



Alexander Mackenzie Secondary School

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WELCOME BACK MUSTANGS!

WELCOME TO ALEXANDER MACKENZIE

The 2019-2020 school year will be one that none of us will forget. There were many unprecedented developments, but through it all, the staff and students at AMSS came together and succeeded, despite school closures and social distancing measures. As we prepare for another school year, we know that we will face more new challenges, but we will face them together as Mustangs. I am proud of every single staff member at AMSS, and how much they care about every single student. If you are returning to AMSS, you know this already. If you are joining us for Grade 9, you will feel this the moment you come into our building. I know a staff member will immediately welcome you to the Mustang family.

The school day will look and feel very different. I have included a separate page (attached) that explains how we will all keep each other safe throughout the school day. From the time you leave your bus in the morning (as nearly all of you do) to the time you return to your bus at the end of the day, you will experience new rules and regulations to keep you, and everyone else, safe. We are all adjusting to this new reality, but I know we will learn to thrive despite whatever barriers come our way. I wish you all an excellent 2020-2021 school year.

Mr. Derek Stenton
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES AND ACTIVITIES

Mon., Sept. 14	First Day of School for Grade 9
Tues., Sept. 15	First Day of School for Grades 10-12
Fri, Sept 16	School Council 6:00 pm Library
Thur, Sept 17	Lockdown Drill
Thur, Sept 24	Fire Drill 10:40

LEARNING AT HOME

Thank you to all of our families that responded to the LKDSB survey, where you choose either face-to-face or learn at home for your children for September. Paul Wiersema, the Principal of the Virtual High School, will reach out to all families that have selected learning at home to provide next steps. Part of our Board's Reopening Plan includes dates should you wish to change from face-to-face to learning at home, and vice versa.

REGISTRATION

Please see our school website for up-to-date information. Registration will not take place face-to-face. As well, registration fees have been temporarily waived due to COVID. In the event that we are able to run traditional school activities, the fees will be prorated at that time.

Registration Verification Forms: will be mailed home after school begins.

Physical Education Uniform will be sold in the first week of Phys Ed classes. The cost is \$15.00 for a T-shirt. Payments will be accepted by cash only.

TIMETABLE

Your homeroom teacher will send you a welcome e-mail to your firstname.lastname@lkdsb.com e-mail account. Please ensure you can access this account (as you likely did to join Google classrooms last year). Your password may be your student number, which is on the label below. The welcome e-mail will include the room number for your Period A class, where you will spend the first week. Full schedules will be distributed in these homeroom classes.

PREVALENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS

If your child has a Prevalent Medical Condition, such as Asthma, Diabetes, Seizure Disorders or Anaphylaxis, please notify the school. You will be provided with the proper paperwork to provide the school with a Plan of Care on file, in case of an emergency.

TRANSPORTATION

Please log in to <https://class.mybusplanner.ca/Login>. If you have to create an account, you will need your student number. This website will provide your busing information, including seating assignment, pick up and drop off locations and times. Final information will be posted by CLASS, on September 5th.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We would like to extend an invitation to all parents to consider becoming involved with the AMSS School Council. The council is a panel of parents, who meet throughout the school year with administration and staff representatives to work as a committee in providing a quality educational experience for students.