

January 14, 2022

Dear Students and Families of E.L. Crossley Secondary School,

On behalf of the staff of E.L. Crossley I would like to thank you for your perseverance and positivity. You have been amazing this week, logging in and connecting with your teachers and classmates. With only a few more classes left in semester 1, we are closing in on the finish line and we are proud of your efforts. Below are some updates that I want to share with you regarding the next couple of weeks.

If you have not already seen DSBN's Communication to Families posted on January 13, 2022, please visit this link: <https://www.dsbn.org/covid-19-information/covid-19-updates> to review important information regarding: **Self-Screening, Rapid-Antigen PCR Tests, COVID Case Reporting at Schools, and Isolation Periods.**

We are excited to be welcoming our students back to in person learning on **Monday, January 17**, and wanted to reassure you that we will be following all the enhanced health and safety protocols as directed by the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health.

We would like to take this opportunity to highlight key information.

Self Screening

- Students must complete the daily self-screening tool which has been updated to reflect the new protocols.

Option to Learn from Home from January 17 to January 25

- Parents should continue reporting absences using Safe Arrival.
- **From the 17th to the 25th, please use "Excused - Learning Online" for students who choose to work from home but can engage with learning.**
- Learning online from home is **only** available until the end of semester one and is asynchronous. Teachers will post work online for students learning from home to complete.
- For semester 2 which begins February 3, we are planning for a return to regular attendance protocols for all in person learners.

Culminating Activity Days from January 26 to January 31

- To limit the congregation of students, **ONLY** students requiring completion of their culminating activity should attend school during these days.
- If students complete their culminating activity before this deadline, they are not required to attend school.
- Teachers will communicate with students who are required to participate.
- Cafeteria will not provide food services during this time.
- Our SSTC classes will continue to have instruction from January 26-28th, with a regular day schedule.

It's everyone's responsibility to keep our schools safe. Please remind your student of the following:

- Schools will be enforcing our enhanced health & safety protocols especially those regarding limited seating in the cafeteria, appropriate mask use, and not congregating in the halls and washrooms.
- Progressive discipline measures may be used for those students who repeatedly disregard these protocols.
- We ask parents to help us reinforce these messages regarding safety.