



# Meduxnekeag Consolidated School

## SEPTEMBER 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Labour Day	5 Welcome to MCS 2023-2024  Cafeteria Opens	6 <u>Cafeteria Orders:</u> Order online at cafzone.ca OR send in order form with exact change to the teacher	7	8 Be sure to sign up for cashless schools  <a href="https://anglophonewest.schoolcashionline.com">https://anglophonewest.schoolcashionline.com</a>
11	12 MCS is scent free  	13	14 MCS is peanut free  	15
18	19 Home & School Meeting 7:00pm (New members welcome)	20 PICTURE DAY  	21	22 Professional Learning Day  No classes for students
25	26 PSSC Meeting 6:30pm	27 Don't forget to pay your Student Fee (online or send into the school.)  	28	29 Orange Shirt Day  

### HOME AND SCHOOL UPDATE



Home and School needs volunteers! We are having our first meeting on Tuesday, September 19th at 7:00pm in the seminar room (next to the library). We are looking to recruit more members and we will be doing elections for the executive. Home and School is all about giving back and helping make MCS the best! We are looking to plan some great events. We already have the date for our Christmas Craft Fair - November 18<sup>th</sup>. \*\* Please reach out and ask about joining Home and School. It does not require a lot of time - just what you can provide. We meet about 4-5 times in a school year and host a variety of events and activities! It's a great group of parents!! Come have some FUN!!

### SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Parents are encouraged to pay all school-related fees online if possible. It is quick and easy and parents can sign up at the address below. If you need any support, please feel free to contact the office and we'd be happy to offer assistance.

<https://anglophonewest.schoolcashionline.com>

### MCS BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Breakfast program will be up and running again at MCS! Starting on September 11<sup>th</sup>, students can go to the cafeteria and have breakfast if they are feeling hungry upon arriving at school. This will give students a chance to start the day with a full belly if they didn't have time to grab something at home. Breakfast baskets will also be available in each homeroom class if students arrive at school and don't feel like eating a full breakfast but would rather just have a snack. Breakfast baskets consist of fruit, granola bars, raisins and fruit to go sticks. Our breakfast program relies heavily on volunteers to help serve our students breakfast each morning. We would love to have you join our volunteer team! If you are interested in helping out and could volunteer one day a week from 7:15-8:30, please reach out to JoAnn Boone at [joann.boone@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:joann.boone@nbed.nb.ca) or 325-4910.



## ATHLETICS

Soccer and Cross Country Running will be the first two sports to start the school year. Interested middle school students are invited to attend tryouts.

Students attending tryouts after school must be able to be picked up at the school promptly at 4:30pm.

### Boys Soccer Tryouts

Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 3 - 4:30

Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 3 - 4:30

Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 3 - 4:30

Girls Soccer and Cross country tryout dates will be shared with students at school.

## GUIDANCE CORNER

Welcome back Lightning families to a new school year at MCS! The Guidance newsletter will be sent home once a month. Keep an eye out for the Character Strong Family Dare! This newsletter will also include upcoming guidance events, the character strong focus for the month, ideas/resources for parents, and reminders of how students and parents can access guidance support. MCS is excited to welcome back David Mahar and introduce Kennedy Graham as our Guidance Team. If you ever have any questions about the Comprehensive and Developmental Guidance Program at MCS or need support with school start up, please feel free to contact the school Guidance Team at 506-325-4351 (Kennedy Graham) or 325-4710 (David Mahar).

## A FEW DATES TO HELP YOU PLAN AHEAD

- Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> - Kindergarten Registration Week
- Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> - PL Day - No School
- Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> - PL Day - No School
- Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> - MCS Craft Fair 10-2pm
- Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> - PL Day - No School
- Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> - Report Cards go home
- Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> - Parent Teacher (Evening)
- Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> - Parent Teacher - No School
- Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Last day of classes in 2023
- Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> - First day of classes in 2024
- Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> - NB Family Day - No School
- Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> - March Break
- Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> - PL Day - No School
- Apr. 11<sup>th</sup> - Report Cards go home
- Apr. 15<sup>th</sup> - Parent Teacher - No School
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> - NBTA Day - No School
- May 13<sup>th</sup> - NBTA Day - No School
- June 25<sup>th</sup> - Last day of classes in 2024

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I am so excited to welcome you to a new school year! I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer and is ready to get back to learning. The MCS Parent/Student Handbook is available online and at the office. It has also been sent to you electronically using our automated system. I encourage you to read it and connect with me if you have questions.

It is important that your contact information be up to date in our system so that you can receive all the news from MCS. Please call us at 506 325 4434 to update your information.

All K-5 students are asked to pay a \$55 student fee. The student fee will cover all school supplies needed for the entire school year (except for backpacks, lunchboxes and indoor sneakers/phys.ed clothing). These monies will also be used throughout the school year to supplement costs for student activities, special events, guest speakers and performers as well as playground and school enhancements. Grades 6-8 student fees are \$75 which includes all school supplies as described above as well as a tech fee to support our Technology Sustainability Plan. Student fees can be paid at any time by sending it in to your child's teacher or online at

<https://anglophonewest.schoolcashonline.com>. Just follow the easy steps of setting up your account.

The Bring Your Own Laptop Initiative (BYOL) is available for all middle school students. I encourage families to make that investment as it allows your child access to the school network and educational resources, at school and at home. Please contact your child's teacher or Vice-Principal Michael Liston at 506 325 4434 for more information about required specifications, etc.

I would like to remind families of the electronic device/cell phone protocol for MCS. All electronic devices are brought to school at the student's own risk. Devices are expected to be put away during class time and only used during the noon hour. At no time are students welcome to take pictures and/or videos of themselves or other students/staff during the school day at MCS. The school reserves the right to ban cell phones from coming to school should a student not comply with the expectations. Note: Having a cell phone is not necessary at school as students can use the office phone if needed.

The MCS Anti-Bullying Policy and the Fair Notice Letter from the Superintendent are in the parent/student handbook. Please review and understand that our students' safety; emotionally, physically, and psychologically, is our main priority. Students who repeatedly and intentionally, hurt other students (and staff) will be excluded from the school environment as per EECD Policy 703. The MCS staff will do all we can to teach, model, and reinforce expected positive behaviours to students and we will begin our year with a Kindness Kickoff. I have already sent that information to you as families can support our work with conversations and activities at home that focus on kindness and respect.

A last reminder is that MCS has water bottle filling stations, not water fountains. Please send your child to school with a refillable water bottle.

Wishing you a great September and please contact me at [crista.sprague@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:crista.sprague@nbed.nb.ca) with any questions or concerns you might have as we move through the school year.

## WHERE TO FIND OUT SCHOOL INFORMATION

Want to know what's happening at MCS? Be sure to join our MCS Home & School Facebook page or bookmark our school website at

<http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/mcs/Pages/default.aspx>

