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Dear Guardians/Parents:

Welcome to a new school year!!! We hope that all McRoberts families had a great summer holiday and that students are looking forward to a new school year. We are very excited to see everyone again and meeting those who are new to the school.

All **Grade 8** students will receive a **student agenda** book within the first week of school, which much of this information. All **Grade 9-12** students will also be getting a *slightly larger Student Agenda* in the homeroom class the first week. All Grade 8 students will also get information later in September with important information regarding the upcoming **Grade 8 Welcoming Activities** (*September 16 and 17*). We are hoping that all Grade 8s will be able to participate in these fun, educational and interactive team-building activities. For Grade 8 students, there will be a separate email with a digital copy of the **Grade 8 Handbook** for things to review in preparation for the first days of school at McRoberts. Grade 8 students will get a hard copy of this document on the first day in Homeroom class.

All families will need to create an account in our new **KEV School Cash On-line system**. Once an account has been created, and you have attached your child to the account, you will be notified of school fees once they have been entered to the system. You will be able to view and pay online. This will include *Basic school fees (\$28), the optional yearbook fee (\$TBA), Grade 8 Activity Day fee (\$65), and the optional graduation fees for grade 12 students* among any other class fees that your child incurs this year. Many of the standard fees are accessible for payment now and using your credit card is an option. Information about how to sign up and access the system was emailed home and posted to the website earlier this week or users can go [here](#).

All students will receive their timetables the first day of school (September 2nd). At that time, a process will be outlined for students wishing to request changes to their timetables (but please recognize that timetable changes will be difficult). Students will also receive on the first day of school the following: **Student Agendas, Student Verification/Medical Form (please make changes directly on the form and be sure to include an accurate email address for parents), a Media Release Form (so your photo can go in the Yearbook), a Walking Field Trip Form, a Threat Assessment Fair Notice, Student Accident Insurance forms** as well as information about lockers. All Grade 8 students will be assigned a locker and combination on the first day Homeroom. **All Grade 9-12 students will be able to request a locker using the QR code that will be emailed to you on Friday, August 29th. All students should look for an email that tells them about their homeroom and locker processes.**

For the 2025-2026 year, McRoberts will continue operating on the semester timetable and will have Personalized Learning Time (PLT). This means students will enroll in 4 classes from September through January and 4 new classes from January 28th until the end of June. School will start at 8:30 and finish at 3:00 PM. **PLT will occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays and classes but will now be between periods 1 and 2 and will run from 9:43 until 10:41.** The schedule at McRoberts looks like below:

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	Collaboration Days
8:30-9:50 A	8:30-9:38 A	8:30-9:50 A	8:30-9:38 A	8:30-9:50 A	8:30-9:30 Collab Time
9:55-11:15 B	9:43-10:31 PLT	9:55-11:15 B	9:43-10:31 PLT	9:55-11:15 B	9:35-10:40 A
11:30-12:50 C	10:36-11:44 B	11:30-12:50 C	10:36-11:44 B	11:30-12:50 C	10:45-11:50 B
12:50-1:35 <i>Lunch</i>	11:59-1:07 C	12:50-1:35 <i>Lunch</i>	11:59-1:07 C	12:50-1:35 <i>Lunch</i>	12:05-1:10 C
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We would like to extend a big welcome to all students new to McRoberts and welcome back all of you who are returning. Listed below are some important dates and information about school opening. We will send out more detailed monthly newsletters in the future as well. The first one will be posted on the website later today. For now, here is what will be most useful for you:

FIRST DAY - Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025

- Grade 8 9:30 am until approximately 11:00 am (Grade Assembly and Homeroom)
- Grade 9 - 10 12:00 noon until approximately 1:00 pm (Grade Assembly and Homeroom)
- Grade 11 - 12 1:30 pm until approximately 2:30 pm (Grade Assembly and Homeroom)

Grade 8's should report to the school gym by 9:15 am where they will be greeted by staff and students and guided through some activities by our Mentors. Grade 9-12 students are also asked to report to the gym at their assigned time. **All homeroom assignments and locker procedures will be emailed to students on Friday, August 29th.** We will also post Homeroom assignments in the gym during our assembly. All students should check these lists to see who their homeroom teacher will be and which room number to report to. For the first day, students are asked to bring a pen or pencil.

Wednesday, September 3rd to Friday, September 5th, 2025

Students should arrive to school by 8:20 a.m. as homeroom class begins at 8:30 a.m. New students may wish to arrive a little earlier in case they have questions about which classes to attend and where they are located. Again, there are plenty of people available to help students with any questions. This will be a full school day. **Students are asked to report to their Homeroom class for 7 minutes to begin each day this week and then proceed to their regular classes.** Students will be given information about any supplies they may need for each course. Teachers will go over course outlines and expectations.

IMPORTANT PARENT MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER. PLEASE BE AWARE OF:

- **MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT** – Scheduled for **Thursday, September 18th**. Information will be sent home with the student's schedule via email. It will be a great way for parents to place faces to the names of the people working most closely with your child.
- **FIRST PAC MEETING** - An opportunity to get acquainted with other parents and the school, and to set some goals for the new school year - **Wednesday, September 10th, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the library. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.**


Other important dates:

- September 9 - Student Photos
- September 12 - Grad kick-off event
- September 16 & 17 - Grade 8 Activity Days-some fun, educational and interactive days for Grade 8 students to meet classmates and learn about how to stay organized for life in high school
- September 22 - Professional Development Day (no classes)
- September 30 - Observation of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (school closed)

If your child will be absent during the first week of school but intends to return to McRoberts, please contact the school as soon as possible to confirm this with us. This will enable us to organize classes accurately and also to ensure that all absent students have a timetable and locker upon their return.

Things may seem a little overwhelming at first for those of you who are new to the school, but you will find that everything falls into place quickly and that you will soon feel comfortable. In the meantime, there are lots of people around to help so don't hesitate to ask. **We look forward to seeing and meeting you all. Let's have a great year!**

Sincerely,



Mr. J. Leslie
Principal
McRoberts Secondary School