



THIS WEEK AT MADELINE SYMONDS Mar. 22 – Mar. 26, 2021

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

This is: Week 1

<p>MONDAY March 22</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please remember to bring a mask and water bottle • Breakfast Program • Clothing Sale Collection Day
<p>TUESDAY March 23</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please remember to bring a mask and water bottle • Breakfast Program • Clothing Sale Collection Day
<p>WEDNESDAY March 24</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and Evaluation Day – No classes
<p>THURSDAY March 25</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please remember to bring a mask and water bottle • Breakfast Program • Clothing Sale Collection Day (Last day for orders)
<p>FRIDAY March 26</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purple Day for Epilepsy • Please remember to bring a mask and water bottle • Breakfast Program • Art Club – 2:00 – 3:30
<p style="text-align: center;">Upcoming Dates</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> March 1 – 28 – Nutrition Month March 24 – Assessment and Evaluation Day (no classes) March 26 – Purple Day – Supporting Epilepsy Awareness April 1 – Term 2 Report Cards go home April 2 – Good Friday (no classes) April 5 – Easter Monday (no classes) April 8 – Morning PD/Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences (no classes) </p>	

Purple Day at MSMS

- On Friday, March 26, students and staff at MSMS will recognize **Purple Day** which is designed to provide information and bring awareness to Epilepsy. Students and staff will be given information about epilepsy along with a **purple ribbon** to wear. Everyone is encouraged to wear **purple** to school on Friday.

MSMS Clothing Sale

- This week, students and families have an opportunity to purchase wonderful Madeline Symonds clothing. The order form is included as an attachment to this weekly memo and is also on the school website. Last day for orders is Thursday, March 15.
Order your clothing this week and show your MSMS pride!!



March is Nutrition Month

- **Breakfast Program**
MSMS Breakfast program volunteers would like to thank everyone for the amazing community support we have received. We truly appreciate and welcome all of the donations being made to the breakfast program. The community support has been overwhelmingly positive and supportive. Thank you to everyone!
Our breakfast program schedule has changed. We are now going to have tables at each of the entrances as well as delivery to the portables Monday, Wednesday and Friday and regular bin deliveries to classroom on Tuesday and Thursday.

Student volunteers meet each morning and after school on Wednesdays to prepare food. If you would like to support our breakfast program you can drop off your donations at the office. We are always looking for donations of cereal, fresh fruit, carrots, granola bars, apple sauce, multigrain crackers, frozen fruit, yogurt, etc... All items need to be nut free and meet the nutritional requirements set out by HRCE, prepackaged items work best. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Binder at kbinder@hrce.ca

- **Surprise Snacks**

The breakfast program volunteers will be providing random healthy snack breaks to classes throughout the month.

From the Office

- Students are reminded to properly wear their mask to school on the bus and at school. It is a good idea to keep a second mask in your book bag.

- **Parking at MSMS**

If you are dropping off or picking your son/daughter up at school, you are asked to use the loop at the staff parking side of the school.

The main loop in front of the school is where our school buses drop off in the morning and pick up in the afternoon. During the day, this area is used by students and staff. So, to protect students, we ask that parents/guardians not drive in the main loop area at all.

- **Math Support**

The following are links to opportunities for students to access supports for mathematics.

- 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>.

- Support for grade 7 and 8

<https://courseware.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/27>

➤ Support for grade 9

<https://cemc.uwaterloo.ca/resources/courseware/curriculum-maps/NS-Grade9-Mathematics9-to-CEMC.pdf>

<https://www.nlesd.ca/programs/math9intresources.jsp>

- 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 properly wear their mask to school on the bus and at school. It is a good idea to keep a second mask in your book bag.
- 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.

MSMS Clubs

- **Art Club** Art club will be held this week on Friday, March 26 from 2:00 – 3:30. Please sign up outside of the cafeteria; there are a few spots left. Ms. Chandler can accommodate up to 15 students.
- **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.

From the Art Classroom

- Ms. Chandler is sending a friendly reminder to come to class prepared. 😊

From the School Counselling Office

- Grade 9 students applying to the O2 program need to have their O2 applications into their homeroom teacher by **Friday, March 26th (at the latest)**. The O2 interviews will take place via Google Meets on **April 7th (at MSMS)**. An interview schedule will be shared once the applications are received.

Judi Hutchison - Contact jhutchison@hrce.ca if you have questions and your child is in the grade 9 English Program.

Shannon Aikenhead-Head - Contact saikenhead@hrce.ca if you have questions and your child is in the grade 9 French Immersion Program.

Thank you!

We would like to thank our MLA, Ben Jessome for his support of our school Breakfast Program. 😊

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