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What's on the calendar

Friday, Sept 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit Day: Student activity day. Hot Dogs for all students (including dietary restrictions). More info below
Monday, Sept 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explorations starts for all students• Band Instrument Rental Night 6:30• PAC Meeting 7pm
Wednesday, Sept 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Picture Day• MC Open House: 6:30-8pm
Friday, Sept 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pro-D Day: No School
Friday, Sept 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Orange Shirt Day
Monday, Oct 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Truth and Reconciliation Day: No School (Note NOT the 3 as previously shared)

Friday Spirit Day!

To celebrate the first two weeks of school we have decided to hold a Spirit Day on Friday. Students will be encouraged to wear their team colours and participate in fun activities throughout the day. One special treat - we will be providing all students with a hot dog, drink and chips for lunch. The hot dogs will be all beef, and we will provide gluten free, vegetarian and halal options. If your child does not want the food (or needs more) please pack their food as usual.

It is important students are dressed to move around and be active! It looks to be a hot day so hats and water bottles would be great – some activities will be outside!

Class Placement, Staffing and Explorations:

After placing students in homerooms on Monday, we have continued to take in more students. We recognize students want to settle in as quickly as possible and recognize that waiting can be a challenge. We are trying to balance going quickly, with getting things correct!

Our Grade 7-8 French Immersion classes have posed the most challenging to find the right balance, but we are also filling staffing positions in English classes as well. 99% of students are accurately placed in their homerooms. Over the next two days minor changes may be done to help with class balance and class size limits. If we have not been in contact about placement please do not worry!! If we have communicated, final decisions will be made, likely with a Friday or Monday start.

Exploration classes will also start on Monday. Exploration teachers have been meeting with students and I know they are eager to start their wonderful programs!

Regarding staffing, the posting for our new 6/7 class will be filled early next week. I would also like to formally announce that Ms. Ivana, our grade 8 FI teacher from last year, will not be returning to Maple Creek. We wish her well – her family has left Canada for opportunities in Europe! This position has been formally posted and we hope to have the new teacher in place early next week.

Lockers:

All students will have lockers by the end of the week (if not by tomorrow morning!). I can hear the grade 6's yell with excitement with the news!

Student Support / Supplies:

We know school start-up can be expensive. We don't want anyone to go without. No questions asked – we want to be a support to you and members of our community. If your child could use some support (with supplies or other) please contact me, Mr. Macmillan (phone or email), or you can confidentially fill out this form. [Click here for form if you could use help.](#)

Forms and Fees:

This year we will be using the School Cash Online program for most (if not all) of our permission slips, forms and fee collection. As with all of our activities, we want everyone to know – permission from a parent / guardian is required, but payment is collected only if it is possible and does not cause hardship. Everything is expensive these days and we are here to help as best we can.

Forms and fees email will be sent home on Monday when we have all classes finalized! Nothing to worry about right now!

Fall Sports!

We are starting to have sign-ups for volleyball, field hockey, swimming and cross country. At middle school we accept all students (swim team members do need to swim) and encourage them to try something new and get involved! I will be sending out a schedule of events including practice times. Encourage your child to come out and have some fun!

Band, Choir and Drama:

Mr. Morgan, Mrs. Walton and Ms. Preston our amazing music and drama teachers, have been encouraging students to sign up for band, choir and drama club. If you want more information – ask your children, or email me and I can connect you with one of our fabulous teachers.

As always, please remember that we are here to help. If you have a question or concern, please let us know. Next Wednesday, Sept 20th will be a wonderful opportunity for you to meet our teachers and come into the school. Please mark it on your calendars. More info to come!