

**Smoke Free School & Grounds:** "It's the Law... It's for Life". Centre Dufferin actively promotes a healthy, smoke-free lifestyle. Ontario's Tobacco Control Act prohibits smoking on school property. Violators are fined by the Health Department.

**Student Services:** Assistance with understanding oneself, relationships, planning courses, finding career options and special programming needs is offered. Student Services is committed to helping students, parents and teachers to maintain and strengthen communication links so that High School continues to be a positive experience for everyone.

**Study Periods / Spares:** Senior students may choose to work in the Resource Learning Centre, the Lion Hall, the Caf or to leave the building. Students are not allowed to loiter or wander in the halls during class times.

**Visitors:** Students must receive permission from each classroom teacher and the Principal at least the day before bringing a visitor to Centre Dufferin. Hosts are responsible for their visitor's behaviour.

**Tutorial Help** is available every day at lunch.

Centre Dufferin's expectations, services and policies are established to protect the best interests of all students and staff by helping to create and protect our school's positive learning environment. Behaviours which detract from our positive learning environment will be dealt with in a cumulative manner; that is, repeat offenders will face varied and stronger consequences.

## School Year Calendar

### Semester One:

September 6 - **School Begins**  
 September 29 - Junior Awards  
 October 6 - Interim Report Card  
 October 10 - Thanksgiving Holiday  
 October 13 - Parents' Night  
 October 28 - Commencement  
 November 18 - PD Day  
 November - Mid Term Report Card  
 Dec 26 - Jan 6 - Christmas Holidays  
 January - Sem I Grade 9 Math EQAO  
 Jan 27 - Feb 2 - **Final Exams**

### Semester Two:

February 6 - **Semester 2 Begins**  
 February 20 - Family Day  
 March 8 - Interim Report Day  
 March 12 - 16 - Spring Break  
 March 22 - Parents' Night  
 March 29 - OSSLT  
 April 6 - 9 - Easter Weekend  
 April 23 - P.D. Day  
 April - Mid Term Report Card  
 May 21 - Victoria Day  
 June - Sem II Grade 9 Math EQAO  
 June 20 - 26 - **Final Exams**



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## Information for Parents & Students



PERIOD	TIME	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
1	8:50 - 10:10	A	B	D	C
BREAK					
2	10:20 - 11:35	B	A	C	D
LUNCH					
3	12:30 - 1:45	C	D	B	A
BREAK					
4	1:55 - 3:10	D	C	A	B

Become an active member of  
**Centre Dufferin's School  
 Community Council.**  
 For Information Please call  
**Debbie Myers - 925-2244**  
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### Students' Council:

**President:** Chelsea Brake  
**Co-Vice Presidents:** Jeff Tilly  
**Treasurer:** Stephanie Williams  
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# Partners Learning Together - Creating Successful Tomorrows

**We, the students, staff, parents and community responsible for education at Centre Dufferin believe that:**

together, all partners should work as a team based on commitment, flexibility and mutual respect.

an inviting, safe, orderly school environment created by all partners is essential for success.

effective learning occurs when partners work together to create quality products resulting from goal directed activities that demonstrate organization, understanding and co-operation.

to reach our full potential as learners, we need: clear standards of achievement; feedback from all partners; effective communication skills; literacy, numeracy and thinking skills; opportunities for continuous improvement; a positive attitude to a lifetime of learning.

to be the best we can be as individuals and as partners, we also value: fairness and respect among partners; tolerance and open communication; positive participation in social experiences and school spirit.

celebrating achievement is important, through such public recognition success grows.

accountability promotes quality and achievement.

**All members of the Centre Dufferin community share responsibility for creating an inviting, safe and orderly school environment where everyone is treated fairly and can learn, grow and achieve success.**

**Academic Responsibility:** Our school is a community dedicated to learning. All expectations, rules, procedures and policies must support this focus.

*Successful students attend school every day, on time, ready to work ... and they get along with fellow students and staff.*

**Attendance:** There is a direct relationship between regular attendance and academic success. Students are expected to attend classes regularly. Since arriving late to class is disruptive and unacceptable, it is expected that staff and students will be on time and prepared for each class. Centre Dufferin records each student's attendance in each class. Parents are invited to regularly phone the school for attendance updates. Unexcused absences result in penalties and credit requirements are not excused because of absences. Students are responsible to make arrangements with each subject teacher to complete work or tests missed. An automated telephone message system calls student's homes daily regarding unexcused absences.

**Conduct:** Student and staff conduct is based on mutual respect and consideration and applies to all school activities. The Safe Schools Act & The Ontario Code of Conduct spell out consequences for violent behaviour.

Included are: physical, verbal, sexual or psychological abuse or bullying; illegal acts; and harassment or discrimination based on disability, culture, race, language, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

**Dress Code:** See Code of Behaviour

**Note:** Hats and other forms of head gear are not to be worn during the school day at CDDHS.

**Illness:** Our receptionist will assist students who are feeling ill or who are injured to contact parents.

## PLEASE UPDATE EMERGENCY

### HOME AND WORK NUMBERS.

**Examinations:** Students normally write exams as scheduled. **Accommodation of holiday plans or early job opportunities is not possible.** Illness requires a doctor's certification as unexcused exams result in a mark of "0". Students are required to pay for or return loaned materials before final examinations.

**Centre Dufferin's Food School & Cafeteria:** Everyone is expected to treat our staff politely, honestly and be environmentally friendly.

**Illegal Acts, Illegal Drugs:** School is not a "safe harbour" for illegal acts. Behaviour punishable by law will be addressed by school authorities and the police. Behaviour influenced by illegal drugs or their possession is not tolerated.

**Dances:** Organized for the enjoyment of CDDHS students. If you wish to bring a guest, you must complete a sign-in sheet two days before, accompany the guest, be responsible for his/her behaviour on school property. **Students are not permitted to leave and re-enter a dance.**

**Cell Phones:** Are not to be visible or powered on within the school.

**Lockers:** These remain school property and are loaned for student use. Students are accountable for the locker's condition, contents and repair. Centre Dufferin retains the right to open lockers. Students are asked to use a Dudley lock purchased at school to avoid having a lock cut off at his or her expense. Valuables should not be left at school overnight.

**Backpacks:** Must be stored in student lockers. Backpacks are not allowed in classrooms.

**Lost & Found:** Located in the main office.

**Public Health & Social Worker:** Scheduled times are posted for their availability.

**Resource Learning Centre:** Open 8:30-4:00, longer during peak times. Students are responsible for borrowed materials - fines are issued for "overdues".

**Sexual Intimacy:** School is a place where displays of affection should not be excessive nor offend others.

**School Buses:** Our priority is safe transportation. Students and drivers are expected to work together to make the bus ride safe and comfortable. Parents, bus operators and school administrators are also partners who share responsibility to resolve concerns. Students who behave poorly or who make the bus ride unpleasant for others should normally expect to have bus transportation "suspended".