



# Moncton High School

Back to School Memo for Students and Parents Grades 9-12

**August 26, 2020**

- Track A/ denoted in Purple (Adams – Killam) will return to school on September 8, 2020.
- Track B/ denoted in White (Kim – Zwicker) will return to school on September 9, 2020.

## **Procedure for Day 1**

- After applying your mask, enter the building and sanitize your hands.
- Follow the information from the main office and go to your homeroom to get your updated schedule - homeroom lists are available outside the cafeteria.

## **School Materials**

- If you have materials that are owned by the school, please bring them on your first day of school. This includes uniforms, books, etc.

## **Return to School for students**

Tuesday, September 8th will be the first day for the return of students. Schools at the high school level will be doing different things so if you hear what other schools are doing do not be confused. Please refer to the direction you receive from your child's homeroom teacher or go to our website <http://monctonhigh.nbed.nb.ca/>.

We try and keep our website posted and as current as possible. We also try and communicate via our District Voice Messaging system. The information on our website and messenger is the most up to date information and should be followed.

## TRACK A/B Schedules

**Track A: Last names (Adams to Killam) (PURPLE on the Calendar)**

**Track B: Last names (Kim to Zwicker) (WHITE on the Calendar)**

To provide clarity and not confusion students at the Kindergarten to grade 8 level will go to school all five days of the week. These students will be in classroom bubbles. For example, a grade one class will bubble, and that group of students will go out for recess at their own time to limit interacting with other groups. Educators, administrators, teachers, etc. will refer to this as a bubble of students.

High Schools however will be structured using the terms **Track A and Track B**. Yes, they are a bubble of students in that they consistently go to school in the physical location on the same days but for a lack of a better explanation they are essentially within a bubble group.

There are some exceptions at the high school level in which students with special needs students will go every day as its quite different in their programming to do online learning the other days. All necessary health protocols will be put in place to allow for this exception.

### **IMPORTANT – STORM DAYS – Follow the Calendar**

In order to prevent confusion, we will keep to these days regardless of whether or not students miss a physical day at school because of school cancellation. We understand that if school is closed on the Tuesday that its possible that a student might only attend school one physical day that week. At MHS we have decided to go this way because whether the student is at the school in the physical sense or not, daily attendance will be taken each and every day for all students. In other words, even if students are home, they will be connecting into their classrooms in a virtual way and are essentially in school every day but in a different way. More information to follow on how this will unfold at MHS.

Note: See calendar: Last week is a flex week to even out days missed. This is to balance the schedule at the end of the semester.

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**AT THIS POINT: STUDENTS MUST FOLLOW THEIR ASSIGNED TRACK  
A/B. IF YOU HAVE EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES YOU MUST  
CONTACT THE GRADE LEVEL ADMINISTRATOR.**

Grade 9: Mme Cote-Allain

Grade 10: Mr. Farrell

Grade 11/12: Mrs. Whalen

## SEMESTER 1 CALENDAR – MONCTON HIGH SCHOOL 2020-2021

### TRACK A: ADAMS TO KILLAM (Purple)

AUGUST						
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DECEMBER						
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### TRACK B: KIM TO ZWICKER (White)

SEPTEMBER						
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JANUARY 2021						
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September 7  
 October 12  
 November 11  
 November 20  
 December 4  
 December 21  
 January 18-29

Labour Day  
 Thanksgiving  
 Remembrance Day  
 9-12 Parent Teacher and Professional Learning  
 Gr 9 – 12 Professional Learning,  
 Christmas Break  
 Flex Days to Balance Schedules and Exam Week



## Bell Schedule Fall 2020-2021

<b>9:00</b>	<b><i>Warning Bell</i></b>
9:05 – 10:10	Period 1, O'Canada, Announcements
<b>10:10 - 10:20</b>	<b><i>Transition</i></b>
10:20 - 11:20	Period 2
<b>11:20 – 11:30</b>	<b><i>Transition</i></b>
11:30 – 12:30	Period 3
<b>12:30 – 1:30</b>	<b><i>Lunch</i></b>
<b>1:25</b>	<b><i>Warning Bell</i></b>
1:30 – 2:30	Period 4
<b>2:30 – 2:40</b>	<b><i>Transition</i></b>
2:40 – 3:40	Period 5
3:40	Dismissal



## **MONCTON HIGH SCHOOL**

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### **Principal**

Michael A. BeLong

### **Vice-Principals**

France Cote-Allain

Scott Farrell

Christine Whalen

Welcome Back MHS Families!

