



## Important Octomester Three Information and Deadlines

November 4, 2020

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

This is to inform you that next Thursday, November 12, **Octomester Two** will be coming to an end. Friday, November 13 will be a transition day for students, who are expected to use the time at home to complete any cumulative assignments and prepare for Octomester Three, which begins Monday, November 16 and ends Tuesday, December 15.

Beginning November 16 (Octomester Three), virtual and in-person classes will be taught in unison by the same classroom teacher. This means that virtual learners will be participating in lessons and in classroom discussions, with their classmates who are attending school in-person.

This hybrid model has numerous benefits including offering a seamless transition from in-class learning to remote learning, should a student be required to stay home for any length of time. All students will receive the same classroom instruction from their teachers, and students learning virtually will be able to collaborate with their peers learning in-person. In addition, all students will follow the same school day schedule and collaborative learning relationships are maintained and strengthened within the same classroom.

Teachers will provide specific instructions for virtual learners regarding expectations for participation, attendance, group work, etc. for the start of Octomester Three. Please continue to monitor Edsby for more information as Octomester Three approaches.

### Requests to Transfer Learning Models: In-person or Virtual

If a student is currently learning in-person or virtually, and there is **no change** being requested for Octomester Three, then **no action is required**.

***If a student is learning virtually and wishes to switch to in-person learning OR a student is learning in-person and wishes to switch to virtual learning, please contact Tracy Udeschini at 705 494 8600 ext. 40289 no later than the end of day **Friday, November 6.*****

Students considering learning virtually should be aware that there may be subjects that will not be available for online learning in Octomester Three. If you are currently enrolled in one of those courses, your guidance counselor will be in touch with you in the near future.

### Absences

Please note that all in-person students who are unable to attend class on a given day (e.g. due to illness or for other reasons) may continue to "attend" class online if well enough to do so and should access coursework through Edsby and/or Google during their time away from school. All



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students who are absent from class, in-person or virtual, are reminded that they should inform the school as per the [usual absence reporting procedure](#).

Sincerely,

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