



JANUARY 10, 2022 - CNB Update for Parents



CNB ADMIN. MESSAGE



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January 9, 2022

Dear CNB Community,

As you are aware, the staff has been working through the updated documentation from the Ministries of Health and Education and our Districts' Health and Safety department to create a safe return for our students tomorrow (Monday, January 10th). By now, you would have received the letter from our Superintendent/CEO outlining the realities and key factors to be aware of as school resumes tomorrow.

Updated Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings has been issued to all school divisions provincially. It outlines focused actions and additional prevention measures B.C. public and independent K-12 schools must implement in response to the recent rise of cases of COVID-19 due to the emergence of the more transmissible Omicron variant.

CNB has taken actionable response to this [Addendum](#) to the [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#) as detailed in our [CNB School Health & Safety Measures](#) document. This document will also be accessible through our school website.

We will be having grade-level Zoom assemblies with all students tomorrow to review the key points of these documents. Following the Zoom assemblies, teachers will continue the conversations and answer any questions that may arise.

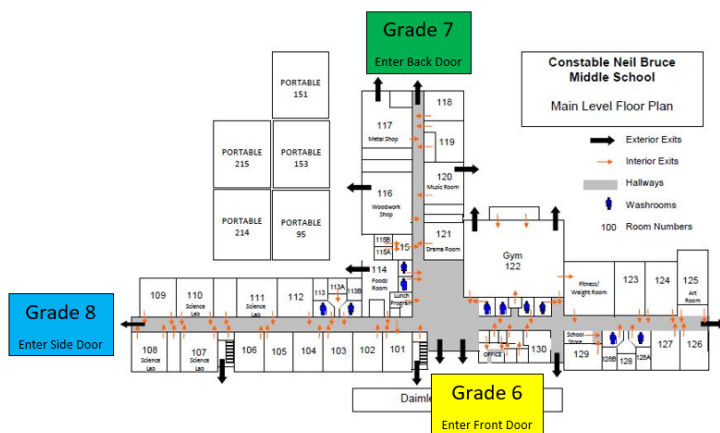
Additional/Modification for Health & Safety Measures at CNB:

The staff has been working and preparing for a worse-case scenario of a Functional Closure of our school. A Functional Closure of a school could occur if there is a lack of staff to provide the required level of teaching, supervision, support, and/or custodial staff to ensure the health and safety of students. This would likely be due to a high absenteeism of all staff or certain employees required to function and the inability to replace those absences. The need to support the number of students in our building on a daily basis is essential. **We ask parents to please be on top of calling into the system/school if your child will be away.** Student attendance will have a direct impact on how we staff our teachers and support staff at CNB on a daily basis.

In response to suggestions found within the Addendum to the Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings – one of the mitigating strategies we will employ at CNB is the implementation of **staggered, grade-level breaks, lunch and dismissal schedules for our students.**

MORNING ENTRY, STAGGERED BREAKS & LUNCH TIMES: Effective Monday, January 10th, 2022.

Managing a student population of nearly 950 students, in addition to maintaining effective social distancing measures is a challenge. As such, we will be maintaining a separate grade-level entrance to our building. We have also **adjusted our morning entrance to the building to open-up earlier** by 10 minutes (**8:45 a.m.**) allowing students more time to access their lockers, move to their classroom and to reduce crowding in hallways before the warning bell at 8:55 a.m. Additionally, **directional tape** has been placed down our hallways to remind students and staff to maintain guided flow, especially during the class transitions.



Each Grade will follow the staggered schedule on an 8 week rotation to ensure equitability (ie - which grade goes **first, second, third** to break/lunch/dismissal,etc). As the schedule shifts, **we will notify parents to remind you of your student’s break, lunch and dismissal times** through our CNB Family Weekly. For the first 8 weeks, the following schedule will be implemented:

8-WEEK ROTATION: January 10 to March 4, 2022				
GRADE	MORNING 8:45 ENTRANCE	MORNING BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	DAY-END DISMISSAL from CLASS
SIX	Main Front Doors	9:50 - 10:05 a.m.	12:30-12:45 eating in class 12:45-1:10 break outside or classroom (accessible by teacher)	3:14 p.m.
SEVEN	Back Doors nearest Gaga Pits	9:35 - 9:50 a .m.	11:30-11:45 eating in class 11:45-12:10 break outside or classroom (accessible by teacher)	3:05 p.m.

EIGHT	Side Doors nearest Portables	10:05 - 10:20 a.m.	11:30-11:45 eating in class 12:15-12:40 break outside or classroom (accessible by teacher)	3:10 p.m.
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CNB PARKING LOT CHALLENGE (resulting from recent snowfall) WE ASK FOR YOUR HELP: Please be aware that we have had substantial snowfall in the last week and the number of parking spots have been reduced as snow is piling up in our parking lot. **We ask that parents do not enter the staff parking spaces for student drop-off or pick-up, unless absolutely necessary, and that students are dropped off outside of the staff/bus parking lot.** We would like to thank our custodial team at CNB for working so hard, clearing snow and making our school safe.

A final reminder to please ensure you and your student **completes the [Daily Health Check](#) prior to coming to school** and arrives at school **with a mask**. We look forward to our continued collaboration together as a CNB school community (parents/caregivers, students, and our CNB staff) this 2022 year.

We look forward to seeing your student(s) tomorrow! While the Pandemic has been challenging, as a community, we will continue to persevere and support one another through this evolving time.

Sincerely,

The CNB Administration Team

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