



Middlefield Collegiate Institute

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you very much for your help in making the first two months of classes a success. We look forward to continued collaboration as the semester progresses.

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MCI Schedule

Homeroom	8:30 - 8:35 am
Period 1	8:35 - 9:50 am
Period 2	9:55 - 11:10 am
LUNCH	11:15 - 12:00 pm
Period 3	12:05 - 1:20 pm
Period 4	1:25 - 2:40 pm

Note: Students enrolled in Instrumental Repertoire (AMR) should check their GAPPS email for information on the timing of classes from Ms. Cheung

1. PA Day- November 15, 2024

Morning: 150 minutes (Facilitated by School Administrators)

Homelessness Awareness Module:

School teams will engage in learning focused on:

- learning that aligns to priorities outlined in the Multi-Year Strategic Plan in supporting student well-being and creating safe and inclusive spaces for learning in schools;
- supporting educators and staff in understanding how to recognize barriers that students face when experiencing homelessness; and
- learning about available resources and best practices to support students experiencing homelessness.

SIP/Department Time:

- School teams will engage in School Improvement planning focused on high-impact instructional practices to support student improvement in alignment with the curriculum.

Afternoon: 150 minutes

Fostering Empathy in Educational Spaces:

School teams will engage in learning focused on:

- developing a shared understanding of empathy in education;
- engaging in a reflective discussion on empathy through curriculum, instruction, and assessment; and
- exploring opportunities to plan on how empathetic approaches can be developed further in practice.

SIP/Department Time:

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2. Ontario Secondary Schools Literacy Test

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) measures whether students are meeting the minimum standard for literacy across all subjects up to the end of Grade 9. All students are required to meet the secondary school literacy graduation requirement in order to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

At Middlefield Collegiate Institute, we will be writing the OSSLT between the dates of November 19-27, 2024.

Please see information below regarding the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT):

HOMEROOMS COMPLETING PART A ON <u>TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19</u> AND PART B ON <u>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20</u>	HOMEROOMS COMPLETING PART A ON <u>THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21</u> AND PART B ON <u>FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22</u>
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ENG2D1-01	FSF2D1-01
SNC2D1-07	AVI201-01
MPM2D1-02	HFN201-01
GLC201-10	TGJ201-01
CHC2D1-09	CHV201-02
TCJ201-01	PPL209-01
TDJ201-01	PPL409-01
ENL2L1-01	MPM2D1-01
SNC2DJC-01	ESLD01-01

All other eligible students, including previously eligible students, will be completing the OSSLT on the following dates: **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26** (PART A) & **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27** (PART B).

Please note: start time for all dates is 8:30AM and extra time will be available if needed.

Wishing all of our students great success on the Literacy Test.

3. Family Dashboard

YRDSB will be launching a family portal called the Family Dashboard this month.

The dashboard will give parents/guardians secure, accessible one-stop access to information and applications. It is designed to make it easier for families to engage with their child's education.

In this first phase, the dashboard will include:

- parent/guardian authentication
- secure access to report card links
- links to useful information for parents/guardians

Additional information will be shared with schools in the coming weeks.

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Action Item: Updated Contact Information

To access the dashboard, parents/guardians must have current email contact information with the school.

This is also a reminder to staff who may have children attending YRDSB schools, you must use a personal email address with the school and not your YRDSB email address (@yrdsb.ca or @gapps.yrdsb.ca). You will not be able to access the family dashboard as a parent/guardian with your YRDSB email address. You can contact the school to update your contact information.

Together, we can strengthen our partnership with families and provide them with the resources they need to support their children's education.

4. Take Our Kids to Work Day and Take Our Grade 8 Students to High School Day

Take Our Kids to Work (TOKW) Day is a unique initiative designed to provide Grade 9 students with invaluable insights into the world of work. It aims to assist students in considering future career paths by offering them the opportunity to observe a work environment for one day.

On Wednesday, November 6, 2024, Grade 9 students will have the chance to spend the day at a workplace of a parent/guardian, relative, friend or volunteer. Alternatively, they can choose career-related activities to explore either at home or within the school environment. It is a day dedicated to fostering a deeper understanding of various career options and pathways. The [Students Commission of Canada](#) is the new organization that supports this program and offers resources for educators and students. The 2024 TOKW Theme is Breaking Barriers, Transforming Communities.

5. Contact Information

When emailing teachers, please note that emails are firstname.lastname@yrdsb.ca (example: Milton.Hart@yrdsb.ca for Vice-Principal Mr. Hart). To reach our school's general email inbox, please contact us at middlefield.ci@yrdsb.ca. For a list of voicemail extensions, visit the [MCI Website](#).

6. Upcoming Dates

November 6th- Take Our Kids to Work Day

Grade 8 Visits

November 11th- Remembrance Day Commemoration

7. 2024-2025 School Year Calendar

Here you will find the school year calendar for [2024-2025](#).

8. MCI Tutoring Club

The MCI Tutoring Club (MTC) is back up and running for semester 1. Whether your child is looking for 1:1 help in any subject areas or interested in becoming a Peer Tutor, your child can sign up with the appropriate QR code along with your consent. Once you and your child fill out the registration form, our MTC Executives will contact your child shortly and pair them up with a tutor or tutee. Our Peer Tutor will receive volunteer hours from this program. Don't miss out on this great opportunity at MCI!

Please view the [attached flyers](#) for more info.

