

# MMGCI Newsletter

## September 2021



Marion M. Graham Collegiate  
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Hello MMGCI families,

We are excited to welcome staff and students back to school. I hope you and your family had an enjoyable summer and are ready to get back to learning. We appreciate your patience as we switch from Maplewood to Edsby and My School Sask information systems. This switch has meant that students are unable to view their timetables online. We will have paper copies ready for everyone on the first day in our gymnasium. The hope is families will have access to view student information and evaluation details virtually in October. More details to come.

Families were sent an email with the [Saskatoon Public Schools Collegiate](#) school opening information for the 2021-2022 year. Our division is strongly recommending secondary staff, students, and visitors wear masks, conduct a daily health screening, stay at home when you are feeling unwell, and continue to follow hand hygiene and cleaning routines. We also support the provincial vaccination program and strongly recommend all eligible students, staff members, and community members to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Let's continue to work hard to keep our community members safe.

MMGCI is excited to welcome the Secondary Online Learning Centre teachers, counsellor, and vice principal to our building. These staff members will continue to educate students virtually and hold live teaching sessions from our newly renovated spaces. All SPS high school students can take a combination of face to face and online classes with our OLCS. This has provided greater flexibility for students to obtain the classes that might not be offered in their home collegiate.

I look forward to seeing students and families as we relaunch extracurricular offerings. Information regarding sports and clubs will be posted around the school inviting students to become involved if they wish. I imagine the halls will be filled with a renewed energy as students are able to socialize and share experiences outside of the classrooms again.

Please contact myself or our vice-principal, Dave Earl, if you have any questions or concerns.

Take care,

Karen Peterson



# School Start Up Schedule

We are so excited to see everyone! This year we are going to start up school with the following:

**Grade 9's - September 1st - Please attend school from 8:55am - 12:15pm**

**Grade's 10/11/12 - September 1st - Please attend school from 1:05pm—3:17pm**

We will make sure to get you all the information you need when you arrive on September 1st.

School will begin for all students on Thursday, September 2nd



## Regular Schedule

AM Block	8:55	-	11:02
<b>Break</b>	<b>11:02</b>	-	<b>11:11</b>
Semester Class	11:11	-	12:15
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12:15</b>	-	<b>1:05</b>
PM Block	1:05	-	3:17

## Student Services

Our School Counsellors can assist students with course selection, career, personal counselling service as well as post-secondary items

**Student Services Secretary: Mrs. Pellerin**  
306-683-7756

**Grades 9 & 11 Counsellor: Ms. Armstrong:**  
306-683-7922

**Grades 10 & 12 Counsellor: Mr. Hingley:**  
306-683-7765



	Quarter 1 Sept. 1 - Nov.5	Quarter 2 Nov.9 - Jan. 28 (end of first semester class)	Quarter 3 Feb.1 - Apr.13	Quarter 4 April 25 - Jun.28 (end of second semester class)
8:55 – 11:02 am	AM Block Class	AM Block Class	AM Block Class	AM Block Class
11:02 – 11:11 am	Break and Travel Time			
11:11 – 12:15 pm	Semester Class		Semester Class	
12:15 – 1:05 pm	Lunch			
1:05 – 3:17 pm	PM Block Class	PM Block Class	PM Block Class	PM Block Class



# Reporting School Absences

## Option 1 – SafeArrival Attendance Reporting

With SafeArrival, there are several convenient methods for reporting your student's absence:

1. Logon to the school portal and access the website under the Quick Links section or go to <http://go.schoolmessenger.ca>
2. Using your mobile device, download and install the School Messenger app from the Apple Store or Google Play store.
3. Call the toll-free number 1-833-284-2719



## Option 2 – Contact the School directly

Marion Graham Collegiate has an answering service to receive calls 24 hours a day or to reach the attendance secretary during office hours call 306-683-7755.

## Important Dates to Remember

- Sept 1st — first day of school
- Sept 2nd - first full day of class & school pictures
- Sept 6th - Labour Day (no school)
- Oct 7th - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Oct 8th - PD Day (no school)
- Oct 11th - Thanksgiving Day (no school)
- Oct 12th - Picture Retakes



School Photos will be taken at school  
on **Thursday, September 2nd**



# Important Notes



## Contact Information

Please inform the school of any student's change of address, phone number, email or emergency contact person. A demographic form will be provided to your student on the first day of classes for you to review. Please have your student bring the form back to school so that we can update your information or contact the school by phone 306-683-7750 or email

[MarionM.GrahamSchool@spsd.sk.ca](mailto:MarionM.GrahamSchool@spsd.sk.ca)

## Lockers

Lockers will be assigned to all grade 9 students - you will receive your new school lock from your morning teacher at the beginning of the school year. You are required to use a school issued lock. For your locker Grades 10/11/12's can purchase a new lock for \$8.00 or a used lock for \$5.00 at the office (cash only).

Lockers will be available upon request.

## Marion Graham Servery

The servery will reopen for business on Thursday Sept 2nd. The servery provides all sorts of snacks, daily lunch specials and healthy food options for people interested in purchasing snacks or lunch. They accept both cash and debit.

