

MDJH

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PARENT NEWSLETTER

Macdonald Drive Junior High School

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Parent Newsletter



Macdonald Drive Junior High HOMEROOM ASSIGNMENTS 2018 – 2019

7-1 (207)	Jordan Flynn
7-2 (215)	Edwina Mills
7-3 (109B)	Jennifer Riggs
7-4 (225)	Stephen Gorman
7-5 (224)	Matthew Mitchell (EFI)
7-6 (217)	Donna Mills (EFI)
7-7 (220)	Colette Quann (LFI)
7-8 (223)	Amanda Glynn (LFI)
7-9 (210)	Donna Parsons (LFI)
7-10 (208)	Natasha Snow
8-1 (218)	Craig Squires
8-2 (214)	Glen Connolly
8-3 (209)	Gy Hopkins
8-4 (211)	David Lawton
8-5 (118)	Gordon Smith (EFI)
8-6 (124)	Natalie Brunet (EFI)
8-7 (108B)	Steve Sharpe (LFI)
8-8 (123)	Caleb Thorne (LFI)
8-9 (213)	Ches West (LFI)
9-1 (125)	Phil Smith
9-2 (205)	Joyce Kinsella
9-3 (206)	Lionel Porter
9-4 (109C)	Peter Tarrant
9-5 (216)	Dave Walsh (EFI)
9-6 (222)	Jodi Sauve (EFI)
9-7 (227)	Alana Penney (LFI)
9-8 (221)	Carolyn Stacey (LFI)
9-9 (212)	Krista Houlihan (LFI)

Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, September 19: Curriculum night

Thursday, September 20: Picture day

Monday, October 8th: Thanksgiving day Holiday



Welcome to NEW Staff!

Kenneth Hayward (Math)
Jordan Flynn (Math)
Jennifer Riggs (Science)
Stephen Gorman (ELA)
Kate Breen for Susan Bartlett (IRT)
Gordon Smith (Music)

REMINDERS.... FORMS! FORMS! FORMS!

- PowerSchool - Demographic Information, please complete
- AUP - Acceptable Use Policy - Please sign and have the student that lives in your household also sign... Access to our Network and the Internet can only be granted if these forms are signed.



Coaches

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in coaching at MDJH during the 2018/ 2019 school year on Wednesday, September 12, at 7pm. This meeting will take place in the Library, located on the 2nd floor of the school.

MDJH Music Program



The MDJH music program offers a variety of opportunities for students to perform in various ensembles.

Concert Choir (all grades)
Concert Band (grade 7)
Symphonic Band (grade 8 & 9)
String Ensemble (all grades)
Jazz Band (grade 8 & 9* auditioned ensemble)
Junior Jazz (grade 7)

For more information about these ensembles and to register, please visit the MDJH music web page (mdjhmusic.weebly.com) or contact Ms. Comerford for band and strings, or Mr. Smith for choir.

WISH



MacDonald Drive Junior High is striving to become one of the very first "Children's Wish Schools" in St. John's.

This initiative is founded by the Children's Wish Foundation and we are hoping to grant a wish to a child by the end of June 2019, if not earlier. We began last May and are on our way to doing just that.

But we need your help!

Our students are encouraged to donate leftover recess or lunch money by putting it in wish jars located in their classroom. Homeroom tallies will be taken and prizes will be awarded to the top fundraising classes. Our school teams and groups will also be participating by donating one of their team fundraisers to the Wish School program.

As you can see, this is an entire community initiative. We all want to do our part!

Parents are encouraged to also participate by making a donation at any time to MDJH Wish School. Please drop donations off at the school in an envelope with SCHOOL WISH, your name, and your child's name on the front, so that your child will get additional points for the supplementary donation.

