



OKANAGAN MISSION SECONDARY SCHOOL

Excellence Through Effort

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2016-17 SCHOOL OPENING BULLETIN

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

The staff and I would like to extend a warm welcome to Grade 7s and new students, as well as our returning students for the 2016-17 school year. I hope your summer has been relaxing, so that everyone returns refreshed and ready for the upcoming school year.

Please join me in welcoming our new and/or returning staff members to our school community:

- Michael Dornian – Vice Principal (I-M)
- Lauren Abney – Jr Math/Science/VPA
- Spencer Bach – Music
- Amanda Bourdon – Jr Math/Science
- Derek Bueckert – Humanities
- Farah Canuel - Art
- Leslie Dumontet - French
- Justin Enns – Jr Humanities
- Bennett Ford – French
- Lisa Gerber – Social Studies
- Amy Gunn – Jr Science
- Tracy Hayhurst – Jr Math/Science
- Brodie Maundrell – Humanities/PE
- Natalie Morin – Jr Math/Science
- Lisa Nevoral – Math/Science
- Melanie Newell – Dance/Drama
- Stephanie Odium - Math
- Harmeet Pakkar – Humanities/French
- Jodi Reed – Living Skills/Science
- Austin Ross – English/PE
- Candace Sharko – Jr Math/Science
- Sarah Sinclair – PE
- Brent Sookochoff – Tech Ed

Please don't hesitate to contact any of your child's teachers for any specific questions.

OKM students continue to excel relative to both district and provincial standards. Clearly, "*Excellence Through Effort*" is more than just a motto, as the students, parents and staff have worked exceptionally hard together to achieve incredible results in all programs. Our staff and parents have been working towards the goal of all OKM students acquiring and demonstrating the "Attributes of a Learner". In particular, we continue to be focussed on students demonstrating *perseverance* and *resiliency*.

I'm very proud of the diversity and flexibility in OKM programs, such as Advanced Placement, Commercial Music, Computer Programming, Dance, Entrepreneurship, Fashion, Guitar-Building, High Performance Sport, Honours Courses, Jazz, Jewelry Making, Leadership, Medieval Armory, Peer Counselling, Sports Academies (Hockey, Soccer, and Swimming), Stagecraft, Studio Art, Sustainability, and Triple Threat, which is no doubt why this is a school of choice for so many. With such depth and breadth in terms of academics, arts, athletics and applied skills, this promises to be another excellent year at OKM.

I continue to be amazed that our staff have offered a variety of athletic and social opportunities, such as Astronomy, Basketball, Book Club, Celebration Alliance, Chess Club, Club Innovate, Debate, Dragon's Den, Gaming Club, Golf, Intramurals, Japanese Language, Lego Mindstorms, Math Contest Club, Meditation Club, Meta Club, Rotary Interact, Rugby, Soccer, Social Justice, Student Voice, Tennis, Track, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, and Writing Club, as well as the School Spirit activities that are offered at lunch. Please encourage your child to get involved and make connections, as this enriches everyone's high school experience.

As parents, we hope that you will also make connections within our incredible OKM community. We welcome all of you to our first Parent Advisory Council meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, September 20th at 7:00 pm in our library. Also, you'll want to receive our "Week at a Glance" (WAAG) bulletin and be up to date on what happens at OKM on a weekly basis. Just Click on the word **JOIN** on OKM's Webpage to receive news and upcoming events right to your email address.

I look forward to working with all of you again this year. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

TEXTBOOKS

Please return **ALL** outstanding textbooks and library books to the library or office.

OKM office hours: Aug. 30, 31, and Sept. 1 9:00 am – 3:30 pm / Sept. 2 9:00 – 12:00

STUDENT TIMETABLES/COURSE CHANGES

Students will receive an updated copy of their timetable in their homeroom on the first day of school. Course change requests for **Grades 9-12** will happen **Tuesday, August 30 to Thursday, September 1 from 9am to 3:30 pm**. Please note the following!

****PRIORITY will be given in the following order**:**

- 1) New Registrations
- 2) Incomplete timetables
- 3) Unbalanced schedules

OPENING DAY SCHEDULE FOR FIRST DAY OF CLASSES:

Tuesday, September 6

Grade 7's / 9:00 - 1:00 pm LUNCH PROVIDED

All Grade 7's will report to the Gym for the orientation at 9:00 a.m. They will be provided with an extensive school orientation including a review of their course timetable. In addition, students will connect with their peers and Link Crew Leaders through a series of fun, interactive activities. A free pizza lunch will follow!

Grades 7-12 / 1:00 - 3:15 pm

All students in Grades 7 - 12 will report to their homeroom at 1:00 pm followed by a mini Semester 1 timetable run through. Homeroom lists will be posted in the Multi-purpose Room. Bus pick up will follow the end of day dismissal.

SECOND DAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 9 or SECOND DAY OF SCHOOL BACK IN SESSION - 9:00 am - 3:15 pm

****see website for block rotation****

Homeroom	9:00 – 9:10 am
Period One	9:10 - 10:25 am
Break	10:25 – 10:35 am
Period Two	10:35 – 11:55 pm
Lunch	11:55 – 12:37 pm
Period Three	12:37 – 1:50 pm
Break	1:50 – 2:00 pm
Period Four	2:00 – 3:15 pm
Dismissal	3:15 pm

SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

Please take time to read the OKM Student Agenda Book (Gr 7 – 9) and online OKM Webpage (Gr 10 – 12). Please review the school's Code of Conduct/Policies with your children.

WEEK AT A GLANCE, EVENTS & NEWS

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