

## Timetable Pickup

### August 31st @ 8:30am - 10:30am for Grade 9 & 10 students

Please remember to bring: \$35.00 for voluntary Student Fees. This will pay for your agenda, your locker, the lock we will provide you, your student photo, your student ID card, and other costs that facilitate our many school activities throughout the year. Your timetable and bus pass (if qualified) will be made available at this time. *Student photos for ID and prints will be taken on September 6<sup>th</sup>.*

#### Express Lane

The OCDSB has started rolling out School Cash Online, an easy to use, safe and convenient way for parents/guardians to pay for their children's school fees, including yearbooks and class trips. Want to say goodbye to writing cheques or sending your child with cash? Sign up today, it takes less than 5 minutes to register. <https://ocdsb.schoolcashionline.com>. By registering and using this convenient service, your child(ren) can use the express lane at timetable pickup to save time.

You also have the opportunity at this time to purchase the school yearbook (approx. \$40). Exact cost is still being determined. Please watch the MHS website (or your school cash online account) for the exact cost as the date gets closer.

Grade 9 students will receive their locks and lockers during orientation on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### Safety First

The safety and well-being of your child in our school is important to us. Please ensure that all of our contact information is correct and up to date. This includes email addresses. If your child is entering grade 9, please find attached the Student Registration Verification Form. Please make any necessary corrections and sign this, then return it to us at timetable pickup or the first day of school.

Also, if you want the school to store long-term prescription medication and/or epi-pens, it is mandatory to have your doctor complete and sign the appropriate OCDSB medical forms annually. Copies of these forms can be found at [merivalehs.ocdsb.ca](http://merivalehs.ocdsb.ca) under the Forms tab.

#### When We Meet Again

Our first day of class is September 5, 2017. It is expected that all students are in attendance on the first day. Your child's course selection may be affected if they are not. This will be a full day of activities and classes. If for some reason, your child is unable to attend on the first day, please contact the main office through our attendance email address [merivalehsattendance@ocdsb.ca](mailto:merivalehsattendance@ocdsb.ca).

#### Getting to School By Bus

All students meeting the distance criteria (over 3.2 km) from their designated school are eligible to receive transportation services. OSTA will select the most appropriate mode of transportation which may include yellow bus, public transit or small school purpose vehicle. Please refer to their website for more information [ottawaschoolbus.ca](http://ottawaschoolbus.ca). Cross-boundary transfer students are ineligible for any transportation services. Similarly, regardless of financial need, students living closer than 3.2 km from the school are also ineligible.