

Welcome to Hatzic Middle School



A Typical Middle School Day

8:30 ish Arrive at school from the bus or car or walking

Find your locker to put your backpack and lunch away. Get your books and pens and pencils and binders for your first class. Now is a good time to go to the washroom or get a drink of water. Visit with your friends or head to the library to hang out while you wait for the first bell.

8:45 am The first bell will go; you should start walking to your class.

8:50 am At the second bell, you should be at your class, ready to learn with your supplies.

10:10 am At the end of first block, you have time to go to your locker, put away your books, get books for the second block, get your snack and eat it and then walk to your second class. This is also a good time to use the washroom and say hi to your friends.

10:17 am Second block starts and goes until 11:26 am.

11:37 am Lunchtime! Go to your locker, put away your books and get your lunch or your cafeteria card. The cafeteria has many choices! You can eat in the cafeteria, outside, on the benches, in the Wolfs Den or with friends by your locker of choice. Also, a good time to use the washroom. This is also a good time to join a club. Some teachers have tutorials (extra help with work) at lunch – if you need help with a class, ask a teacher how to get help. Lunch time clubs and activities also include:

-Outdoor Club (hiking, skiing, snowboarding, mountain biking, snowshoeing, climbing!)

-Writing Club -Robotics

-Library Club -Hula Hoop Club

-Anime Club -D and D Club

-Dragster Club -Art Club

-Basketball -Weight Room

-Drum Circle

If you want to start a club, talk to a teacher or a counselor on ways to get started!

12:18 pm First bell after lunch, go to your locker, put away your lunch, get your books for your third class.

12:22 pm First class after lunch goes until 1:40 pm.

1:41 pm Go to locker to get supplies for your last block. Eat a snack if you have any left!

1:47 pm Last class is until 3:06 pm.

3:06 pm Go to your locker, get your supplies for homework, your gym strip to be washed, your old lunch leftovers and walk to the bus loop (some busses leave right away) Your day is done!

Advice from our students:



Dear New Coming Grade 7's

The best piece of advice I could give a new grade 7 is to be yourself. There will always be someone who will have lunch with you or to talk to. Enjoy your time at middle school because the next couple years will fly by fast. This is your time to meet new friends, find out what you're good at, learn what you need to work on and get the support. One thing you should know about middle school is, it's not as scary as it looks. It may take some getting used to for the first week or two, but everyone eventually learns their way around and it becomes more fun to roam the school at lunch and in between breaks (as long as you're getting to class on time!)

There have been different, but very similar emotions when students walked into Hatzic Middle School for the first time. Some were scared, nervous, and felt lonely. They didn't think they would meet new people and have new friends throughout the years. Others felt excited to be going into a bigger school, ready to meet new friends, and become more independent. Getting to know the school would be a challenge for the first week, but it starts to become a normal schedule. Going to certain classes on time, heading to your locker for supplies, talking to new people in class and becoming best friends!

Some words from grade 8's and 9's:

"I felt fantastic after I knew my way around. I made lots of friends, got a girlfriend, got amazing music opportunities, and overall couldn't have had a better experience."

"I was awkward at first, but my favorite memory of middle school was meeting new people. Eventually it gets easier to cope with the awkwardness and I met friends who have joined me to be a fun, loving student with laughable memories."

“My brother told me funny stories about Mr. Vos, so it was cool to actually meet him.”

“I was worried about running late to class and not remembering the bell schedule, so I kept my planner with me to look at the schedule on the back.”

My experience at Hatzic Middle has been a blast. I have had so many amazing teachers who support me as a student and a person in general. They get to know the students throughout the year, learn our likes and dislikes, and try to have a good time during the year.

Be outgoing, say hello to new people, don't be afraid to stand out from the rest. There are so many opportunities waiting for you!

Have an awesome year Grade 7's!!

By the way... Mr. Vos isn't as intimidating as he seems.



Dear seventh graders,

I moved to Mission in the summer of 2017 and went to Hatzic Middle for the rest of grade seven, eight, and nine. Coming to Hatzic has taught me so much about others and myself. Hatzic Middle, the school near the water, this is one the best things because the school lays in such a peaceful community. One thing that confused me a little at our school was the schedule (it's like a high school schedule) but, I overcame that by keeping my planner and having the school app. I found the app useful because it organized my school activities and gave me my schedule. It's so important to keep yourself organized and up to date on work in middle school because as soon as work piles up, it's nearly impossible to finish it by a deadline. (I speak from experience) So stick to a plan!

