



## Welcome to Medicine Hat High School



Time flies when you're having fun. It has been a tremendous learning experience and a great opportunity for our staff and students to learn how to deal with adversity...but the time has arrived for our students to finally enjoy our newly modernized facility and it looks AWESOME.

Most years I look forward to meeting NEW students to MHHS, this is the first time I get to experience 100% of our students walking into the new Medicine Hat High School for the first time and I can't wait to see the expression on their faces when they see our new building. I hope they will be as thrilled with their new school as I am.

With the new building we are also thrilled to announce new courses that are unique to Medicine Hat High School. Please check out our Student Registration Guide for courses that your son or daughter may wish to add to their plans.

Communication with home is really important and we strongly encourage parents to look at our school website for important school information. Each student will receive a Student Agenda with dates and information of upcoming events. Parents are able to keep track of their student's progress by going to the Parent Portal on PowerSchool as well. You can also explore the School and District Website for more information. In addition to updating student results viewable on the parent portal, I would also like to remind parents that we will continue to provide a progress report six weeks into each semester, parent student teacher interviews nine weeks in, and report cards shortly following. We also welcome phone calls or to meet in person to help plan student progress and plans for improvement with parents. Please feel free to meet with us anytime.

I am very proud of the students involved in our extracurricular activities at MHHS. This is a tremendous opportunity for students to expand their high school experience, make new friends, and learn a little bit more about working with and being accountable to other members of a team. This is true in athletics as it is in the performing arts and our student leadership clubs. Please encourage your son or daughter to get involved. We will start the school year with displays in the halls showcasing opportunities for students to get involved in. Our Football, Volleyball and Cross Country teams are the first teams in season to start the school year. Our Student Council will begin planning spirit activities and dances, the Drama Club will be preparing for the Production of Willy Wonka the Musical, the Band will be gearing up for performances and tours and various other clubs, including Rotary Interact, WE, Comic Book Club, and International Club, will provide students with opportunities to be involved in our school in many different ways.

Please check our school website for the District Professional Development days as well as Parent Council meeting dates. Our website will be a new one this year and we will have to work a few kinks out before it is in top shape but we believe it will have a lot of valuable information for parents and students to view early into the year. All parents are welcome to get involved in the Parent Council by attending a meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the main school office.

**I wish everyone the best in the coming school year.**

Boris Grisonich  
Principal  
Medicine Hat High School



## Bell Times/Student Timetable:

	Regular Schedule Warning Bell – 8:55 a.m.	Friday Schedule Warning Bell – 8:55 a.m.	
<b>Period 1</b>	9:00 am – 10:15 am	<b>Period 1</b>	9:00 am – 10:00 am
<b>Brain-Break</b>	10:15 am – 10:30 am warning bell @10:25am	<b>Period 2</b>	10:05 am – 11:05 am
<b>Period 2</b>	10:30 am – 11:45 am	<b>PLT</b>	11:05 am – 11:55 am warning bell @ 11:50 am
<b>Lunch</b>	11:45 am – 12:25 pm warning bell-12:20 pm	<b>Period 3</b>	11:55 am – 12:55 pm
<b>Period 3</b>	12:25 pm – 1:40 pm	<b>Period 5</b>	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
<b>Period 4 (T.A.)</b>	1:45 pm – 2:15 pm		
<b>Period 5</b>	2:20 pm – 3:35 pm		



## T.A. (Teacher Advisor):

Please familiarize yourself with the name and phone extension number of your child's TA. Each MHHS student is assigned to a teacher who will advise, mentor and serve as an advocate for the student throughout the student's time @ MHHS. The time set aside for TA is assigned instructional time. Attendance is compulsory, and all students are to report to their TA's class every day for attendance, announcements, and individualized learning time. The TA teacher tracks student attendance so please call your child's TA teacher with absence information or to excuse an absence that hasn't been phoned in to the TA.

## Monthly Newsletters and Communication:

Check out our website at [www.mhpsd.mhhs](http://www.mhpsd.mhhs) for the latest info and updates. Also, watch for the **monthly newsletter** available on our school website at [www.mhhs.mhpsd.ca](http://www.mhhs.mhpsd.ca). You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter @MedHatHigh. Information can also be found on the Medicine Hat News **Chalkboard Page** which runs the first Tuesday of each school month in the newspaper, starting in October. At the beginning of the school year each student will be given a **Student Agenda** showing some of the important dates for both semesters.

## Parent Council:

Parents are invited to be part of our Parent Council. The first meeting will be **Thursday, September 28th @ 7pm** in the Main Office Conference Room. We hope to see you there. Parent Council meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of *most* months.

## Grade 10/11/12 Students & Parents:

Please make arrangements to return any overdue Library books and outstanding textbooks to the Library at your earliest convenience. All outstanding items must be cleared up with the Library before your new textbooks can be issued.

