

September 10, 2020

Dear AVSS Parents and Guardians,

The staff at Arthur Voaden S.S. is excited to welcome students back to school. We look forward to seeing Cohort A (Last names A-L) students back in school on Monday, September 14, 2020 and Cohort B (Last names M-Z) students back on Thursday, September 17, 2020. The purpose of this letter is to address what the school year will look like at AVSS with the most recent updates. Student safety is at the forefront of every decision being made and there are safety protocols that must be followed in order to prepare for a seamless arrival on September 14, 2020.

### **Student Health Agreement**

Parents/guardians are to visit the Parent Portal to complete the Student Health Agreement. This agreement MUST be completed prior to Monday, September 14, 2020. After logging into the Portal, click on the red bar at the top that contains the 'Student Health Agreement' ([www.tvdsb.ca/parentportal](http://www.tvdsb.ca/parentportal)).

### **Student Self-Assessment**

Prior to leaving home each day, families need to complete the COVID-19 self-assessment as outlined in the Student Health Agreement. If the answer is yes to any of the questions, the student is required to stay home until they are symptom free for 24 hours.

### **Hand Hygiene**

Hand sanitizer will be available in classrooms that do not have a sink. If a classroom has a sink, students will wash their hands upon entry. Hand sanitizer or hand washing will be used throughout class time as needed.

## **Mask Etiquette**

All students are required to wear a mask in all areas of the building. Masks are to be properly affixed before a student enters the building. Students are encouraged to wear their personal masks; however, masks will be available as needed. Students will remove masks to eat lunch in their classroom while maintaining physical distancing protocols and using proper hand hygiene. Students may remove masks outside where physical distancing is possible.

## **Water**

Students are encouraged to bring a reusable water bottle to school. Drinking fountains will not be accessible. Students may use the 3 water bottle filling stations in the school.

## **School Materials**

Each day, students are to bring all supplies and materials they require for class. As students will not have access to lockers, they will take home all items at the end of each day. Please be reminded that the school is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Students are always asked to keep valuables with them or secured.

Students are encouraged to bring their technology (laptop/chromebook) to school daily to access class notes (minimizing paper contacts), course materials, etc.

## **Student Schedule, Daily Schedule and QUAD Schedule**

Student schedules are now available on the portal.

The AVSS Daily Schedule AND the year long QUAD schedule (SECONDARY SCHOOL CALENDAR) are at the bottom of this memo. Please call the school and ask for Mr. Moore if you have any questions.

Note: As of Sept. 10, there have been a couple of small made changes to the AVSS Daily Schedule. They are included in the schedule you will see below.

## **Entering the School**

Prior to entry, all students must complete the self-assessment and if ill must stay home.

Students may enter the school through only the GYM doors on the north side of the school. Doors open for students at 8:00 am each day. Students must maintain physical distancing. Students will follow the directional arrows and proceed to their classroom. Doors will be locked as of 8:30 am. We are confident that all students will be able to make it to school in this 30 minute window of time.

## **Procedure for Entering Class**

Classroom doors will be opened by the classroom teacher and remain propped open to reduce the number of touch points in the building. When students enter class, they will either wash their hands or sanitize. Students will need to sanitize/wash their hands each time they enter the classroom.

## **Lockers**

There will be no lockers at this time. As a result, students are asked to limit the number of personal belongings brought to school. Please only bring essential items and ensure you bring all your belongings home each evening.

## **Breaks**

During scheduled breaks students will have the opportunity to use the washroom. There are no gatherings in the hallways or loitering - students should be moving with a purpose toward a destination.

### **Lunch**

The cafeteria will not be available as a place to purchase food, access microwaves or for students to gather. Students are encouraged to bring a packed lunch and stay in their classroom. Students may leave the building during lunch however, they will be unable to enter the building until 10 minutes before the start of afternoon class – 11:20. Proper hand hygiene must be practiced upon re-entry to classrooms.

### **Study Hall**

Study Hall is not mandatory for students who are physically in class and students may go home during this time. They do not require a parent call to demit them. Study Hall will be held in the student's classroom during the final hour of the school day. This time is for independent study and will allow students to organize work, review material and access teachers for additional support. Attendance will not be taken in Study Hall; therefore if students opts to leave, he/she/they must exit the school and will not be granted re-admittance until their next scheduled school day.

### **Hallways**

There will be no gathering in the hallways. Please follow the directional arrows for traffic flow.

### **Washrooms**

Each washroom has a maximum occupancy- please do not exceed this occupancy and wait on the designated sticker outside the door.

### **Online portion of 'Face-To-Face' Learning**

When students are not physically in school it is the expectation that they are logging into the teacher's online classroom and continuing to work on that subject. Each teacher will communicate with parent(s)/guardian(s) which platform is being used (GoogleClassroom or Brightspace) and is how students will access the online classroom. During the Study Hall portion of the day (1:40-2:40), teachers will be available for synchronous learning with students who are working at home. Cohort B students will have access to their online classrooms on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 but there are no curricular expectations for these first 3 days.

### **Visitors/Parent Access**

Visits to the school will be by appointment only – please call the office to set an appointment. Wherever possible, telephone meetings with parents/guardians will be held. If you need to get in touch with someone at the school, please call the school (519) 631-3770. Unscheduled visitors and family members of students will not be able to enter the location. Any approved visitors to schools will be required to self-screen and to wear a mask while on the school premises. We want to help, but we must follow health and safety guidelines. As only staff and students are permitted in the school, please do not just come to the school.

### **Full Remote Learning**

Students who have enrolled in full remote learning will be contacted by their new teacher(s). The full remote school will follow the same quadmastered schedule as students who attend AVSS in person. Full Remote students are still attached to AVSS, but will be taught by teachers from other schools.

