English / Comm Tech)

The OJSH powerschool portal will be open Tuesday, August 25 @9am.

Gr 8/9 students have scheduled classes in La/Math/Science/Social/PEd

These 2 grades are cohorted - they will stay in one room for core classes. Teachers will move to the classes as scheduled. Students will receive breaks at times when hallways are not encumbered by Sr High students .

Gr 8 - option block is in block 4

Gr 9 - option block is in block 3

Options will be organized BY COHORT in Quarter 1 (Sept/Oct) upon return on Sept 2. That is why there is no class scheduled in block 4 for gr. 8 and block 3 for gr. 9.

Gr 10/11/12 -

Students selected courses in May and June 2020. Timetables have been developed from these requests. We had to ensure students had passed the precursor class in some instances.

Students who selected Psychology and Business courses- these will be done online in Independent studies, so that is why this class is scheduled in your timetable.

Work Experience classes have not been scheduled, and would be in an empty block on your timetable. Some courses are only offered once a year. The timetable only offers certain courses at specific times, due to specialized staff availability. Some courses have class size limits for safety reasons.

Some students did not select options and will be enrolled in a class upon reentry Thursday September 3.

Schedule change requests will be entertained after Thursday August 27.

Gr 8/9 schedule changes - email Mrs. Villneff amy.villneff@ngps.ca

Gr 10/11 schedule changes - email Mr. Lobo john.lobo@ngps.ca

Gr 12 schedule changes - email Mrs. Dundas lisa.dundas@ngps.ca

3) Students Not attending Classes at OJSH in September 2020.

We have received confirmation from many parents, however, If you have NOT done so, Please contact the school at 780-967-2271 if your child is NOT ATTENDING CLASSES IN SCHOOL, as we need to discuss the following 3 options:

As per the NGPS relaunch plan (updated Aug 21) pg 23 <https://www.ngps.ca/download/287417> and our website <https://www.ngps.ca/students-and-parents/re-entry-information-for-families2>

OPTION 1

At-home online instruction, Scenario 1

Students who are unable to attend in-person learning in September 2020 can be part of an online learning group with an assigned teacher. This learning format will include live online teacher instruction, directed activities and assignments that students will complete independently. Online students will remain enrolled at the school where they are registered for the 2020-21 school year; however, the online teacher may not be a staff member at that school. As well, students in an online learning group may be from multiple schools. Online instruction will cover all the required areas of the provincial curriculum. Teaching will focus on the core subject areas, with a modified focus on the fine arts courses, physical education, and CTF/CTS courses in grades 5-12.

OJSH operations for 2020/21

OJSH JR high gr 8/9 will be part of a larger online program offered by NGPS.

OJSH SR high students Gr 10-12, will be enrolled through OJSH Independent Studies for Semester 1, using online courses from ADLC as has been our regular processes for students wishing online instruction. Students will review their OJSH timetable and select core courses and available options with Mr. Lobo (gr 10/11) and Mrs. Dundas (gr 12).

OJSH students selecting these options may return back to OJSH in class courses at quarterly transition dates as identified in the relaunch plan.

Option 2

Learning via the Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC) A parent may choose to facilitate distance learning through NGPS, in partnership with the ADLC. To access this distance learning opportunity, the parent is required to contact their child's resident NGPS school to make arrangements with school administration.

Option 3

Home Education

As per Alberta's Education Act, Section 20(1), a parent of a student may provide, at home or elsewhere, a home education program for the student. For further information, please see the Home Education Regulation, September 2019. **Students who are registered in a home education program for the current school year must remain in that program for the entire school year.** (NGPS re-entry points do not apply to students registered in Home Education.)