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Clarification to the Rules for Schools

The rules for schools have stayed mostly the same, but we wanted to take the opportunity to make sure they were clear.

Masks are required for any student to ride the bus. Within the school, students in K-3 are recommended to wear a mask, but it is not mandatory. Students in grade 4-8 and all visitors must wear a mask while within the school. The masks can be removed when they are seated within the classroom, but must be worn at all other times.

If you wish to visit the school to talk to a staff member, you must call to make an appointment. You do not need to provide proof of a negative rapid test or vaccination status as a visitor. Volunteering within the classroom will require proof of a negative test or vaccination status.

COVID Testing Kits

The provincial government will be providing all schools with masks and COVID rapid testing kits. These test will be sent home with students for home use to help with preventing the spread of COVID-19. These kits will also hopefully help keep student absences to a minimum if illness does occur.

If you would not like to receive the free kits, please email the school to opt out.

2022
HAPPY
NEW YEAR

REMINDERS

- January 10th – First Day Back
- January 17th – Fundraising Meeting
- January 28th – PD Day
- Teacher Convention Week – No school from February 21st – 25th

To the MCS Community,

Happy New Year! We are wishing you health, happiness and prosperity in 2022! It has been an interesting start to our year and we are approaching everything with caution, caring and kindness so ensure that we are creating a learning environment that matches these goals.

The International Baccalaureate (IB) word of focus in January is **principled**. The IB Learner Profile aims to develop students who are principled. Students who are principled act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness, justice and respect for the dignity of the individual, groups and communities. They take responsibility for their own actions and the consequences that accompany them. IB students are infused with the academic integrity that is a fundamental value of universities and colleges. Read more about on the IBO at [IBO.org](https://ibo.org)

How can parents help to develop students who are principled at home? Talk about decision making from a knowledgeable, deliberate and sense of what you want to accomplish. Approaching all people and situations from a place of caring is a great way to role model behavior to your children. Make connections of behavior to character in stories and shows. Read and tell stories in which the story characters demonstrate principled decisions. Discuss how being principled is a lifelong commitment and well sought after characteristic to have. Be sure to catch your children when they display principled behavior and support with positive reinforcement. Point out role models who display principled behavior in the world around you. Talk about what they are doing and what your child thinks about their actions.

At MCS, we teach **principled** as “doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.” We try to reinforce this as much as we can. We point out when classes need to be principled and describe what that might look like. We give classes situations to practice being principled. We try to catch students while they are acting in a principled way. We ask students to give us examples of when they have witnessed others being principled and we ask them to reflect on their own behavior, talking about times when they have been principled. To extend this, we will ask them to make connections to things that have directly resulted from their principled actions.

As often happens, this word seems to be timely for our steps into the new year. We are trying our best to approach the year in a principled way that fosters success in our learning community.

With gratitude for all of your support during these interesting times,

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