## Textbooks/Library Books

We will make sure everyone has an opportunity to pick up their textbooks at the beginning of the school year.

## Student Fees

Student fees will be available to be paid online this year! We are just applying all of the finishing touches to this system and are expecting it will be available to use in October. School fees will be collected at that time.

## 2020/2021 Yearbooks

If you purchased a yearbook last year, they will be available for pick up at the end of September/beginning of October for students that ordered them. Once they arrive and are available, we will notify students during the school day. If your student has graduated, or is no longer attending Marion Graham, we will make sure to send you an e-mail to notify you. Please ensure your e-mail is current and up-to-date at the school. The 2021/2022 yearbook will be available for purchase with your student fees later in this school quarter.





### **Appropriate School Clothing**

Common sense, good taste, and class should dictate what is appropriate dress for school. Please refrain from wearing clothing, including masks, that are offensive, demeaning, or support illegal activities. More detailed information will be available in the school handbook.

### **Smile - you're on camera!**

Marion M. Graham Collegiate utilizes several surveillance cameras, that have been placed both inside and outside the school. Camera areas include the parking lot, front entry, commons area, and other locales inside and outside the school. Student safety and security remain a priority at MMGCI.

### **Calculators for Math Class**

Students taking Grade 10 to 12 math courses should have a scientific calculator. Grade 9 students need a calculator with the 4 arithmetic functions and a square root key. A scientific calculator is also acceptable. The school supplies TI83 graphing calculators when they are necessary.

### **Driver Education**

Due to the large number of students requesting Driver Education and the limited space available, classes will be filled according to the student's date of birth. Students who are registered into a class will receive a letter indicating their start date. All other students will be placed on a waiting list. Please contact our student services office at 306-683-7756 for more information.

### **Parking for Cars and Bicycles**

The right to park on school property is a privilege. Student parking is permitted on school property ONLY in the designated areas. Signs indicate where parking is prohibited. The City of Saskatoon Commissionaires will issue tickets to cars illegally parked. Neither the school nor Saskatoon Public Schools have any insurance for vehicles or bicycles parked on school property. Persons parking on school property do so at their own risk. The school can assume no responsibility for the theft of bicycles or bicycle parts. Thefts should be reported to the police and school authorities. Although the area is supervised, we cannot provide continuous supervision of the area to prevent vandalism.



### **Newsletter Distribution**

Our newsletter is sent electronically to families to reduce paper use. If you would prefer to get a print copy of the newsletter, please do one of the following:

- 1) phone MMGCI at 306-683-7750 or
- 2) email us at [MarionM.GrahamSchool@spsd.sk.ca](mailto:MarionM.GrahamSchool@spsd.sk.ca).



## **MMGCI Music Association**

Welcome to the MMGCI Music program! Our music programs would not exist without the dedication of our incredible Teachers, Administration, and you, working together as a team. If your student is enrolled in Band &/or Choir, you are already a part of the Music Association. Your level of involvement is voluntary but very valuable! You can find up-to-date by joining our Facebook page. Please search for Marion Graham Music Association and join us! You can also find us on the school's portal.

In the fall, your student will be asked by the music teachers to fill out an online form to provide your contact information to the MGMA so that you can receive emails directly from us. This is another way we can update you on happenings. You will also be able to join "Remind Messaging" to receive text messages/reminders directly from the band/choir teachers – these numbers will be shared in the fall.

We are also always looking for keen people to help out—just let us know if you are interested!

So, this is what MGMA is all about... *'a large group of people who are willing to support a great program'*. Please contact us at: [MMGMA@shaw.ca](mailto:MMGMA@shaw.ca) for more information. We are looking forward to another fantastic year of great music at MMGCI!

## **School Community Council**

To our new school families and staff, WELCOME and to our returning families and staff, WELCOME BACK!  
**Our Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm in our LRC.**

**We are looking** forward to finding a new SCC Chair!

For those of you who have not yet had the opportunity to participate on a Community Council, come on out and see what we do. Meetings are open to everyone. If you are interested in attending virtually, please contact the school.

As a Council member, you might expect to attend 5 or 6 meeting a year and engage in the work of the Council with things like: Welcoming new families to our school community, jointly develop the school strategic plan with the staff at the school, provide advice to the school, Board of Education and other community organizations and agencies on policies, learning programs and educational service delivery, take action on council initiatives to help families support their children's learning, report to parents and community on Council progress

### **SCC Roles and Responsibilities:**

**Chairperson** – Conducts meetings of the Council, ensures all members have input to discussions and decisions, prepares meeting agendas, oversees operations of the Council, establishes networks that support the Council, attends Assembly meetings (3 per year) and acts as spokesperson for the Council.

**Vice Chair** – Takes over when Chairperson is unavailable, attends and presents information from Assembly meetings and checks the mail.

**Secretary** – Takes minutes at Council meetings, maintains a membership list of all the Members of the Council and attends workshops and Assembly meetings when Chair or Vice Chair cannot attend.

