

Welcome to Margaret Avenue Senior Public School!

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Dear Students and Families:

The Margaret Avenue staff would like to extend a warm welcome to all grade six students who will be attending in September. Margaret Avenue offers an exciting, fast-paced learning environment that will help students continue to develop academically and socially at this important time in their lives. Students will have the opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills and develop greater confidence in their abilities. We encourage students to come prepared to get involved, because there is something for everyone. You'll love being a Margaret Avenue Maverick!

This handout provides information to help you prepare for September.

The First Day of School:

Plan to arrive at 8:20 a.m. on the first day of school, and meet your homeroom teacher inside the school. Grade 7 students will proceed straight to the gym and your homeroom teacher will be waiting for you. Your teacher will be holding up a sign with your homeroom form on it. Grade 8 students will go straight to their homeroom classrooms and meet their teacher there. Remember – if you're not sure about something, just ask!

Class lists

Class Lists will be posted on the front door windows on Friday, August 29th at 3:00 p.m. Students will be listed by last initial, first name. The lists will remain posted until Tuesday, September 2nd (the first day of school). Please make sure that you check the list before 8:20 a.m. on the first day.

Our Daily Timetable: Students must be in their homeroom by no later than 8:30 a.m. They may not enter the school before 8:20 a.m. unless they are involved in a before-school activity. There are two nutrition breaks during the day. Students eat in the lunchroom and then go outside or to intramural clubs/activities. We dismiss at 2:50 p.m.	Daily Schedule	2014 – 2015
Rotary Timetable: Students will rotate to different classrooms each period during the day, as a homeroom class. Your subjects will be English, Math, French, Science and Technology, Physical and Health Education, History, Geography, Visual Arts, Drama and Music.	Student Entry Time	8:20
	Attendance Bell	8:30
	<i>Opening Exercises/Homeroom</i>	8:30 - 8:42
	Period 1	8:42 - 9:30
	Period 2	9:30 - 10:18
	<i>Nutrition Break</i>	10:18 - 10:58
	Period 3	10:58 - 11:46
	Period 4	11:46 - 12:34
	<i>Nutrition Break</i>	12:34 - 1:14
	Period 5	1:14 - 2:02
	Period 6	2:02 - 2:50
	Dismissal	2:50
	<i>Practices / Games / Clubs (as announced)</i>	

Busing:

The School Board offers transportation to students who qualify. Information will be available beginning on August 21st, at www.stswr.ca. Please click on Student Login and use your child's OEN number (on the report card), birthdate and address. All students should check the website to see if they qualify for transportation.

Nutrition Breaks:

All students stay at school during first nutrition break. At second break, students are allowed to go home for lunch with parent permission. We have a Tuck Shop. Pizza is sold Tuesday to Friday and Pitas are sold every Wednesday. We encourage students to get involved in activities during the breaks.

Student Planner:

All students will need to have a student planner to record tests, homework, assignments, and special events. These will be sold in September. We encourage parents to check the planner regularly to ensure it is being used effectively. Important classroom information is also posted regularly on the Margaret Avenue website (<http://mrg.wrdsb.ca>).

Communication:

We do not publish a school newsletter. All necessary information is communicated on our Margaret Avenue website (<http://mrg.wrdsb.ca>). Parents can receive a direct email when the website is updated. In order to receive this notification parents are asked to subscribe to the website by entering their email address using the "Subscribe" dialogue box on the first page of our website. We also update an Instagram page ([instagram.com/margaretavesenior](https://www.instagram.com/margaretavesenior)) where we include photos and videos of school events and activities. We also have a school twitter account. Please follow us at [@mrgwrdsb](https://twitter.com/mrgwrdsb).

School Supplies:

- pencils, erasers, highlighters
- glue stick, 3 ring lined and blank paper
- ruler
- USB stick
- personal devices (smart phones, ipods, ipads, chrome books, etc. are welcome)
- four 1.5 inch binders (different colours)
- pencil case (fabric case preferred)
- Sturdy back pack

Gym uniforms, cloth gym bag (optional), combination locks and planners will be available for purchase in September. For your personal planning, these items sold from the school will cost approximately \$50.00*.

**Students requiring financial assistance may contact the office or any staff member, who will handle the request in a sensitive, confidential manner.*