Parents / Guardians and Students:

Welcome back, we miss our students and families! You have been in our thoughts over the summer.

Last year was certainly a strange time for everyone given the situation with our Global Pandemic. There continues to be uncertainty and challenges as we move forward, but we are very pleased that we will be returning to school this September. Many people feel the need for a return to provide some normalcy. For others, it might be a heightening concern. Hopefully, this memo will provide some helpful insight and guidance as to what the school year will look like as we start up in September.

We have been busy this past spring and summer in planning for this upcoming school year. Please understand that all the communications we provide are based on the latest directives provided by our Ministry of Health and EECD and that changes may still have to take place as we work along the Covid journey.

The Moncton High Administration is working alongside the school's Core leadership team this week to finalize what is called our 'Operational Plan' which ensures that we put in place measures and safeguards for both safety and learning for our staff and students. Once this plan is complete it will be presented to the district and province and will be shared with our Moncton High families.

### **Education and Early Childhood Development documents:**

The return to school guide [Return to School : Guide for Parents and the Public](#)

The [Return to School: Guide for Parents and the Public](#) provides a detailed overview of what students, parents and guardians need to know before returning to school in September. It outlines the requirements schools and school districts must meet while developing their COVID-19 operational plans, which will be made available to parents. It works in conjunction with Public Health guidance to the department and may be changed based upon the evolution of the pandemic.

"While we released our high-level Return to School plan in June, we know students, families and educators still had many questions on what to expect when they go back into the classroom," said Education and Early Childhood Development Minister Dominic Cardy. "A critical part of reopening schools while we live through this pandemic is protecting the health and safety of staff and students;

however, our mandate continues to be ensuring that students have access to quality, inclusive education that positions them for long-term success.”

In addition to reduced group sizes, classroom bubbles for students in kindergarten to Grade 8 and blended learning for high school students, the guide includes direction for face mask use, transportation, cleaning, outbreak management and learning plans.

“Public Health was pleased to collaborate with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development in establishing this comprehensive approach to returning to school safely,” said Dr. Jennifer Russell, chief medical officer of health. “We will continue to provide guidance throughout the school year on various issues ranging from prevention measures to managing an outbreak and will support our students, families, educators and school staff every step of the way.”

### **Face mask use**

Every student will bring a face mask to school daily, but masks will not necessarily be required inside the classroom. **Students in Grades 6-12 will wear face masks on the school bus and in common areas of the school such as washrooms and in the hallways. In Grades 9-12, teachers will wear a face mask or shield whenever they are not able to physically distance.**

### **Transportation**

Curtains will be installed to provide a physical barrier between school bus drivers and students while students get on and off the bus. If physical distancing is not possible, the driver will be required to wear a face mask or shield.

Students will sit in the same seat every day. To promote physical distancing, busses will be filled from back to front. As K-5 students are not required to wear masks, they will sit one student per seat, or with a member of their household. Students in Grades 6-12 wearing masks will sit two to a seat, but do not have to wear masks if they are sitting alone or with a member of their household.

### **Cafeteria**

No information available at this point.

### **Lockers**

If you require a locker for your personal belongings, please see your homeroom teacher during the first week.

### **Personal safety and screening**

**Parents will be responsible for screening their child before coming to school daily. Information packages, including screening questionnaires will be sent directly to families through the schools. Information is also available online.**

Educators will teach students age-appropriate ways to reduce physical contact and promote good hygiene. Students will be reminded to wash or sanitize their hands regularly, including each time they enter the school or classroom.

### **Enhanced cleaning protocols**

Hand sanitizing stations will be installed at school entrances and in every classroom. Drinking fountains will be replaced with water bottle filling stations.

### **Bus Information from Anglophone East School District,**

This is Superintendent Gregg Ingersoll. We at ASD-E are eagerly preparing for student return in a few short weeks. This message is to help clarify some questions you may have about returning to school.