Another tip or piece of advice would be to join extracurricular activities. This helps you get involved, make new friends, and it's fun! Some of these activities include, basketball teams, soccer, volleyball,

disc golf, musical theater, and so many more. Getting outside can also help with stress from classes. Oh, that reminds me, if you're having trouble with class work, don't hesitate to ask any of your teachers or peers. I'm one hundred percent sure they want to help you out. You can also ask the leadership nine student since they might have some answers.

One thing that I look forward to doing each year is the Hypathon and Ho Down. It's where you play against your friends, dance, and you could win amazing prizes. It really does feel like the Christmas spirit is in the air. That would be the number one thing I'd miss when leaving off to high school this year. A tip: you should sign up for at least two events. The dances at our school are pretty cool too. Take for instance, the Halloween Dance; it was so much fun. Once in a lifetime kind of opportunity that all the grade nines missed this year was the Spring Fling. And if you get chance to go, you should really go, I'd imagine that it would be amazing.

I think Hatzic Middle School is a safe and healthy place to learn. If you're having troubles at any point, talk to the counselors, and engage in activities. These past three years have just flown by and it really does pass by fast. It feels like just yesterday I walked into Hatzic. The teachers and friends make the school what it is in my eyes, every staff member, every student makes this school a great place not only to learn but to have fun. I guess what I mean is to stay positive, set goals, and accomplish them. Be a role model to other students and who knows, you might be one of the students in the leadership nine class.

To end off this letter, I say do your best, put effort in all your classes because each one of them matters even if it has nothing to do with what you want to be in the future. And don't stress about the grades because you will know if you tried your hardest and improved. That was my advice to you, I promise you that middle school is not overwhelming like in the movies, just find good friends and work hard. Oh, and welcome to Hatzic Middle School!



Middle school is an opportunity. It is an opportunity to learn a lot of things. Your classes are a great way to learn things, a great way to get a better understanding of the world. But in my opinion, the best things that you'll learn here at Hatzic are in these halls, in the cafeteria and around the school.

I think that my favorite thing about middle school is that you don't really know what to expect. It's pretty much the first time in your life you've been in an unknown environment since you were five years old. Hatzic seems like this humongous place with lots of people and lots of opportunities to make bad decisions, but you'll learn very quickly that isn't really the case.

I'd say ninety percent of the time, the decisions you make are going to be pretty self-explanatory. You know what's right and what's wrong, you know when to do your homework and not to miss class. But the other ten percent, the ten percent where you have to choose between class and your friends, that's the hard part. That's the part where you might wish you knew exactly what to do or wish you had someone to talk to, but you do.

The halls of Hatzic are filled to the brim with people of all kinds, adults, teenagers, kids and everyone in between. At first, that may seem like a terrifying idea. If I could tell you one thing about Hatzic, and I guess I can, it would be that the people in the halls aren't too bad. Some of them will become your favorite teachers and best friends, some of them will just be your classmates, but not very many of them are going out of their way to be rude to people. There is always going to be someone there who is willing to show you where class is or help you with your homework. And if you don't feel comfortable talking to a student, you have tons of great counsellors and principals.

That's pretty much it, for what someone else can tell you. You've just got to figure most of it out by yourself. That probably sounds scary, but it's the best part about middle school. The fact that you get to go out and make your own decisions, make your own friendships and

really change from a kid to a young adult in the span of three years, is something I'm sad is already over, so enjoy it while you can.

Tips from a grade 9:

- If you have 5 dollars for the cafeteria, get a large tomato pasta and a pop
- Mr. Vos is always watching, but that's a good thing
- If the Cafeteria is serving fries, the line is going to be loooong (it's worth it)
- Go to the Halloween dance, it's awesome
- Go introduce yourself to Mr. Williams, even if he isn't your teacher, his room is always open at lunch
- You don't really have to spin your lock three times before you do your combination, but you still should
- There are tons of sports to play, I'd suggest volleyball and basketball myself
- The hallways are like a road, everyone walks on one side
- Try to walk fast when you can, it'll make people happy
- The vending machine is probably going to take your money
- If you don't know what elective to do in grade nine, take foods
- Try to get into leadership 9
- Whatever you want to do, do it as well as you can, even when it's hard
- Study!!!!
- Don't be afraid if someone asks for some of your food, it's pretty normal (that doesn't mean you have to say yes)
- The library has tons of books and activities
- There is always basketball in the gym at lunch
- It's ok to not know exactly what you want to do with your life by the end of grade 9 (I sure don't)

- Have fun!



