GET BETTER TIME

Purpose

The idea behind this time is to allow students the ability to get better. This could be manifested in a variety of ways. They include but are not limited to:

- Re-learn concepts that they have struggled with
- Re-take assessments
- Work on missing assignments
- Work on homework
- Make up missed classroom time (ie. sickness, extra curricular trips, lates, etc.)
- Teacher requests the student for extra help
- Enrichment in the area of need
- Meet with academic counsellor

When

Get Better time will be offered Monday through Thursday from 8:20 AM – 9:00 AM.

Who can access it?

Everyone has access to help from his or her teachers. This time is specifically allocated for students to get better. Teachers will request students that need to finish assignments, need extra time learning a concept, or those who need to re-take assessments. Students will also have a room where they can simply finish homework, work on group projects or want to prepare for the day.

Focus

Our lens will change from a homework perspective to an intervention one. All students will need extra help at one time or another. The School Act provides roles for teachers, students and parents. It states that: Teachers are to provide competent

instruction that encourages and fosters learning. Students are to be diligent in pursuing their own studies and attend school regularly and on time. Parents are to take an active role in the students' educational success all while collaborating with school staff to support the delivery of help to students.
With this is mind, we will need the support of all parties to make this successful.

Questions

Q: Does my student have to be at school during Get Better time?

A: Teachers will start instruction at 8:20 AM. Get Better time is an opportunity to allow students to engage in learning opportunities outside of the prescribed class time. As stated earlier, students have the ability to get help on homework, re-learn concepts, re-take assessments, enrich their own learning, get ready for an assessment, work on group projects or simply organize themselves for the upcoming day. This time may also be used to meet with the academic guidance counsellor or meet as groups or clubs within the school.

We encourage all students to take advantage of learning opportunities during Get Better Time. Part of the responsibility falls on the students. They are to make wise use of their time by seeking out help, making appointments and seek to become better. We follow the adage of Winston Churchill when he stated, "The price of greatness is responsibility."

Students will, at times, be requested to meet with their teachers during this time. As it is instructional time, they are mandated to be there. There may be a variety of reasons why the teacher needs a student there and we request your help in ensuring that the student is there to get better.

Q: How will I know if a teacher has requested my student to come in for extra help?

A: We encourage you to ask your student. The teacher will be in contact with your student and can also email home to confirm that the student has been requested to come in. If your student decides to not attend when they have been asked, they will be asked again by the teacher and an email/contact will be made at home. If they decide to not come again, then administration will become involved to make sure arrangements are made to allow the student to receive the extra help that is needed.

Q: What if my student is a bus student?

A: As mentioned earlier, during Get Better Time, there will be a place to read, do homework or get help with a class or meet with an academic counsellor. There will always be something for them to do.

Q: Can my student shoot basketballs in the gym, workout in the weight room, etc.?

A: Get Better Time is viewed as an Academic period. Therefore, we will be doing everything during this period that will be focused on Academics. We will shutting down the gym and weight room during this time period in order to focus on academics.