

Dear Heritage Park Families,

Thank-you for your continued consideration and patience as we work to develop our restart plan for the 2020/2021 school year. We understand you have many Health and Safety (H&S) related questions and want to assure you we are working hard to ensure all H&S protocols outlined by the Provincial Health Authority (PHA) will be in place to provide a safe learning environment for your child’s return to full-time in-class instruction.

Part of this work involves significant changes to building access, movement flow, and scheduling. We have altered our timetable to meet requirements outlined by the Ministry of Education (MOE), and will be continuing to work over the next week or so to finalize the details of our HPMS plan. Please review the information below for information about the structure of the 2020/2021 school year at Heritage this year.

School Day

The school day at Heritage Park will run 8:55 am-2:56 pm every day except Wednesdays. On Wednesday students will be dismissed at 10:58 am.

Quadmesters aka “Quads”

The academic year will be a quarterly rotation model in which students take two classes at a time for a 9ish-week period. There will be four quarters for the year and students will complete eight courses for the year. Classes will be approximately 2.5 hours long with in-class breaks.

	Quarterly Rotation		
Quad 1	September 8 th – November 13 th	Class 1: Block A	Class 2: Block B
Quad 2	November 16 th –January 28 th	Class 1: Block C	Class 2: Block D
Quad 3	February 1 st – April 23 rd	Class 1: Block E	Class 2: Block F
Quad 4	April 26 th – June 29 th	Class 1: Block G	Class 2: Block H

Block Rotation

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Class 1	Class 2	Class 1	Class 2	Class 1
	Class 2	Class 1	x	Class 1	Class 2
2	Class 2	Class 1	Class 2	Class 1	Class 2
	Class 1	Class 2	x	Class 2	Class 1

Learning Groups/Cohorts

Students will be assigned to cohorts of 60 students or less. Cohorts are a requirement from the PHA to reduce the potential of Covid-19 transmission and to aid in contact tracing.

General

- Timetables- Student schedules will be available during the week of Sept 8th
- Lockers- Lockers will not be in use (fees will be refunded if they were paid)
- Masks- Masks will be required in shared spaces where physical distancing is not possible between students from different learning cohorts, i.e. hallways, washrooms, etc. Two reusable masks will be provided by the School District to each student
- School Supplies- Our list can be found here:
<https://hpms.mpsd.ca/Documents/School%20Supply%20List.pdf>

First Day of School aka “Orientation Day”

There will be no students at school on Tuesday, September 8th or Wednesday, September 9th. These two days will be used for site-based planning and Health and Safety orientation for HPMS Staff.

Grade 7 students only will attend Thursday, September 10th from 8:55 am- 2:56 pm am. Grade 8 & 9 students will attend Friday morning, September 11th from 8:55 am- 2:56 pm.

There will be further details about what this orientation and transition morning will look like over the next week or so.

Information Still to Come

- Additional HPMS specific Health and Safety information. Here is a link to the district guidelines for Mission’s restart: [Mission Public Schools - Restart Plan for September 2020](#) and [Mission Public Schools - Return to School Safety Plan and Guidelines](#).
- Bussing times/schedule
- First Day of School- what to bring, where to go, what to expect, etc.
- Student timetables and Parent Portal Access
- Many more details :)

FAQs

- Please see the attachment for some further information about frequently asked questions

Again, we appreciate your patience as we work to ensure a safe and successful September return to school. In the meantime, have a wonderful weekend!