



Meduxnekeag Consolidated School

SEPTEMBER 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Labour Day	3 Welcome to MCS 2024-2025 Cafeteria Opens	4 <u>Cafeteria Orders:</u> Order online at cafzone.ca OR send in order form with exact change to the teacher	5	6 Be sure to sign up for cashless schools https://anglophonewest.schoolcashionline.com
9 MCS is scent free 	10	11 MCS is cell phone free 	12	13 MCS is peanut free 
16	17 Orange Shirt order forms due Home & School Meeting 7pm	18	19	20
23	24	25 Don't forget to pay your Student Fee (online or send into the school.) 	26	27 Orange Shirt Day 

HOME AND SCHOOL UPDATE



Home and School needs volunteers! We are having our first meeting on Tuesday, September 17th 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 16th. ** 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! For the first week or so, students can access grab and go items from their classroom basket. In a week or so, students will be able to 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. Currently, we are short volunteers to be able to serve a full breakfast for students in the cafeteria. 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 or 325-4910.



ATHLETICS

After a very successful year last year, soccer and cross country running will be the first two sports to start the 2024-25 school year. Interested middle school students are invited to attend soccer tryouts. **Students attending tryouts after school must be able to be picked up at the school promptly at 4:30pm.**

Boys and Girls Soccer Tryouts

Thursday, September 5th 3 - 4:30

Tuesday, September 10th 3 - 4:30

Thursday, September 12th 3 - 4:30

Elementary and Middle School Cross country tryout dates will be shared with students at school and on social media soon.

GUIDANCE CORNER

MCS is excited to welcome back David Mahar and Sarah Atherton as our School Counsellors. If you ever have any questions about our Comprehensive and Developmental Guidance Program at MCS or need support with school start up, please feel free to contact the School Counsellors at:

Sarah Atherton
(506) 325-4351

sarah.atherton@nbed.nb.ca

David Mahar
(506) 325-4710

david.mahar@nbed.nb.ca

A FEW DATES TO HELP YOU PLAN AHEAD

- Oct. 4th - Picture Day (Harvey Studios)
- Oct. 15th - Kindergarten Registration Week
- Nov. 8th - PL Day - No School
- Nov. 16th - MCS Craft Fair 10-2pm
- Nov. 22nd - PL Day - No School
- Dec. 2nd - Report Cards go home
- Dec. 5th - Parent Teacher (Evening)
- Dec. 6th - Parent Teacher - No School
- Dec. 20th - Last day of classes in 2024
- Jan. 6th - First day of classes in 2025
- Feb. 17th - NB Family Day - No School
- Mar. 3rd-7th- March Break
- Mar. 28th - PL Day - No School
- Apr. 7th - Report Cards go home
- Apr. 11th - Parent Teacher - No School
- May 2nd - NBTA Day - No School
- May 12th - NBTA Day - No School
- June 20th - Last day of classes in 2025

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 will be available online by Wednesday, September 5 and it will also be sent to you electronically. 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 \$60 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 \$85 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 new electronic device/cell phone/smart watch policy. All these devices are banned from use from entry to exit at MCS. Students who bring these devices to school are doing so at their own risk and will be expected to always have the devices off their person through the school day. This means that the device would need to be in a LOCKED locker or in their book bag. The school day includes noon hour, recess, and early morning. It also includes field trips and after-hours activities. Any staff member who sees a student with a device (including a Smart watch), even if they are not using it, will have the student turn the device over to the office until the end of the school day. Repeated incidences of staff needing to take a device from individual students will result in disciplinary measures. Meduxnekeag Consolidated reserves the right to ban individual students from bringing an electronic device/phone to school as circumstances dictate. Note: 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.

MCS has several outdoor learning spaces and students will be in these spaces regularly as well as going outside during morning recess (K-5) and the noon recess (all students). Students need to be dressed appropriately for outside learning and play.

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 (labelled).

Wishing you a great September and please contact me at 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>

