

Hello Mount Slesse Families,

We hope you are all well and had a wonderful summer. We are so excited to welcome your amazing children back to school and can't wait to see them! Here is some information to help you prepare for the school year ahead.

### **School Opening Plans**

Attached to this email and linked here are our **September Opening Plans for MSMS**. This is a document that details our plans around nearly every element of school life. The rest of this email will highlight some main points from that document but we encourage you to read the attachment as well so you feel connected to what we are doing at Mount Slesse.

### **Entering MSMS and Class Assignments**

Like last year, we will be using specific entrances and hand washing stations based on classroom location. You will be emailed the name and room number of your child's teacher on Friday September 3<sup>rd</sup> near the end of the day. In that email you will also receive your child's entrance location, handwashing station, and a school map. You will be asked in that email to review the entrance information with your children. Please note that our school is full to capacity and class changes will not be possible.

### **Mask Update**

Students and staff are asked to wear masks at all times when indoors at Mount Slesse. Please refer to our **September Opening Plans for MSMS** for additional details

### **First Day of School**

The first day of school is Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am – 10:30am. Busses are running on this day.

### **Bell Schedule**

Starting Wednesday September 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be working with our regular **Bell Schedule** (linked here and attached to this email): 8:30am – 2:17pm. Since we are such a large school and we want to create optimal spacing, we have two bell schedules again this year: Early Schedule Division Schedule and Late Schedule Division Schedule. The beginning and end times of day are the same for all students.

### **Late Arrival**

Students will be entering our school through one of six different entrances. Doors will be closed at 8:45am daily. If your child arrives after this point, they will enter through the main front doors and check-in with our office staff.

## School Supplies

A [School Supply List](#) can be found on our website, attached to this email, and linked here. Each teacher may request slightly different or additional supplies as well.

## Grade 6 W.E.B. (Where Everybody Belongs) Orientation Day

All Grade 6 students are strongly encouraged to come to our fantastic [W.E.B. Orientation](#) event on Thursday September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30am to 12:30pm. See invitation linked here, on our website and attached to this email.

## Who to Contact

Families often wonder who to contact for help at Mount Slesse. Here is a guide to help you connect with us.

- **Office (604-824-7481)**
  - to inform the school of a late or absence
  - to pay fees
  - to leave messages for, or contact, your child
  - to drop off things for your child or a staff member
  - to ask general questions about happenings at the school
- **Core Teachers**
  - for most questions or concerns, either academic, social, or behavioral your child's Core Teacher and/or Core Teaching Partner is the best place to start
- **Counsellors**
  - for more serious academic, social, or behavioral or when you need help getting to the right person, call or email:
    - Last Names A – L: Melissa Michaud ([melissa\\_michaud@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:melissa_michaud@sd33.bc.ca))
    - Last Names M – Z: Brent Pinckney ([brent\\_pinckney@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:brent_pinckney@sd33.bc.ca))
- **Case Managers**
  - if your child has an Individual Education Plan a Case Manager oversees their program and will be an excellent person to connect with
- **Vice-Principals**
  - for more serious concerns, usually of a safety or behavioral nature regarding students, call or email:
    - Last Names A – L: Michael Kotanko ([michael\\_kotanko@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:michael_kotanko@sd33.bc.ca))
    - Last Names M – Z: Michelle Davis ([michelle\\_davis@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:michelle_davis@sd33.bc.ca))
- **Principal**
  - if you need additional help call or email: Mrs. Wicker 😊  
([danielle\\_wicker@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:danielle_wicker@sd33.bc.ca))

*At Mount Slesse we value our students and parents greatly.  
Please don't hesitate to contact us with any comments, questions, concerns, or celebrations!*