Middle school. A time in your life you will never forget. There's a lot to think about going into middle school, from math tests to sport teams to awkward social situations. There's a lot I wish I knew looking back on when I started middle school. Here are three tips for thriving in middle school...

#1- Pursue activities that truly interests you.

It's in your best interest to make decisions on extracurricular activities for yourself rather than base it on what your friends say. Pick something that you find interesting, then get involved. Genuine passion and commitment to anything is a good idea for pursuing new activities. This a great way to make friends!

#2- Make the most of your academics.

Take advantage of the opportunity to form strong relationships with teachers, even in a larger class. A little effort goes a long way.

#3- Ask for advice

It's amazing how people will be open so don't hesitate to ask teachers, parents and even older students for some tips. Do your best to make decisions that work for you. I believe in you! Make your middle school years memorable.



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These are the basic starting supplies and additional supplies may be required. Teachers will inform students of the requirements for their class during the first week of school.

Item	Amount
• Binders: 3" (Preferably Zippered)	2
• Calculator	1
• Coloured Pencil Crayons	1 x 24 Pack
• Dividers	2 Sets of 8
• Erasers	2
• Felt Pens (Thin Tipped)	1 x 12 Pack
• Glue Sticks (Large)	3
• Lined Paper	500 Sheets
• Pencils	24
• Pens (Blue, Black & Red)	3 of Each Colour
• Ruler	1
• Sharpies (Black)	2

The \$25 activity fee provides the student with a locker, lock and planner. This is paid on school cash online.

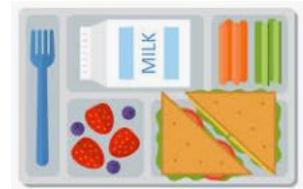
Frequently Asked Questions

How do we pay in the cafeteria?

The cafeteria accepts café cards. Café cards are available for purchase through school cash online.

Café cards are purchased online and the office prints them each morning. They come in \$12 denominations and most lunch items are \$3 - \$5.

<https://mpsd.schoolcashonline.com/>



Does Hatzic Middle School have an app?

Yes, it is called My School Day. Once downloaded you search for Hatzic Middle School. This is where we send out notifications of upcoming events and important reminders.

You can also enter your classes here and each day it will show you what your schedule is.



What is the auto dialer?



The auto dialer is an automated message sent home twice a day if a student is marked absent and we have not heard from a parent/guardian letting us know they are not coming to school. The auto dialer is sent home after 9:30am and again at 3:30pm. If you are late it is important to come to the office for a late slip as you may have been marked absent and a phone call could be going home to let them know you are not at school.

What if I have trouble with my lock on my locker?

If you are having trouble opening your locker you can always ask the office for help. It is important to keep your lock combination to yourself. Do not share it with friends or write it where others can see it.

The activity fee of \$25 covers a lock, locker, student ID and student planner. Please do not bring a lock from home.



What is the school website?



<https://hms.mpsd.ca/>

The website has lots of great information including the school calendar and a staff page that lists the contact information for all teachers. The best way for a parent/guardian to contact a teacher is through email.

How does bussing work?



Busses will drop you off and pick you up at the same spot at school. There is a designated bus loop outside by the cafeteria. Some busses leave right after school, so it is important to be on time. Busses don't always wait and will leave without you. Late busses will run two days a week and those days will be determined in September. Only those students registered for the bus can access bussing.

Where is student drop off and pick up?

We ask that parents use the designated drop off and pick up areas. There are signs directing you to pull into the school off Moffat Ave. and use the parking area on the left for pick up and drop off. Drop off at the front of the school creates congestion and is a safety hazard.



Where do I find information about clubs and activities?

There is a board outside of the office “Student Headquarters” where we will post what clubs are run by what teachers and when they happen.

What fees does a Grade 7 pay?

All students pay a \$25 Student Activity Fee that covers a student planner, locker, lock and student ID. Lockers are issued once the activity fee is paid through school cash online.

The textbook deposit is \$100 and will be refunded once all textbooks are returned at the end of Grade 9 or if you leave to go to another school.

Students who play on a sports team will have an athletic fee of \$75.