**This message is directed primarily to Grade 12 students and parents:** During the past number of years incoming Grade 12 students have held a back-to-school party prior to the first day of school. In the past, serious damage has occurred at Regional Parks and on private property as a result of these parties. In addition, there have been a number of school discipline actions taken as a result of some students arriving at school under the influence of alcohol the morning following this party. **This party is not sanctioned nor in any way associated with Medicine Hat High School** and we urge parents to counsel their students appropriately. Please ensure the safety of your children and respect for the property of others, and our environment.



### Tours of our New School:

Current MHHS Students and New Students to MHHS for 2017-2018 are invited to come and check out our new modernized school for a sneak peek on **Tuesday, August 29 from 7-9 pm.**

### Entrance into the school in August/September:

Due to construction, please be advised that although the school will be open for business, we anticipate some of the doors will be inaccessible for entry into the building due to road construction. Please be prepared to enter the school through the doors on the east end of the building (closest to the Hill swimming pool side).

**Tuesday, September 5, 2017:** Students will start @ 9:00 am with **TA class**, and afternoon classes will end at 3:35 pm. **Southland buses** will be running but please check the **revised routes/schedules** on the MH School Division website or call Southland at **403-526-4655**. Alternatively you can call Robert Olson at the School Division office at **403-528-6572**.

**Wednesday, September 6, 2017:** Classes for Grade 10-12 students will start with Period 1 at 9:00 am (warning bell rings at 8:55 am).

**Enclosures:** Enclosed in this mailing you will find your Report Card (if applicable). Some students will also be receiving an invoice for outstanding Library books/textbooks.

**Parking:** The parking lot is expected to be ready in November. Until then, street parking is available but please watch out for bus zones and driveways.

**Timetables:** Tentative timetables will be available online through PowerSchool in mid-August. Actual timetables will be handed out during TA on the first day of school. Hang on to that violet-coloured timetable to show each of your classroom teachers that you're enrolled in that class.

**Timetable Changes:** All requests for timetable changes must be submitted, in writing, using the forms provided in the Main Office. Counsellors will not be available to meet with students for timetable changes and will be contacting parents/students if there is a problem with the requested change. Requesting a change is not a guarantee it will happen. All timetable changes must be completed by 3:35 pm on **Friday, September 13th.**

Counsellors are not available during the summer break. Students are encouraged to look for a balanced timetable of difficult and less difficult courses in each semester.

### Student Agendas:

On the first day of school, students will be given a Student Agenda and a personal ID barcode label to be used for signing out textbooks to start the year.

Carefully review the guidelines and expectations outlined in this agenda. Students are expected to carry this agenda to each class, and use it as a tool to help manage their time and workload effectively.

Parents are urged to become familiar with the agenda and encourage their student to use it to record homework and plan their activities.

### School Photos:

All students are expected to have their photos taken on **Thursday, September 7th.** These photos will be used for the yearbook as well as for the students' ID cards. As soon as the photo ID cards become available, they will replace the ID labels, and will be required to sign out textbooks. Retakes will be taken the morning of **Wednesday, September 13th.**

### Administrator/Counsellor locations:

The Principal, Vice-Principal's & Counsellor's offices are located in the Main Office at 200-7th Street SW:

#### **Principal:**

**Mr. Boris Grisonich (Ext. 7105)**

#### **Vice-Principals:**

**Ms. Sue Withers (Ext. 7106)**

**Mr. Allan Thompson (Ext. 7107)**

**Mr. Scott Howes (Ext. 7108)**

#### **Counsellors:**

**Ms. Leah Steiner (Ext. 7115)**

**Mr. Warren Buckler (Ext. 7116)**

**Mr. Ken Hunt (Ext. 7117)**



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(Main Entrance on 7th Street SW)



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- Tours of the new building
- Program Preview
- Q & A regarding our courses



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## School Fees 2017-2018

Cash or Cheque (payable to MHHS)

Fees are due **NO LATER** than **October 31, 2017**

### SERVICE FEES - ALL STUDENTS:

Student Council & Activities, Student Services, Parent Council      **\$30.00**

### OPTIONAL COURSE FEES - PER CLASS:

Anatomy	\$20.00
Art	\$10.00
Automotives	\$30.00
Automotives/Welding	\$30.00
Band Instrument Rental	\$50.00
Baseball Institute 1 or 2	\$375.00
Business Foundations	\$10.00
Computer Science/Robotics 1	\$20.00
Computer Science/Robotics 2	\$110.00
Computer Science/Robotics 3	\$120.00
Construction	\$60.00
Cosmetology	\$30.00
Culinary Arts	\$40.00
Dance	\$40.00
Digital Arts	\$10.00
Fashion Studies	\$10.00
Foods	\$40.00
Forensics	\$20.00
Networking (IT Essentials)	\$10.00
Physical Education 20 and/or 30	\$75.00
Sports Performance - Athletic Performance	\$40.00
Sports Performance - Individual Sport (Golf)	\$125.00
Welding	\$30.00

**YEARBOOK OPTIONAL:** All fees listed above must be paid before the yearbook can be purchased      **\$35.00**

**Debit, Visa & MasterCard are accepted in person @ Medicine Hat High School**

**OR**

**ONLINE PAYMENTS ARE AVAILABLE - <https://sd76.schoolcashonline.com>**