



Mississauga Secondary School

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Grade 9 Orientation Letter

Dear Students and Parents,

I hope you enjoy your summer and we look forward to having you as a student at Mississauga Secondary School. You are among over 300 Grade 9 students coming to Mississauga Secondary School this fall.

To help ensure a smooth start to the year, we will host an orientation day for **grade 9 students on Tuesday, August 29th, 2017. Please arrive by 7:45 a.m. to register.** The school photographer will take your photo for your student ID card and you will receive your timetable. Orientation activities will follow the registration and finish at 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Please see the invitation for more details. The first day of school is Tuesday, September 5th, 2017. It will be a full day with regular classes beginning at 8:05 a.m. and ending at 2:36 p.m.

At Mississauga Secondary School, we provide program enhancements that have a fee associated with them. The program enhancements offer students opportunities outside of their academic classes. Often these experiences become the most memorable part of a student's school career. The student fee for the 2017-18 school year is **\$15.00**, which will be used for the following:

- Student Activity Council, PA activities and school-wide assemblies
- print credit for use in the library for research projects, when students need to print materials at school
- student agenda

We also offer students the opportunity to purchase a school yearbook for \$35.00. We would ask parents who choose to pay for these items, to pay online. Please see instructions on the reverse of this page for details on how to register and pay online. If you have trouble registering online, we can provide assistance or please pay with cash on registration day, Tuesday, August 29th, 2017. Students will not be denied their timetables if these enhancements are not paid for.

Additionally, there are costs for students in specialized programs at Mississauga Secondary School. The athletic association fee of \$30.00 is paid by students who are on athletic teams and supports costs for referees, at games, and for the use of team athletic equipment. As well, there will be a "cost sharing fee" for music students which covers the rental cost, any regular maintenance or repairs needed and the cost of the instruction manual that accompanies your child's instrument. A subsequent form will be given to music students during the first week of the semester. This form must be returned to the school, signed by the parent/guardian and accompanied by the fee.

We know some families at our school may need additional support in order to ensure their teens are able to benefit from the program enhancements we offer. We never want a student to feel excluded. We have a confidential process to help families ask for support-we want you to feel comfortable coming to us. If you need support, please call me or one of the Vice-Principals to discuss your situation.

Our school often receives good news media coverage, so we ask that parent(s)/guardian(s) please complete the 'Blanket Consent Form' enclosed with this letter only if you **DO NOT** want your child included in the media coverage.

I look forward to welcoming you to our school. If you have any questions, please call us at 905-564-1033.

Sincerely,

G. Woods
Principal