



Greetings Hatzic Families,

We hope your families are safe and well. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we continue to work through our restart plan for the 2020, 2021 school year. We are looking forward to welcoming back our students and staff and re-engaging our Hatzic Middle School community members.

We understand you may have some overall concerns regarding safety and we want to assure you that we are working hard to ensure all Health and Safety Protocols outlined by the Provincial Health Authority will be in place to provide a safe learning environment for your child’s return.

We have altered our timetable to meet the requirements outlined by the Ministry of Education. We will be continuing to work over the next few weeks to solidify all details of our educational plan. Below is up to date information regarding the overall structure of our schedule.

School Day

The school day at H.M.S will run 9:00am – 3:06 pm every day **except Wednesday**. On Wednesday students will be dismissed at 11:08 am.

Quarterly System Schedule

The academic year will be a quarterly rotation model in which students take two classes at a time for a 10-week period. There will be four quarters for the year and students will complete eight courses for the year. Classes will be approximately 2.5 hours long with in-class breaks. Please see the tables below.

Quarterly Schedule		
Q1	Sept 8-Nov 13	Day 1 Block 1 & 2
Q2	Nov 16-Jan 28	Day 1 Block 3 & 4
Q3	Feb 1-April 23	Day 2 Block 1 & 2
Q4	April 26-June 29	Day 2 Block 3 & 4

Bell Schedule		
Warning Bell	9:00 AM	
Instructional Block	9:05-11:43 AM	158 min/2 hr 38 min
Lunch	11:43-12:28 PM	45 min
Instructional Block	12:28-3:06 PM	158 min/2 hr 38 min
Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri Dismissal	3:06 PM	
Wednesday Bell Schedule		
Instructional Block	9:05-11:08 AM	123 min/2 hr 3 min
Wednesday Dismissal	11:08 AM	



Block Rotation Q1					
Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	1	2	1
	2	1	X – Early Dismissal	1	2
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	2	1	2	1	2
	1	2	X – Early Dismissal	2	1

Daily Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will be full day instruction.

Wednesday will be a half day instruction (am) with a dismissal of 11:08am. This is required to honour our collective agreement with teachers.

Learning Groups/Cohorts

Students will be assigned to cohorts of 60 students or less. Cohorts are a requirement from the PHA to reduce the potential of Covid-19 transmission and to aid in contact tracing.

Timetables

Student schedules will be available during the week of Sept 8th

General

- Lockers will not be in use
- Masks- Masks will be required in shared spaces where physical distancing is not possible between students from different learning cohorts, i.e. hallways, washrooms, etc. Two reusable masks will be provided by the School District to each student
- School Supplies- Our list can be found here: <https://hms.mpsd.ca/>

First Week of School

There will be no students in attendance at school on Tuesday, September 8th or Wednesday, September 9th. These two days will be used for site-based planning and Health and Safety orientation for HMS Staff.

Thursday September 10th

Only Grade 7's will be in session on Thursday September 10th for the full day.

Friday September 11th

Only Grade 8 & 9's will be in session on Friday September 11th for the full day.



Monday September 14th, 2020

All students will be in session.

There will be further details about what this orientation and transition morning will look like over the next week or so.

More Information to Follow

- Additional building specific Health and Safety information. Here is a link to the district guidelines for all sites: <https://www.mpsd.ca/District/covid19/>
- Bussing times/schedule
- First Day of School- what to bring, where to go, what to expect, etc.
- Student timetables and Parent Portal Access

Thank you again for your patience during this process. We are extremely excited to welcome you and your child back into our HMS community. Please contact us at hms.info@mpsdc.ca should you have any questions or concerns.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Gabriele', is positioned below the text 'All the best,'.

Marcello Gabriele

Principal



First Week Schedule Change