



Merivale High School

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Dear Future Grade 7-8 Students and Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to Merivale High School! No doubt, you are anxiously waiting for your first day of school as a Merivale Marauder! We are too!

Our school team will be ready to welcome you on our first day of school on Tuesday September 5th, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the GYM. Our teachers and students are really looking forward to having you join us. We have a full day of activities and classes prepared for you and we anticipate a wonderful start for everyone. Throughout the year there will be special events and assemblies just for the Intermediate Division to help you get to know Merivale and to find your feet as a student!

Information on School Events & Updates

High schools are busy places and Merivale has many opportunities for students to get involved! Keep track of information through the daily announcements, information posted within the school, and the school website at www.merivalehs.ocdsb.ca. At Merivale, big becomes small when you get involved! Seek out the many opportunities we offer in the arts, athletics AND academics!

Communication between school and home is extremely important to support student learning. If you wish to speak with a teacher, please contact the school (613) 224-1807 to leave a message. All staff emails are listed on the school website. Teachers strive to call home with success stories, or in the event that concerns arise.

- Please bring pens, paper, and a binder for the first day of school.
- Each Merivale student will receive a student planner/agenda on the first day. Your teachers are great resources for you if you have any questions!
- Grade 7-8 students will be assigned lockers by their homeroom teacher, in designated areas.
- Intermediate families can pay their student fees ONLINE by registering via a link on our school website! Please see the attached flyer. Alternatively, students may bring cash or cheques to their homeroom teacher starting on Wednesday, September 6th.
- The cafeteria will be available to intermediate students during their nutrition breaks.

Merivale High School is proud of our safe and caring environment. We have a dedicated and supportive staff. Our administration team, teachers, support staff, guidance team and care staff all want your time at Merivale to be positive and rewarding. Please remember to ask any one of us for support and assistance!



On Tuesday, Sept. 5 all intermediate students are asked to go to the GYM, where student names, homerooms, and homeroom locations will be posted. Student names will be listed alphabetically by last name. Teachers will be there to take students to their classrooms. Teachers will devote time to explaining the cycle days as well as the plan for the first week of school.

The regular schedule of classes is the following:

Grade 7 & 8 Schedule: (Within each block are subject periods of 40 or 60 minutes)

Intermediate (7/8) Schedule		
8:00 – 8:10 am	10 Min	Warning bell
8:10 – 10:10 am	120 min	Block 1
10:10 – 10:50 am	40 min	Nutrition
10:50 am – 12:50 pm	120 min	Block 2
12:50 – 1:30 pm	40 min	Nutrition
1:30 – 2:30 pm	60 min	Block 3

The **Intermediate schedule** normally follows the days of the week. Please watch the school website for adjustments to the schedule, which allow teachers to balance days missed due to holidays or PD days.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Below you will find a tentative schedule of upcoming activities and events. Please watch for updates on the school website.

Tuesday, September 5	First Day of School
Wednesday, September 6	Picture Day (all grades) * forms available Sept. 5, payment to <u>Edge Imaging</u> on Sept. 6
Thursday, September 21	Meet the Teacher – all grades
Wednesday, October 4	Picture Re-take Day
Friday, October 6	PA Day (all students)
Monday, October 9	Thanksgiving Holiday - no school

I, along with Vice Principals Ms. Penney, Mr. Donato, and Ms. Agraniotis-House, look forward to meeting all of you on the first day and wish you every success for the upcoming year.

Sincerely,

Jean Fulton-Hale
Principal