#### **Transportation:**

You will be able to register for transportation information pertaining to your child on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. To complete your child's registration please follow these instructions:

- Go to [asde.nbed.nb.ca](https://asde.nbed.nb.ca)
- Click the green button on the righthand side that says School & Bus Locator
- Click on Parent Portal and follow the instructions to subscribe.
- Confirm your email address using the link sent to your email.
- Add your students. You will need: student ID number (NBEN on Report Cards), birth date, home address, and school.

After completing the above, you will receive the bussing information (bus number, bus stop, bus arrival time and bus route) for your child or children. You can also choose to receive alerts pertaining to school closures, bus delays and cancellations.

### **School COVID-19 Operational Safety Plans: (This document is not the MHS Operational Safety Plan)**

Each individual school is responsible for developing their own COVID-19 Operational Safety Plans. These plans will take into consideration the physical layout of each building and the ages of the students that attend each school. These plans will be published and released to parents on **September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**. The plans are subject to change based on the current "phase" of the Province and are considered "working documents." Parents will be notified about any changes to their specific school plan.

The COVID-19 Operational Safety Plans will include information on the following:

- Supervision start times
- Class start times
- Hallway directional arrows
- Stairway directions
- Where students go upon arrival
- Mask requirements (some schools cannot ensure physical distancing outside of the classroom and masks **will be required** to ensure everybody's safety).

- Recess times and instructions for maintaining class bubbles
- Cafeteria availability and where students can eat lunch
- Drop off/Pickup directions and instructions
- For high schools: the days students will be attending school and the days they will be learning online at home.
- School end times.

There will be more information in each plan unique to each school. Once these plans are finalized, published, and released please direct any questions specific to your school plan to your school's Principal. Please email or call your school to discuss as there are no visitors into schools without an appointment.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. We continue to follow direction from Public Health and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Student safety remains our priority.

Thank you,

Gregg Ingersoll

## **Welcome New Grade 9 Students.**

Welcome to Moncton High school as you will be coming to a school with one of the most storied High Schools in our beautiful province of New Brunswick. Our school is just shy of ninety years old and we have incredible school spirit and history. Something of which you will now be part of and can make your very own contribution as you enter high school.

Unfortunately, with Covid-19 we were not able to have our annual grade 8-day last spring. This is a day that is filled with excitement as you transition your schooling from middle school to high school. We consider this transition to be one that we know can be stressful for some as it's a big change. We want to put your mind at ease and let you know that thousands before you were uncertain, apprehensive, nervous etc. but it all works itself out.

The biggest change you will see is that we work with our students in developing their overall person and we start expecting more of you as we treat you as young adults. We expect our students to be respectful, mature and responsible. We have a code of conduct that your teachers will share with you when you return. With a school of over twelve hundred students we are the biggest school in our district and we area family. This means that e is all responsible for one another and support one another over the four years of high school.

There are many things at Moncton High you can get involved with and although Covid may cause some restrictions we are going to do everything we can to ensure that you get a full high school experience.

In high school students have schedules that include five courses / subjects / periods in one day. The school year is split into two semesters. semester one starts in September and ends late January and semester two runs from February to the end of June.

There will be no grade 9 day this year, designated for the grade 9 students only, however, we will still separate the grade 9's on their first day to give them a similar grade 9-day experience. The reason we cannot do this is because we would have to invite all grade nine students day one and we are not dividing up our students based on grades so we would automatically be cross contaminating the tracks/ bubble groups if we did this right from the onset. Our apologies but we will ensure a smooth transition for our grade nine students.

Mr. BeLong

## **General School Startup Information**

### **High School Courses/ Structure**

Each student in grades 9 and 10 take a common set of courses during these years which include most of the same subjects taken in middle school. These are an extension to your learning and will provide the basis and structure needed for grades 11 and 12 in which students work towards eighteen credits to graduate.

In grades 11 and 12, this is the time in which students start having choices with their learning and can branch off to areas of interest or post-secondary aspirations. We have a wonderful trades department at Moncton high school and are leading the province in many areas including, the arts, sciences, trades, literacy, immersion etc.

