



Life Well Learned.

MBCI RETURN TO SCHOOL 2020-2021

This document is intended to begin filling in the details of what daily school life will look like for 2020-2021. We are excited to welcome students back to campus, while acknowledging that new guidelines and protocols will shape and determine student movement and routines extensively.

As a team of staff we are choosing to focus on the fact that there are no protocols that prevent us from pursuing our vision for education: equipping students to learn, love, and engage with the world. It will be our joint efforts as a school community that enable us to pursue this vision within an environment that is as safe as possible.

As we all know, the situation remains fluid. We continue to receive instructions from the province on an on-going basis, and will adjust and communicate with parents as necessary.

The first chart outlines information published on August 20 about the “big-picture” changes for the 2020-2021 school year. The pages to include more detail about daily schedules and routines.

STAGGERED START FOR GR 6 – 12 DURING WEEK OF SEPT 8 - 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual orientation sessions will help train students on safety protocols and daily movements through campus.• Please see dedicated email for schedule.
COHORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students are placed in grade-based cohorts.• Cohorts will learn in separate wings of the school, using separate entrances and exits.• Gr 12 student numbers require that we create 2 cohorts that will be present on campus on alternating days.
SEMESTERS FOR GR 9 – 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students in gr 9 – 12 will follow a semester model to help limit the number of student/teacher contacts and decrease student movement on campus.

DAILY SCREENING AND STAYING HOME WHEN ILL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students and staff and need to self-screen at home, every day, before coming to school. • If a student or staff member has any symptoms of Covid-19 or is experiencing flu-like symptoms they must stay at home. • If a student begins to display persistent, flu-like symptoms while at school, they will leave the classroom and wait in a designated space. Parents/guardians will be contacted to pick up their child as soon as possible.
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GOVERNMENT RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

For the most up-to-date information about screening and provincially mandated health protocols, please use the Manitoba Health online screening tool.

<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>

Please visit the following link for information on Manitoba’s Covid-19 Education Plan as part of the province’s Restoring Safe Schools initiative.

<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/index.html>

DAILY SCHEDULE

	EVERYONE	MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL
ARRIVING AT SCHOOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare for an efficient drop off to help us keep traffic moving. • Remember to keep physical space with others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will enter through the designated entrances by grade cohort. • Students should wear their mask as they exit their vehicle. 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival happens between 8:00 am and 8:30 am. 		
CLASSROOM LEARNING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside learning may take place where possible. • Spacing has been set up with markings in classrooms to help us stay safe. • All classes will have seating plans designed for learning. • We are committed to our vision for rigorous, innovative and effective learning at MBCI – project-based learning will continue, in-class and in remote learning situations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will have use of larger classroom spaces (cafeteria, outdoors, multi-purpose room) for their learning. • Special programming such as STAR6 and Genius7 will continue, with adaptations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 10-12 students with spares during periods 2-4 will be in designated <i>learning zones</i> while on campus. • Grade 10-12 students with spares in periods 1 and 5 should arrive late and leave early where possible.
BREAKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students should sanitize/wash hands before and after break time. • Students will need to practice distancing while on break and wear masks. • Students will receive a 10 min break during the morning, staggered times. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular movement breaks will be designed within classes. • Where it is not possible to distance at 2M masks are still required. • “mask break” areas will be accessible. • Students are not permitted, at this time, to leave campus on break, including visiting Redi-Mart. 	
LUNCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will sanitize/wash hands before and after lunch. • Stay in their designated lunch locations/wings for lunch. • Maintain 2M distance so that masks are removed for eating. • There will be no sharing of food and/or drink. • Bring your lunch – no skip the dishes, or drop offs permitted. 		



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch will include an eating time and wellness/movement time; this will be developed in the coming weeks and communicated directly with students at school. • Bissells' Kitchen will provide lunch service beginning later in September; pre-paid options and delivery of orders is in development. • At this time, while we prepare students with routines and protocols, we will not allow students to leave campus at breaks or lunch, including to visit Redi-Mart.
CHAPEL	Chapel is an important part of life at MBCI and we are exploring unique ways to bring chapel weekly to our students. We will begin the year with participating in chapel while in cohort classrooms via live-stream or pre-recorded content.
END OF DAY DISSMISSAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are asking all MBCI families to arrange pick up of their child(ren) promptly after 3:30 pm. • Students will be dismissed from their grade specific entrance/exit and proceed directly to their vehicles, rides, bus transportation or walk home. • Masks will be worn at dismissal time as movement of cohorts proceed to their exits. • In situations where 3:30 pick up is absolutely not possible, we have limited ability to provide after school supervision. We require that parents/guardians speak directly with Assistant Principal, Jessica Boese, by calling the school. We know is a significant change from previous years, and we appreciate your support in making these adjustments.

DESIGNATED ENTRANCE/EXITS AND SPACES BY COHORT

Grade	Entrance	Home Wing	Route	Lunch/Washrooms
6	Library entrance RIGHT side	Grade 6 Classrooms and long window hallway	Turn right, up wide library stairs, via mural hall	Grade 6 classrooms and space/ Former staff washroom



7	Middle School entrance	Lower MS upstairs	Up back stairs directly to grade 7 area	Middle school cafeteria/ Grade 7 area washroom
8	Library entrance LEFT side	Grade 8 classroom & lounge area	Turn left and proceed to Grade 8 area	Grade 8 classrooms/washroom
9	Trophy Hall	Upstairs Jubilee Place	Turn right, up staircase, across link to upper JP	Home Wing/ JP Washroom
10	Main office	Student Services Wing, HS Cafeteria	Proceed to cafeteria or direct to classroom	HS Cafeteria & Caf washroom
11	Red Gym entrance	2 nd Floor Science Wing, MPR	Proceed via Red Gym, upstairs to MPR or Home wing classroom	Home Wing classrooms, MPR/Red Gym washroom
12	Jubilee Place	Main floor JP & foyer	Direct to Home Wing classroom	Main floor classrooms, JP foyer/ JP washroom

SHARING OUR FACILITY WHILE MAINTAINING COHORTS

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HALLWAYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are marked with signage for traffic flow and spacing measures. • Hallways are shared spaces where masks are required. • Workspaces in the hallways on grade wings will be used at times as this provides greater spacing for our students. • Students are asked to move through hallways to their wings and classroom locations without stopping to congregate. 		



