

Mount Pearl Senior High

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Good day Husky community,

Welcome back to a new school year! For those new to us, you can expect to receive weekly updates on Fridays going forward. Please see below for information and reminders for the coming weeks at Mount Pearl Senior High.

1) Cafeteria Service: Cafeteria service will begin on Monday, September 8th, 2025.

2) Busing: As indicated in the back to school memo sent last week, in order for students to avail of busing, they must be registered to take the bus. Parents/guardians must create an account using the following link and will be able to find all information regarding the bus route, stop, drop off and pick up times, etc. With an increased student population, MPSH has a number of buses added this year. For the benefit of parents and guardians, all routes have been assigned a letter. Please see below the letter associated with each route. These letters are posted in each bus window so that students know what bus to take.

Route Number	Letter Issued by MPSH
23-242-06	Α
23-242-07	В
23-242-08	С
23-242-09	D
23-242-10	E
25-005-05	F
25-005-06	G
25-005-07	Н
25-005-08	I
25-005-09	J
25-005-10	К
25-005-11	L
25-005-12	М
25-005-13	N
25-005-14	0
25-005-15	P

A reminder that transportation issues are not dealt with at the school level. The school does not have any control or authority over transportation. If you have questions or concerns about busing, please address them to the student transportation division of NLSchools using the following <u>public inquiry form</u>.

- 3) Course Changes: Administration has been working diligently through course change requests. This will continue into next week so we ask that students follow their current schedules until a member of the admin team has had the chance to discuss their request. As was previously communicated, requests for class changes due to teacher preference or to be in a class with peers will not be accommodated. Most of our classes are at capacity and changes simply cannot be made. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.
- **4) Athletics:** Tryouts for various sports teams will commence as early as Monday of next week. Students can refer to the school website, announcements, or school bulletin boards for information. Students can also see Mr. Norman, our athletic director, for more information.

- **5) Drop Off**: A reminder that doors open at 8:35am. Supervision does not start until that time, therefore students should not be in the building any earlier. If a student requires an early drop off, they should wait in the main lobby entrance until supervision begins.
- **6) Picture Day:** If a student missed picture day, there will be a retake opportunity scheduled for later in the fall. A date will be communicated when finalized.
- 7) Late Policy: Our late policy will be recommence this Monday, September 8th, 2025. Students are expected to arrive on time and be seated in their first period class by 8:50am. If students arrive late in the morning, after recess, or after lunch, they will be sent to the office for a late slip. We will be keeping a record of these lates and once a student is late unexcused more than 3 times, the administrative team will be meeting with the student and contacting home. If the student is late 3 more times, the student will be suspended for one (1) day. Continued lateness will result in escalating suspensions. Parents/guardians are encouraged to contact mountpearlhigh@nlschools.ca in advance if their child will be absent, late or signing out early. Any movement to and from the building by students needs to occur through the office, as the school is obligated to have accurate attendance. We cannot stress the importance of accurate attendance especially in emergency situations such as fire drills, secure buildings, etc. If parents/guardians could communicate the importance of signing in or out of the office, it would be appreciated.
- 8) Personal Electronic Devices (PED) Policy: The NLSchools PED Policy is in effect. Students caught using an electronic device for the first time will receive a warning and an email will be sent home. A second offence will result in the device being confiscated by the office until the end of the day, with a member of administration contacting home. A third offence will result in the device being confiscated by the office and a parent/guardian having to collect the device. If parents/guardians could communicate and emphasize this expectation to their child, it would be appreciated.
- 9) Curriculum Night: Our annual curriculum night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16th, 2025. Parents/guardians are invited to visit our school and meet their child's teachers. The night will start at 7:00 pm with parents going to the homeroom of their child to get a copy of the student schedule. The homeroom can be found in the Powerschool portal or parents/guardians can ask their son or daughter. After the homeroom session, parents will follow the first seven class periods on the schedule starting with day 1, period 1 and continuing into the first two periods of day 2 on the schedule. Parents will visit each of their child's seven classrooms and meet their teachers. Teachers will have 10 minutes to go over the course curriculum and discuss class expectations and organization with you.
- 10) Forms/Fees/Payments: Lastly, we want to remind parents/guardians that we have moved to a cashless virtual system at our school for fees and forms. Parents/guardians can now pay fees online through their powerschool accounts and they can update demographic information, indicate permissions for field trips, media consent, technology use and many other standardized school forms through the powerschool parent portal. For help setting up a **Rycor account**, please visit this helpful link. Parents/guardians can access their Rycor account through their Powerschool Parent Portal account by clicking on the School Fees and Forms link and using your child's 7 digit student number which is available in Powerschool for access. We ask that parents/guardians submit them electronically using this method. We would appreciate all forms being submitted as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention to these matters and thank you for a successful start to the school year.

Have a great weekend. Mr. Chris Druken, Ms. Lindsay Decker, and Mr. Brandon Field Administrative Team MPSH