



Sept. 3/20

Dear Parents and Students in Grades 10 to 12,

Walnut Grove is mindful that this coming school year will require flexibility and the adaptability to possible changes in health advisories in local areas or in specific school communities. Many of us are watching the daily updates regarding the ever-changing number of cases of Covid-19. Our goal as a school is to provide exemplary education and adhere to the new regulations for student and staff safety.

Over the course of the last six months we have seen some of our traditions at Walnut Grove change. In June we moved from a linear system to a hybrid semester system. Now, as directed, we are using a quarter system (two blocks a day for approximately 10 weeks).

Some of the structural changes that have occurred include:

- Reduced class size
- Scheduled door openings and closing
- Staggered lunch times
- Reduction of course options
- Elimination of FLEX

Although these structural changes have occurred, we continue to offer courses with the same dedicated, knowledgeable and caring staff. We recognize these changes will be an adjustment for some of our students and our families. However, we continue to provide quality instructional time, while limiting student movement in the hallways.

The Ministry Education Stage 2 plan requires schools to plan for in-class instruction, but also prepare for shifts in stages or alterations to the mode of instruction. The 2020-2021 timetable blended student course requests with the parameters of the Ministry directives.

As a comprehensive high school, Walnut Grove Students have a wide range of choices. Scheduling 2000 students with 8 courses into over 800 sections of classes is a mammoth task.



Here are some of the changes we have made based on Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education directives.

Grade 10 to 12

- Physical & Health Education classes are all co-ed
- The EDGE program has been cancelled
- English Language Arts 10 and English Language Arts 11 options have been removed and all students will have the same course offering in their respective grade.
- Student Aide and Leadership in Gator Pod have been cancelled

Our innovative blended timetable for 10 to 12 students was able to accommodate the vast majority of student requests. However, there are a few questions we have received that will not be possible to accommodate:

- to balance course load between quarters
- to change original requests to add the next level of a course (e.g. take Math 10 and then take Math 11 fourth quarter)
- to not have certain courses last or first period due to medical appointments / work / extra-curricular (e.g. Dance, Hockey)
- for teacher changes
- to be with, or away from other students

Grade 10, 11 and 12 students, your timetables have been posted to your MyEd account. Please look at the timetable and double check for errors.

Course changes will be processed in the following order, starting with Grade 12s:

Priority 1: Incomplete timetable (e.g. seven instead of 8)

Priority 2: Incorrect course (e.g. you do not have the pre-requisite, or you have already completed the course)

Priority 3: Course required for post-secondary admission

Requests should be submitted by **Wednesday, September 9** at 2:00pm for the greatest opportunity to see if a change might be possible. There will be no changes after classes start on Friday, September 11.

[Please click here to see the list of full and cancelled classes.](#)



For course change requests:

[Grade 10-12 students last name A-G click here](#)

[Grade 10-12 students last name H-L click here](#)

[Grade 10-12 students last name M-P click here](#)

[Grade 10-12 students last name Q-Z click here](#)

We look forward to a terrific school year with you.

Sincerely,

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