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Please continue to monitor the TVDSB and Arthur Voaden SS school website for information.

As always, we will continue to share up-to-date communication through School Messenger/voicemails. In addition, classroom teachers will review health and safety guidelines with students in order to assist students as they adapt to new procedures.

See you Monday, September 14, 2020 (for **Cohort A**) or Thursday, September 17, 2020 (for **Cohort B**)!

Sincerely,

Mike Moore  
Principal  
Arthur Voaden S.S.

**\*Note: Don't forget to see below for the AVSS DAILY SCHEDULE & the SECONDARY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020-21\***

# AVSS Daily Schedule 2020 - 2021



Warning Bell	8:20	Gym Doors Open at 8:00 a.m.
AM Class Gr. 9/10 Break Gr. 11/12 Break	8:25 – 10:35 9:25 – 9:35 9:40 – 9:50	120 minutes (130 min. – 10 min. break)
Lunch	10:35 -11:30	55 minutes
PM Class Gr. 9/10 Break Gr. 11/12 Break	11:30-1:40 12:30 – 12:40 12:45 – 12:55	120 minutes (130 min. – 10 min. break)
Study Hall/Office Hours	1:40 – 2:40	60 minutes



# Thames Valley District School Board Secondary School Calendar 2020-2021

SEPTEMBER				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14 CLASSES BEGIN	15 A1	16 A1	17 B1	18 B1
21 A2	22 A2	23 A2	24 B2	25 B2
28 A1	29 A1	30 B1		

OCTOBER				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
			1 B1	2 B1
5 A2	6 A2	7 B2	8 B2	9 B2
12	13 A1	14 A1	15 B1	16 B1
19 A2	20 A2	21 A2	22 B2	23 B2
26 A1	27 A1	28 B1	29 B1	30 B1

NOVEMBER				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
2 A2	3 A2	4 A2	5 B2	6 B2
9 A1	10 B1	11 B2	12 EX	13 EX
16 EX	17 A3 CLASSES BEGIN	18 A3	19 B3	20 B3
23 A4	24 A4	25 A4	26 B4	27 B4
30 A3				

DECEMBER				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	1 A3	2 A3	3 B3	4 B3
7 A4	8 A4	9 B4	10 B4	11 B4
14 A3	15 A3	16 B3	17 B3	18 B3
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

JANUARY				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
				1
4 A4	5 A4	6 B4	7 B4	8 B4
11 A3	12 A3	13 A3	14 B3	15 B3
18 A4	19 A4	20 A4	21 B4	22 B4
25 A3	26 A4	27 B3	28 B3	29 B4

FEBRUARY				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
1 EX	2 EX	3	4 A1 CLASSES BEGIN	5 B1
8 A2	9 A2	10 A2	11 B2	12 B2
15	16 A1	17 A1	18 B1	19 B1
22 A2	23 A2	24 B2	25 B2	26 B2

MARCH				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
1 A1	2 A1	3 B1	4 B1	5
8 A2	9 A2	10 B2	11 B2	12 B2
15	16	17	18	19
22 A1	23 A1	24 A1	25 B1	26 B1
29 A2	30 A2	31 B2		

APRIL				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
			1 B2	2
5	6 A1	7 A1	8 B1	9 B1
12 A2	13 A2	14 B2	15 B2	16 B1
19 A1	20 B1 CLASSES END	21 EX	22 EX	23
26 A3 CLASSES BEGIN	27 A3	28 A3	29 B3	30 B3

MAY				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
3 A4	4 A4	5 A4	6 B4	7 B4
10 A3	11 A3	12 B3	13 B3	14 B3
17 A4	18 A4	19 B4	20 B4	21 B4
24	25 A3	26 A3	27 B3	28 B3
31 A4				

JUNE				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	1 A4	2 A4	3 B4	4 B4
7 A3	8 A3	9 B3	10 B3	11 B3
14 A4	15 A4	16 B4	17 B4	18 B4
21 A3	22 A4	23 B3	24 B4	25 EX
28 EX	29	30		

LEGEND																	
<p><b>Classes Begin</b> Sept. 14, 2020</p> <p><b>Classes End</b> June 24, 2021</p> <p><b>EX</b> Exam Days</p>	<p><b>PA DAYS</b></p> <p>September 1, 2020 September 2, 2020 September 3, 2020 February 3, 2021 March 5, 2021 April 23, 2021 June 29, 2021</p>																
<p><b>A1</b> Cohort A Period 1   <b>A3</b> Cohort A Period 3   <b>B1</b> Cohort B Period 1   <b>B3</b> Cohort B Period 3</p> <p><b>A2</b> Cohort A Period 2   <b>A4</b> Cohort A Period 4   <b>B2</b> Cohort B Period 2   <b>B4</b> Cohort B Period 4</p>	<p><b>HOLIDAYS</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Sept 7, 2020</td> <td>Labour Day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oct 12, 2020</td> <td>Thanksgiving</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dec 21 - Jan 1, 2021</td> <td>Christmas Break</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feb 15, 2021</td> <td>Family Day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March 15 - 19, 2021</td> <td>March Break</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April 2, 2021</td> <td>Good Friday</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April 5, 2021</td> <td>Easter Monday</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May 24, 2021</td> <td>Victoria Day</td> </tr> </table>	Sept 7, 2020	Labour Day	Oct 12, 2020	Thanksgiving	Dec 21 - Jan 1, 2021	Christmas Break	Feb 15, 2021	Family Day	March 15 - 19, 2021	March Break	April 2, 2021	Good Friday	April 5, 2021	Easter Monday	May 24, 2021	Victoria Day
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