GREENSPACE/PLAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is an important space we will utilize for students to enjoy outdoor lunch activities and classes where possible. • There will be a scheduled rotation so that cohorts remain separate. 		
FACILITIES	<p>We continue to adapt and adjust our facility use so that we can make our experience as positive as possible and adhere to safety guidelines.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open area friendship spaces/cohort wings will have signage for proper spacing while allowing students to use them for individual work and breaks. • Gym use will be limited to physical education classes and organized lunch programming; open gym is not possible this school year until further notice. • Work out room use is suspended at this time. 	
TECHNOLOGY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to the generous support of our community, our teaching staff now has updated technology to use for both in-class and off-campus learning. • Daily Edsby learning plans will include a link to Zoom for at home learning when needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each of our middle school cohorts has access to chrome books that are individually assigned. • Cleaning protocols will be in place as these are high use devices. • Chromebooks will not be going home with students. • Should we need to move to remote learning, devices will be available to our families as-needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer labs are used for specific elective classes and will be properly sanitized for class use. • Students are encouraged where possible to bring their own device to school. • Access to library chrome books is available for classes to book.



HOW PARENTS/GUARDIANS CAN HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

FOLLOW SAFETY GUIDELINES/SCREENING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow screening guidelines and protocols as outlined by MB Health. • Continue to teach physical distancing where needed and personal hygiene practices.
PREPARE YOUR STUDENT(S)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that students have the supplies needed for their school day, including: masks, adequate water, and food for the day to avoid sharing; clothing for outdoor use as the weather changes. • Locker use will be limited this school year for jackets and outerwear; a backpack with needed belongings for the school day is recommended. Students will not have access to lockers at the beginning of the year. • Please read school communications and highlight important information with your child(ren). • Labeling school supplies and clothing is very helpful for safety guidelines and will make it easier for us to manage lost and found items.
PRAYER FOR THE MBCI COMMUNITY AND STAFF	<p>We appreciate your prayers for this school year. There are many unknowns and there are many opportunities to be a community of caring support for our students. We are committed to the mission and vision of MBCI and take much courage and strength from your expressed support through prayer and our interactions with you.</p>
LIMIT YOUR PRESENCE ON CAMPUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Like many other guidelines we are asked to follow this year, this is difficult for us. The presence of our parent community and volunteers is an important part of life at MBCI. • Please use email, phone and check Edsby learning plans, write a note or zoom with us to communicate while we limit our exposure to added adults in the building. • When you need to be on campus we ask that you wear a mask, practice hand hygiene and follow the signage posted to keep our campus safe. • We will do our best to work with special circumstances as needed – we are committed and invite your partnership in seeking understanding first through questions.
COMMUNICATE WITH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have a commitment to our teaching staff that we will encourage direct communication first



OUR TEACHERS	<p>with teachers where there may be questions or concerns related to your child(ren)'s learning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We believe in seeking understanding first through clarifying questions and dialogue. • Should a concern or question remain after contacting a teacher, please feel free to contact MBCI administration and we will facilitate resolution where needed.
SCHOOL COMMUNITY CALENDAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please continue to view our school calendar for updates on school events and information as to whether events are postponed, cancelled, or virtual. • We are committed to maximizing what we are able to do within all safety guidelines to build community and relationships with and between students. • We are going to begin with thorough orientation for our students. Learning the routines and expectations for safety as well as classroom learning routines is very important for a successful school year. Events and expansions of programming will happen as we feel our school is ready and as permitted.

PROGRAM ADAPTATIONS

	EVERYONE	MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL
MUSIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See communication sent on September 1 from our Music Director regarding program plans for this school year. 		
CO-CURRICULAR ATHLETICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A communication will go out regarding our fall sport program from our Athletic Director in the next few weeks. 		
WOOD WORKING, DRAMA,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class sizes for these elective courses are small to allow for safety. • Each of these programs has been carefully designed to adhere to safety guidelines while allowing students to explore their interests and talents. 		



NUTRITION, ART, DIGITAL MEDIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our dedicated teachers are adapting projects and activities in innovative ways and are excited to begin with their students.
MODERN LANGUAGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our language teachers will be moving to the various cohort wings so that student movement is reduced. • Our advanced language programs are small class sizes, with multi-grade enrolments. We have planned for these courses to be in spacious areas within the school so that we are able to adhere to the guidelines of 4M between cohorts when in a shared space.
LIBRARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library use has been designed to have multi-function. Resources will be brought directly to classrooms as needed to limit traffic and cohort usage. • We are fortunate to have a spacious and bright learning commons and library and look forward to utilizing this space for needed “learning zones” for students and teachers.
SERVICE LEARNING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All off-campus service days and trips will be on hold at this point. We are looking for creative, safe ways to continue to serve others through our service program and project-based learning initiatives.