Looking forward to seeing you in the new school year. If you would like further information, please contact the school.

***The Marion Graham School Community Council***



**OUR VISION**  
Every Student is  
Known • Valued • Believed In

 <b>ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE</b> Students will achieve success in their learning goals	 <b>CHARACTER</b> Students will demonstrate respect, responsibility, and perseverance	 <b>ENGAGEMENT</b> Students will actively participate in relevant and meaningful learning	 <b>WELL-BEING</b> Students will develop the skills to make healthy choices
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**OUR COMMITMENT**  
We will create learning experiences that inspire all students to reach their potential.

**September 2021**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 First Day of Classes Quarter 1 Begins	2 Picture Day	3	4
5	6 Labour Day Holiday No School	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



**October 2021**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Shortened School Day Parent/Teacher Interviews	8 School PD/Operations No Students	9
10	11 Thanksgiving Day No School	12 Picture Retakes	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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# 2021/2022 School Calendar

## 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR Kindergarten – Grade 12

August 2021						
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February 2022						
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March 2022						
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April 2022						
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May 2022						
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June 2022						
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-  Stat Holidays
-  No School - Students/Teachers
-  All SPS Facilities Closed
-  STA Convention
-  PD/Planning/Operations (K-12 No Students)
-  PD/Planning (K-8 No Students)
-  PD/Operations (9-12 No Students)
-  Turnaround Day (9-12 No Students)
-  Student First Day (K-12)
-  Student Last Day (9-12)
-  Student Last Day (K-8)



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### WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING TO THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS?

For the first couple of days of school please bring with you a binder, some lined paper, a pen, pencil and calculator - if your class requires any additional supplies, the teacher will let you know the first couple of days.





# Are you taking the city bus to school??

**tgo**  
Get your bus pass in the TransitGo app by bringing your school ID to the Transit Customer Service Centre.

**transit**  
Plan your route and get service alert notifications in the Transit app

Book an on-demand trip with the On Demand Transit app

**+** **go**

For more information on how to use these apps go to **SaskatoonTransit.ca**

**SASKATOON transit**  
@stoontransit

A valid Saskatoon High School student card is required when using a High School bus pass or paying the High School fare rate. Please show your student card along with your pass when boarding.


Transit passes are sold in the school office as well as various locations throughout the city. Please visit [Saskatoontransit.ca](http://Saskatoontransit.ca) for specific locations.

There is a \$5 fee for all new cards. GoPass cards can be registered for free at the Customer Service office (226 23rd Street East). Card(s) must be presented at the time of registration.

### Lost/Stolen Cards

If a card is lost/stolen, a replacement card can be issued. Please provide one piece of identification to match the name the card is registered to. There will be a \$5 new card activation fee. Over the phone reports of lost/stolen cards will not be accepted as identification is required.

All school special routes are subject to change during the school year.

Remember to be at your stop 5 minutes before the bus is due to arrive. Plan your route online at [Saskatoontransit.ca](http://Saskatoontransit.ca) or on your mobile device with the real-time Google Maps  or Transit App .



### Marion M. Graham Collegiate AM

Route 12	Queen & 7th	Alexandra & Rupert	Pinehouse & La Ronge	Lawson Terminal
River Heights	:20 / :50	:29 / :59	:09 / :39	:13 / :43
Route 13	Lawson Terminal	Pinehouse & La Ronge	Redberry & Reindeer	Lenore & Redberry
Lawson Heights	:02 / :32	:04 / :34	:06 / :36	:10 / :40
Route 30	Lawson Terminal	La Ronge & Nahanni	Redberry & Reindeer	Lenore & Redberry
Lawson Heights	7:50, 8:30, 9:10	7:52, 8:32, 9:12	7:56, 8:36, 9:16	8:00, 8:40, 9:20
Route 35	Lawson Terminal	Russell & Mellicke	Silverwood & Adilman	Marion Graham
Silverwood	7:30, 8:10, 8:50	7:34, 8:14, 8:54	7:39, 8:19, 8:59	7:43, 8:23, 9:03

### Marion M. Graham Collegiate PM

Route 12	Lawson Terminal	Alexandra & Rupert	Osborne & Edward	Queen & 7th
City Centre	:17 / :47	:28 / :58	:02 / :32	:08 / :38
Route 13	Lenore & Redberry	Russell & Mellicke	Primrose & Pinehouse	Lawson Terminal
Broadway	:10 / :40	:15 / :45	:18 / :48	:20 / :50
Route 30	Lenore & Redberry	Russell & Mellicke	Primrose & Lenore	Lawson Terminal
City Centre	3:20, 4:00, 4:40	3:24, 4:04, 4:44	3:26, 4:06, 4:46	3:30, 4:10, 4:50
Route 35	Marion Graham	Primrose & Lenore	Primrose & Ravine	Lawson Terminal
City Centre	3:43, 4:23, 5:03	3:46, 4:25, 5:05	3:48, 4:28, 5:08	3:50, 4:30, 5:10

\* see regular route schedule for a complete list of times

