



THIS WEEK AT MADELINE SYMONDS Nov. 23 - 27, 2020

**Please read below the week's events for more school-related info😊*

This is: Week 2

MONDAY November 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakfast Club – Each morning delivered to homerooms
TUESDAY November 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakfast Club – Each morning delivered to homerooms
WEDNESDAY November 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakfast Club – Each morning delivered to homerooms
THURSDAY November 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakfast Club – Each morning delivered to homerooms
FRIDAY November 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakfast Club – Each morning delivered to homerooms

Upcoming Dates

November 30 – December 3 – Report Cards will be distributed electronically

December 3 – PD Day in the morning / Parent-Teacher Interviews in the afternoon (no classes)

December 22 – Last day before Christmas Break

From the Office

- Parents and guardians are reminded that the school does not open for students until 7:50am when supervision begins. Please do not drop off students any earlier than that. This will be particularly important when the weather becomes colder.
- Students are reminded to bring a clean re-usable mask to school each day.
- Parents, guardians and visitors who are coming to the school are reminded they must ring the door buzzer at the main entrance to the school. If you are picking up or dropping off a student, or dropping something off for them, this must be done through the main office. Please press the buzzer and someone will come assist you, but you are unable to enter the building. **This applies to all students, including those in our portables.**
- In an effort to ensure we have accurate and updated information for all our students, we ask that parents and guardians contact the main office if there are changes to home/cell phone numbers, home address, email address and health card expiry dates. Thank you in advance!
- Now that colder weather is upon us, please remind your child to dress appropriately for the weather. Unless temperatures are very cold, students will be expected to be outside during lunch.
- If families are ordering lunches from the cafeteria, please ensure that your child's homeroom is correct on the order. Also, if your child will be absent from school, please make sure that you contact the cafeteria to cancel the day's lunch.
- **Parent/Teacher Interviews** This year, we are not able to conduct parent/teacher interviews in person. On December 3, teachers will conduct phone conversations/meetings with parents. There will be an opportunity for parents to sign up for a time to speak with teachers. The procedures for signing up will be emailed to families next week.

MSMS Clubs

- **Space Club** (via google meet bi-weekly on Fridays after school) returns to MSMS! Students who are interested in participating can write to spaceclubmsms@gmail.com or contact Mr. Hare at share@hrce.ca for more information.
- **Art Club** Ms. Chandler is considering a virtual or Google Classroom Art Club. TBA in December.

From the Art Classroom

- Art: many classes are still coming to the art room with out supplies- including a pencil. The art room can supply a few but it is not encouraged to do so during this pandemic. Students are also using class supplies and not putting them in the bin/sink to be sanitized- therefore potentially contaminating the cupboards/drawers.
Please have your child bring the following to all art classes: pencils, eraser, black marker, colour pencils and glue, and a ruler.

If you would like to check out the Google Classroom for Art, please use the following codes.

Grade 7:2bcqzct

Grade 8: iklhemp

Grade 9: opelrbs

Please check PowerSchool regularly

From the Band Room

- If any families have band instruments that they no longer use or want, we would be very thankful if you would like to donate them to the school. We will happily find a new home for them.

From the School Counselling Office

- The EECD Homework Hub is a valuable mathematics resource for students in grades 7 to 12. Students have access to live tutors on Sunday through Thursday, from 5:30 to 9:30 pm. These tutors are certified teachers, they tutor mathematics courses in both English and French. In addition to tutoring, students can access electronic textbooks, tutorial videos and practice problems. If you are interested, feel free to watch the following EECD video introduction to homework hub:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QnORoA5E7i4>.

- The following programs are available to assist families with social, emotional or behavioural supports. These programs are for youth aged 3-17.
 1. Strongest Families Program (<https://strongestfamilies.com/ourprograms/>) - Parents/guardians can access this through IWK Central Referral.
 2. Incredible Years - community based program, self-referral through doctor.
 3. Zones of Regulation Program – children learn how to self-regulate their emotions. Parents/guardians can access this through IWK Central Referral.
 4. Family SOS (<https://www.familysos.ca/programs>) – self-referral, see website.

IWK Central Referral is 902-464-4110

We are here to support your child, please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

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