

We have been busy in our preparations to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for students to return to. We have received a number of questions about the school day and have compiled some information below to help explain how school will look at MHS this year.

Every morning, parents are required to complete the screening questionnaire with their students. If the students are exhibiting any symptoms they must remain at home and follow recommendations of COVID-19 protocols. If your student has any pre-existing conditions, it has been recommended that your student undergo a COVID-19 test prior to beginning school. Please notify the school of any pre-existing conditions.

Exterior doors will remain locked throughout the day, except from 8:45 am - 9:15 am. Students will not be permitted access to the school prior to 8:45 am unless they have an appointment. All visitors to the school will need to make an appointment, wear a mask and complete the self-assessment questionnaire before entering. All meetings will occur in the office area.

We have redesigned our timetable to maximize cohorting. Our grades 7-9 classes will have a different schedule than our grades 10-12 classes. The junior high students will start 45 minute classes at 9:05 am and end at 3:20 pm, with a 5 minute break between classes and lunch occurring between 11:30 am and 12:05 pm. The CTS program will continue (except hockey is postponed) where students will be exposed to a variety of subjects in their cohort class (for example: art, drama, foods, maker space, construction). It is currently scheduled to run in 4-6 week rotations.

For our grades 10-12 classes, we will be operating our year on a quarterly system with two blocks per day. Senior High students will start classes at 9:00 am and finish at 3:15 pm, with lunch being 11:45 am-12:15 pm. We will offer a full course

complement throughout the four quarters, currently including foods, construction/fabrication, art and drama.

For all of our students, on their first day they will enter the school, wearing a mask and sanitize their hands at the stations provided. They will be directed to their first class. For junior high students, this will be the classroom that they attend all day and the teachers will be moving to them. For senior high students this will be their morning class.

To reduce the amount of traffic in the hallways, as well as close contact among students, we will not be providing lockers at this time. We ask that the students keep their belongings/backpack with them throughout the day. In regards to school supplies, we ask that students only bring the basic necessities to start, specific to the classes they will have (1 Binder with paper and dividers, writing utensils, a water bottle, running shoes). Students will primarily use their designated Chromebooks in class. Students will not be leaving supplies at school overnight, so bring only what can be carried. We are hoping, as the province moves into phase three, we will once again be able to offer lockers and this will only be a temporary policy.

Students will be required to wear a mask where social distancing can not be accomplished such as hallways and school buses. We will remain an open campus with the expectation that students continue to follow the cohort and social distancing guidelines during breaks and at lunch. Students will not be required to wear masks in classrooms when seated at desks spaced apart and facing the same direction. Should an activity require movement in the room or closer contact with a teacher/educational assistant/another student, masks will be required.

The Breakfast program and the Hot Lunch program will continue but will be modified to comply with AHS regulations. There will currently not be access to microwaves and vending machines.

Alberta Schools' Athletic Association (ASAA) has decided to postpone all fall sports leagues until the province moves into phase three and outlines the implications for sport completion. At this time, extra-curricular sporting activities are suspended, pending regular review.

In June, student validation forms were sent home in report cards. We are asking that parents please carefully read over the information on these forms and update with the necessary changes, please return by September 8, 2020, if they have not already done so. Please remember it is vital that all registration forms include two emergency contacts and proof of residence. If you have misplaced your validation form, we will provide you with a new one at the front office once classes resume.

Our goal is to create a safe school environment while keeping as close to normal routine as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this process. We look forward to welcoming all students and families back!

For more re-entry information for families, please visit the NGPS website at the link below.

<https://www.ngps.ca/students-and-parents/re-entry-information-for-families2>

We will be following the guidelines as set out by the government of Alberta and the Chief Medical Officer regarding illness. Please follow the following link for more information.

<https://www.alberta.ca/k-to-12-school-re-entry-2020-21-school-year.aspx>

If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact us at 780-786-2624.

Staggered Entry Schedule

Wednesday, September 2

Grade 10, 11, 12

Thursday, September 3

Grade 7 and 10-12 continue to attend

Friday September 4

Grade 7-12 Attend