

## A Note From the Principal's Office

November 18-22

This next week is officially the last week of Term 1. It really feels like time has flown by. It is hard to believe it is only 5 weeks to Christmas. Term 2 will officially start on December 2. Students can come to the office to make timetable requests for their options from December 2-9. We are still very full, and we know that many students will have duplicate options. We will do our best to make changes, but please be aware that not all requests can be accommodated. Please do not call or email the school to make requests for your child. We work on a first come first served basis, and when we get busy with changes, admin are not able to check email as quickly, so it is more efficient if the students come to the office directly.

A quick reminder that with the start of Term 2, we will have a new period rotation. The new period rotation order for term 2 will be: 6 7 3 1 2 4 5. My apologies as I had the wrong order in the last update. Period 3 (Interventions and Advisory) will always stay in the same spot, the core/option blocks are the ones that will change.

The snow has arrived. Please encourage your child(ren) to dress in weather appropriate winter gear. We go out for PE and recess until -20 air temperature. As well, if you are dropping students off in front of the school, please do not encourage them to J-walk. The roads are slippery and very busy. We do not want any accidents!

Recently, it has come to our attention that students without a bus pass, or students going for play dates are riding our yellow buses. This is absolutely not allowed. Only students who have an active bus pass are permitted to ride their assigned yellow buses to and from school. If your child wishes to go to a friend's house, or have someone over after school, other arrangements must be made as they will not be permitted access to the yellow buses. We have reinforced with our drivers that they need to be checking students as they get on the bus. Many of our buses are quite full and having extra bodies on them is not safe. Please help us out by reinforcing that students can only ride on the bus if they qualify for bussing and only on the bus to which they are assigned.

Have a great week everyone!

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