



OKANAGAN MISSION SECONDARY SCHOOL

Excellence Through Effort

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2018-19 SCHOOL OPENING BULLETIN

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

On behalf of the entire OKM staff I would like to welcome our Grade 7's, all of our new students and our returning students to the upcoming school year. We trust you have had a relaxing and enriching summer break and are excited for the challenges, adventure and fun through the learning that lies ahead. We are pleased to welcome returning staff members as well as many new staff members to our school community:

Nila Andersen
Chantel Dodgson
Leslie Dumontet
Kristy Elia
John Gallicano
Megan Harvey
Karrie Hayher
Tyler Jensen
Kelli Kraft
Megan Koch

Heather Leslie
Will Lowe-Walker
Andrew McKellar
Kirsten Mulleney
Austin Ross
Wes Schmitt
Lee Schwartz
Grant Topor
Jena Wiebe

At OKM we are very proud of the many opportunities available for students to be actively involved in the life of the school. From a diverse array of competitive athletics, to highly successful fine arts programs to a varied and rich selection of curricular and extra-curricular clubs, academies, and teams. We strongly encourage our students to choose to be involved with whatever they are interested in or passionate about.

We are also proud of the strong tradition of academic excellence at our school. Our students continue to demonstrate high standards of achievement. This success is a tribute to the work of our teaching and support staff, the efforts of our students and the ongoing support of parents. 2018-2019 promises to be another year of great success.

We encourage and welcome parents to make connections within our school community. All parents are welcome to attend our first Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting, which will take place on Tuesday September 25th at 7:00 pm in our school library. New parents will also want to subscribe to our Week at a Glance (WAAG) bulletin to stay 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. We look forward to working with all of you again this year. Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Bruce McKay
Principal

TEXTBOOKS

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

OKM Office Hours: Aug. 28, 29, 30, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm / Aug. 31 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 28 to Thursday, August 30 from 9 am to 12 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 4

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 5 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 - 10:30 am
Break	10:30– 10:40 am
Period Two	10:40 – 11:50 pm
Lunch	11:50 – 12:34 pm
Period Three	12:34 – 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

OKM's news is sent to your email, posted on OKM's Website and Website Calendar!