Please help us grant a child their wish! We can do this and we will do this! Thank you in advance for your ongoing support! If at anytime you wish to speak with the Wish School Coordinator, please contact Mme Stacey at carolynstacey@nlesd.ca

Election

Be Aware.... MDJH gymnasium is the site for the By-election. Early polls will take place September 13 and 15 from 7:30am-8:30pm. Election day will be on September 20, 2018, from 7:30am-8:30pm.



MDJH 2017-2018 Student Council Elections



Student council elections for president and vice-president will be held soon. Any student interested in running for president or vice president of MDJH's 2018-2019 student council must see Madame Quann (room 220) or Madame Sauvé (room 222) for a nomination form.

Candidates should have strong leadership and communication skills. They should also demonstrate a good work ethic, respect for school policies and a commitment to student council activities. Meetings will be held the second half of lunch on Day 1. Students who are up for this commitment are encouraged to put their names forward.

Canadian Student Leadership Conference 2018

Eight students from MDJH will be attending the national leadership conference for grade 9-12 students in Edmonton, Alberta, from September 26 to September 30, 2018. This is a wonderful experience and provides opportunities for students to participate in leadership workshops and activities. The theme this year is Leadership Through the Looking Glass. Students will participate in various leadership activities such as keynote speeches, leadership workshops, volunteer opportunities and cultural experiences.



Yearbooks

The 2017-2018 yearbooks should arrive any day. When they arrive, we will distribute them to our current students here at the school. Former students will be able to pick up after school hours. An announcement will be made at Holy Heart and Gonzaga once they are available for pick up.



Celebrating Student's Successes



We want to acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments of the students of MDJH. We have a wall of celebration where we will place a certificate of acknowledgement highlighting participation and success in a variety of activities. We want to know if your child has participated in any plays, musicals or has been on a team that has won some title or has been recognized in any individual competition. We need your help with this. Please let us know so we can proudly display this on our wall. Please email colettequann@nlesd.ca with Celebrate YOUR CHILD'S NAME in the subject line.



**PLEASE DO NOT PARK AT CROSSWALKS
STUDENTS CROSSING ARE NOT ABLE TO BE SEEN**

To let your child out, please stop and park after the crosswalk



Congestion in Bus Lanes

As you enter the school parking lot, please ensure that you keep to the left lane if you are dropping your child off in front of the school. Also please make sure that our buses can enter our lot on the right.

Student Drop Off / Pick Up Student Entrance Procedures

- For student drop-off, stay in the left lane in a single line as you enter the school grounds.
- When you turn left in front of the building, proceed as far as possible to the right (closest to the cement divider) before dropping your children off. Please wait for the vehicles in front of you to drop off students before proceeding.
- Through traffic stays to the left in front of the student entrance.
- Busses will enter the school grounds in the right lane and proceed to the far right closest to the building.
- Note: Only staff and alternate transportation should travel in the right lane to proceed around the building.
- Ms. Pike and Ms. Hardy will be out each day, rain or shine, to help direct traffic.



For ALL the latest news please visit our web site @ <http://mdjh.info> OR download our APP— It's Free!

Be Safe online! Check out these resources....

<http://www.nlesd.ca/families/socialmediasafety.jsp>



Attendance Matters

If a child in your household misses school, please contact the homeroom teacher and/or use the MDJH App and send a note.

Absent / Late

Please send an email or note to your child's Homeroom Teacher if your child is going to be absent or late. All students who come late are to check in at the office.

CHECK OUT ALL Policies <https://www.nlesd.ca/about/policies.jsp>

- DRAFT—Assessment & Evaluation Policy, Attendance Policy, Use of Instructional Time
- **NEW Regulations for Honours, Honours with Distinction, update available mdjh.info**



Allergy Alert

We have students/staff with life-threatening allergies. Products containing the following **will not** be permitted in the building:

Latex, Fish, Nuts, Shellfish, Peanuts

*Please send all updated allergy sheets to homeroom teachers.

REMINDER:

In keeping with our Safe and Caring Schools Policy...

ALL visitors MUST check in at the office!

We're on the web!
<http://mdjh.info>

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