



August 18, 2022

Hello Memorial Parents -

Holy smokes! Here we go! That's us at the school. You and your kids will be on the go in just a couple of weeks. If my summer break is over, that means your kids' summer break is almost over too. I hope that you had a great summer. I had one of those summers doing lots of fun stuff and it was a welcome change. Except for maybe the front yard landscaping, that was hard work but it looks good now that it's done! I'm looking forward to a fun year with your kids and hopefully a full "normal" school year after three years of lots of concerns and protocols.

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year at MCHS! We are so excited to have your kids joining us this year. Based on current information, it is looking like the school is growing again! We are anticipating an enrollment of over 1200 students. High schools are always a bustling place, now even more so for Memorial!

For our grade 11 and 12 families, you will know that Belonging at Memorial has been a priority topic for us as we address the importance of equity in our school and work to maintain and continue to build a positive school culture. For our new families, Belonging will continue to be a primary focus and we would like you to know about it. The [For Students](#) page on our website had a major overhaul last year to give a better description of MCHS and this work that we are doing, though some of the links on the page need to be updated for 22-23. I encourage you to take a look. We are especially proud of our Belonging Statement video toward the end.

Next Tuesday will be the first PSD Lead Team meeting for the year and the entire staff is back on Thursday. I'm sure that I'm going to get a bunch of information to forward on to you. You can expect a follow up email late next week with more detailed information for the school year. However, I just wanted to check in with you briefly on some basics to get you back in school mode. In the meantime, there is information about the start-up posted in June on [our website](#). Please check in frequently as we do post a lot of information over the course of the school year.

For now the key dates you need are:

- Tuesday, August 30 All Day - Grade 10 Orientation and First Day of Classes
- Wednesday, August 31 AM - Grade 12 Registration
PM - Grade 11 Registration
- Thursday, September 1 First full day of school for all grades.

Please note that school photos will be taken on Tuesday and Wednesday for student ID cards.

The office officially opens Monday, August 22 at 8 am with our administrative, counseling and secretarial teams available. Please note that the school will be closed on Thursday, August 24 & Friday, August 25 for professional development. Our administrative team from left to right is:



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Assistant Principal	Marsie Fisk	Gr. 10 Administrator	marsie.fisk@psd.ca
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Timetables are one of the first things that will come to mind when prepping for the school year. Remember that until the first day of school, your child is locked out of their psd email account as passwords are updated over the summer and therefore cannot access PowerSchool. Their timetable is still accessible through your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). This is located under Quick Links on the MCHS website. If you notice a problem or wish to make a change, the [Timetable Change Request form](#) is available. This is the only avenue to make request changes. The counselors will be in next week to begin making those changes. There are typically many requests so be patient.

Enjoy the last couple weeks of your summer!

Take care.

Carolyn Jensen, Principal