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# MT Davidson September News Letter

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## Welcome Back!

I am very excited to commence my fourth year as Principal at M.T. Davidson. I was very excited to see all students and teachers return to M.T. for another engaging year of academics. Our enrolment has increased to 113 students and we hope to see all parents at our Open House on Thursday September 19 from

We welcome our new staff member, Meagan Sheepway – she will be teaching grade 7 / 8 this year. We are lucky to have such a dedicated teacher added to our already great complement of teachers.

Some sports are starting and we ask that you encourage your child/children to get involved and try-out for the various activities and teams that will be offered throughout the year. There is an enormous amount of educational research that indicates that the more students get involved in sport and clubs the higher the likelihood of their academic and social success. Our direction to students is to get involved.

### **Character Education / Academic Excellence and Achievement**

This year we will be focusing again on **Respect, Responsibility and Acceptance** as our Character Education traits. Teachers will be catching students reflecting these attributes. Students who highlight these attributes will receive a certificate at a school assembly. We will have monthly certificate presentations to students who demonstrate: 1) Academic Excellence, 2) Character Excellence and 3) Grit.

### **School Start Times**

A reminder that school begins at 8:30 am and that supervision does not start until 8:10 am in the morning. Bus students will not arrive until after this time, so in the interest of safety, we request that “walking students” do not arrive before this time. The same applies for the end of the day. School ends at 2:50 pm and supervision for bus students only, ends at 3:05 pm or whenever the last bus leaves the property. Please ensure that your child has made arrangements to go straight home if they are walking, or are waiting in the front lobby to be picked up before this time. As in the past, for those students who do walk, a crossing guard is on duty. For safety reasons, students that arrive on a bus will leave on a bus, we are not accepting notes at the end of the day for students to be walking.

### **MTD Open House**

Please remember to join us for our **OPEN HOUSE on Thursday September 19 from 5-7 pm**. We will be having a BBQ and you will have an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and meet the teacher.

### **Safe Arrival Policy**

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## Upcoming Events

September 19

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

BBQ and Open House

Picture Day September 27  
AM

Terry Fox Run Sept. 27 PM

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## Important Announcement

We have students at our school who have a peanut allergy. It is important for us to ensure that as much as possible this item do not come into the school.

Your support of this is important and we thank you up front for your assistance.

To ensure student safety, attendance is taken each morning between nutrition breaks. If your child is not in class in the morning, it is school policy to call the parents/guardian on the student contact list. It is also your responsibility to call the school and inform the school secretary when your child will be absent. As well if your child is coming to school late, please ensure that they check in at the office so that we can give them an admit and make sure we account for them.

Similarly, for those students who must be picked up - please call the school and make arrangements so that we know where all students are always. As well, please make sure that the contact information is up to date as we will use that list if we need to contact home in case of emergency.

### **Students Who Are Ill**

If a student becomes ill during the day, we will contact the parents/guardians to make arrangements to pick them up. Unfortunately, we do not have an area for sick students or the staff to supervise. As well, students who are ill, most likely need medical attention or need to be at home getting the proper rest to regain their health. We also respectfully request, that if your child is ill, please do not send them to school, in the interest of the health of all the other students and staff. During certain times of the year, colds/influenza can be very contagious and we do not have the proper accommodations for students who are ill.

### **Breakfast Club**

This year we are offering breakfast club again. Everyone is welcome, and it starts at 8:10am on weekdays. Mrs. Oshell and some parent volunteers make breakfast for the kids, some foods they offer are toast, yogurt, eggs, fruit, muffins, smoothies, juice and pancakes.

### **Code of Conduct**

Please review the Code of Conduct in the School Handbook that was sent home on the first day of school

### **Closing**

On behalf of all the staff at MTD, we wish you and your family a terrific 2019-2020 school year.

Please do contact us is you have any questions at 705-472-5970.