### **Homeroms**

At Moncton High School we value each and every student and with a student population of over twelve hundred students we want to ensure our students are not a number. In order to do that we have set up a homeroom structure that loops each student with the same homeroom teacher for their four high school years. It allows us to ensure that each individual student's needs/ strengths and weaknesses can be looked after. It is because of this structure that we continue to ask for students and parents to communicate any concerns ( mental health, financial, academic, etc. ) firstly through the homeroom teacher who will in turn direct these concerns to the school administration or guidance counsellors so they can be properly addressed.

It's important to note that you probably will not hear from your homeroom teacher until the week of Monday August 31st. Please do not be concerned if you have not yet received any communication. Upon their return the school administration will provide the teachers with the direction and answers to how this school year will unfold.

### **Parent and Student Portal**

Communication is an integral and important part of the success of our students. With a large high school, we encourage parents at the high school level to visit the school website and the school portal for important and pertinent information. Early this school year you will receive home communication through your child's homeroom teacher that will allow you to access a parent and student portal. This portal is important as it gives you the ability to go in and view your child's schedule, attendance, and report card marks. You can access the portal using your child's username and student password if you remember it from last year. (See Password for students section if you have questions) through the following site: <https://sisasde.nbed.nb.ca/public/>

### **Course Changes**

We are receiving emails from students and parents requesting course changes. We have developed a form that will allow students to request a course change. It's very important that one understands that

we will do our best to change courses but cannot guarantee changes. Rationale for changes must be provided on the form. For example, a student may decide they want to take physics because they want to take engineering at university. In a situation like this we will do our very best to accommodate.

### **Microsoft Office 365 and Computer Accounts**

In terms of providing consistency within our school and the district/province all New Brunswick's students have an account, username and password. They are not to be shared with others and the students are responsible for maintaining them, protecting them, and not losing them. This is a life skill today is most of our world is online banking, paying bills etc. These passwords will be reset over the next few weeks and students should receive their new passwords in the first few days of school.

### **Passwords for Students**

Passwords for students will not be reset until after August 31 for the whole district. They are being reset at that time and the schools will receive information about what it means for us moving forward. As indicated before, the password reset by EECD will change the student password to a permanent password not of their choosing that the HR teacher gives them. This is so the HR teacher knows the student password for the year.

### **Bus Information**

All busing is completed through the Anglophone East School district office. If you have a busing concern you must bring it to your homeroom teacher's attention, and they can pass on the information. To find the most up to date bus information for you or your child you will need to go to, <https://asdebp.nbed.nb.ca/Default.aspx>

### **Signing off on school forms and payments**

All school forms and payments are to be directed to SchoolCashOnline, <https://angloeast.schoolcashionline.com/Home/SignIn> or speak with your homeroom teacher if you unable to connect.

### **School Supplies**

Unlike the K-8 school structure teachers do not have a school supplies list. In general students bring a binder or portfolio to divide their courses up and be organized. Therefore, we recommend, paper, pens and pencils, highlighters, pencil crayons, ruler, scientific calculator and other things that help the student be organized.

When school starts there might be things that each specific teacher might suggest within their course that can be dealt with at that time.

The province did announce in July that all high school students will now require an electronic device at school and home to engage in their learning while they are physically at school and when they are at home. Information pertaining to financial supports / subsidies can be obtained through the link below.

[https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/news/news\\_release.2020.07.0414.html](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/news/news_release.2020.07.0414.html)

### **Appointments at the School**

As per the provincial 'Back to School Plan', visitors to the school must make an appointment before coming into school by calling 856-3439.

### **NBIAA Sports/Activities**

We understand the importance of athletics in the lives of our student athletes. The NBIAA Executive Members participated in a virtual meeting to further discuss all NBIAA activities for the 2020-2021 season, in relation to COVID-19 and the current state of our Province. You can find the most up to date information about your sport/activity here: <https://www.nbiaa-asinb.org/en/links/covid-19>

### **Moncton High Staff Return to Work**

We understand that students and parents have concerns and questions. We want to inform you that many teachers have been working throughout the summer in terms of their professional learning. This professional learning is to help prepare our teachers with the skills and knowledge to educate our students in these uncertain and changing times. We ask you for your patience and cooperation as we too learn along this journey.