



Murdoch MacKay Collegiate

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Dear Murdoch Families:

****IMPORTANT FIRST DAY INFORMATION***

Welcome back to our students and a very special welcome to all our new students who are attending Murdoch MacKay Collegiate for the first time in the 2024 - 2025 school year. We are looking forward to having all our students back in the building again after what was hopefully a refreshing summer!

The first day of school will be **DIFFERENT** for students in each grade. When students attend school, they will be entering into the building at a specific time and will go directly to their Teacher Advisor Group. Each student's Teacher Advisor is listed on their timetable from June 2024. With our switch to PowerSchool there is currently no Parent Portal available. All students will receive a printed copy of their timetable in their Teacher Advisor meeting on Wednesday.

School opens to students on **Wednesday, September 4th, 2024 - Day 2**. **Regular schedules for students will begin on Thursday, September 5, 2024**, which will be **Day 1**.

Grade 9 Students: Grade 9 students will report to school at **9 am on Wednesday, September 4**. They will move directly to their Teacher Advisor classroom. We will have staff and leadership students on hand to help them when they arrive. Grade 9 students will tour the building, meet in small group assemblies, and have the opportunity to meet their classroom teachers. All Grade 9 students will be dismissed for the day at 12:15 pm.

Grade 10, 11 and 12 Students: All remaining students will start school on **Wednesday, September 4 at 1:17 pm**, and report directly to their Teacher Advisor Classroom. Students will meet in Grade level assemblies and have the opportunity to meet their classroom teachers. Students will be dismissed at 3:29 pm.

Student Fees

Student fees are \$50 for the school year. These will be collected in each student's Teacher Advisor group on the first day of classes or can be paid online through the Parent Portal.

Convocation Fees

Convocation fees of \$40 will be collected in January for all students who are on the Graduation list at that time. These fees help cover the cost of our school-based convocation services. More information will follow for Grade 12 students later in the year.

Lunch

Students are encouraged to go home for lunch if possible. Students are encouraged to eat in the cafeteria area or the Cove. Food is not permitted in the Library Learning Commons or the Gymnasiums.



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Internet, E-mail and Media Permission Form for students new to the school.

The new technology use [Policy IJND](#), and [Policy Form IJND-E1](#) as well as the updated media release [Policy KDDB](#) and [Policy Form KDDB-E1](#) have been revised. Families must opt out of Internet use or say no to a media release, otherwise the school assumes consent. If your family wishes to opt out, please use the links above and bring the completed form to the office.

Supplies

Classroom teachers will advise students of supplies required for individual courses.

Student Pictures

Picture day will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 for all students. Students must have their picture taken for a student card and there is no fee for the creation of a student card.

Important Policies 2024/2025

Our complete Student Handbook is found on our website or you can request a paper copy from the school office. All students will be placed in a school wide Team that will allow extra-curricular information to be shared directly with them using Microsoft Teams.

A Regular School Day

A regular school day at Murdoch MacKay has six periods. Having six periods allow us to schedule classes in Period 4 (formerly our lunch hour) and allow for more timetable flexibility for students. **This does not affect our Grade 9 students, who will all have lunch during Period 4.** The period times are listed below.

Period 1	8:45 – 9:49
Period 2	9:53 – 10:57
Period 3	11:01 – 12:05
Period 4	12:09 – 1:13
Period 5	1:17 – 2:21
Period 6	2:25 – 3:29

We ask that students arrive 10 minutes prior to their first scheduled period. At the end of the students' schedule, they are asked to leave school grounds, and to avoid congregating in and around the building.

We hope that you have an enjoyable and successful school year.

Sincerely,

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