9. School Cash Online

The Parent Portal is now up and running. Thank you for your patience. The Student Activity/Engagement Fee and other purchases can be made.

The **Student Activity/Engagement Fee** allows us to provide impactful enrichments that extend beyond curriculum requirements. It greatly helps to reduce the cost of running extra-curricular activities and facilitates the building and strengthening of community at Middlefield C.I.

The voluntary Student Activity/Engagement Fee is collected as part of the school start-up process.

This fee supports enrichments that are outside of the curriculum expectations such as:

· school-wide activities (e.g. ceremonies, buy-ins, club membership, assemblies, guest speakers, concerts, showcases);

- sports team subsidy (e.g. uniforms, equipment, transportation)
- club activities (e.g. equipment, materials, guest speakers, workshops, prizes, competitions)
- extra-curricular activities (e.g. field trip fees, and/or transportation subsidy)
- school enhancements (e.g. outdoor tables, games, microwave ovens)
- community support (e.g. subsidy for students in need)

The number of events and experiences we can offer our students outside the classroom depend greatly on the funding we receive through your payment of the Student Activity/Engagement Fee. It can be paid via [School Cash Online](#).

10. 2024-2025 School Start-up Packages

The YRDSB is offering online start-up forms to all families for the 2024-2025 year. Forms will be sent centrally from the school board to all families. Translations are available. The Board will send a central email to all families with a link to a Google Form to complete the start-up forms.

Please note the following:

- Families will receive forms during the week of September 9
- **Start-Up Permission Form will also be sent to students' GAPPS accounts to complete online.**
- **Parents/guardians need to log in through their child's YRDSB GAPPS account to access and complete it.**
- Parents/guardians are required to complete a separate form for each child. They must ensure that they log out of one child's GAPPS account and log back into the next to complete the form for each child. Using the GAPPS account will help ensure that the data is correctly assigned.
- **Student GAPPS login information will be required for families to complete the forms.** If your child does not have the GAPPs login information, please contact their class teachers.
- Printable forms will be made available if hard copies is needed
- The Start-Up forms will also be accessible at www.yrdsb.ca/familyresources. Families can click on the "Need Help" button under School Start-Up for [links to the start-up forms and FAQs](#) to support them in accessing the forms.
- The form will include:
 - The Start-Up Permission Form (mandatory)
 - Student Information Consent Form (mandatory)
 - Request for Faith Accommodations Form
 - School Council Nomination Form

11. Safe Arrival Program

We want to remind parents/guardians about our changes implemented to the safe arrival program last year.

A Safe Arrivals program is a series of steps which are performed together with daily school attendance taken to ensure student safety. A safe arrivals program is a mechanism that parents/guardians and schools can use to account for any student's unexplained absence.

Please note the following:

- Automated school attendance information will be sent 3 times a day for any unexplained absences:
 - End of Period 1 - report period 1 unexplained absences
 - Lunch - report period 2 unexplained absences
 - End of School Day - report the entire school day unexplained absences which includes period 3 & 4
- When a student is absent, a parent /guardian must contact the attendance office either by phone (ext. 150), written note or email (middlefield.ci.attendance@yrdsb.ca) indicating a valid reason for the absence. Please complete this before 8 a.m. on the day of the absence to ensure the absence is entered into the system.
- When replying to an automated attendance message, please specifically indicate that you are approving the absence in order to avoid any misunderstanding.

As a result, we want to remind parent(s)/guardians(s) that they should

- A. provide the school with complete and current emergency contact information during the first week of September, and throughout the school year if information changes, to the Main Office;
- B. inform the school of all absences, late arrivals and/or changes to departure plans of their child as soon as possible;
- C. (if a child is 18 years or older or have declared independence) ensure the form Consent for Information Sharing - Student of the Age of Majority is submitted to the school.

12. Personal Mobile Devices

During instructional (class) time, all phones must be powered off or set to silent mode.

A personal mobile device is any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate or access the internet, such as, but not limited to a laptop, cellphone, tablet or smart watch.

We want to support student achievement and well-being by keeping students focused on learning and removing distractions.

If students have their phone turned on during class time without an educator's permission, they will be reminded to turn it off or set it to silent mode. In some cases, they might be required to hand in the mobile device, and pick it up at the end of the period. Parents/guardians may also be notified.

13. MCI Athletic Updates

Stay up to date with all the latest in our athletic program! This link showcases our standout achievements from the week, celebrating the hard work of our athletes and coaches. You'll also find crucial information about upcoming tournaments, intramural events, and tryout schedules. Don't miss a moment of the action—check it out and support our teams! [MCI Athletic Update](#)

14. Updates from the Moderns Department

Please view the attached link to see updates from our [Moderns Department](#).

15. Updates from the Visual Arts Department

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16. Updates from the Guidance Department

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17. Medical Health Care Forms

It is critical that parents and guardians share information with us about students' serious or life-threatening medical conditions or other health-related matters so that we can create fulsome Health Care Plans that help keep students safe. We encourage students, who are able, to contribute to the creation of these plans too.

Please access forms on the [MCI Website](#) or below as needed. Completed forms and medication can be placed in a sealable bag, with the student's name marked on the bag and left in the Main Office. As always, please contact us with any questions or concerns.

[Health Care Plan Form](#)

[Diabetes Health Care Plan](#)

[Asthma Health Care Plan](#)

[Anaphylaxis Health Care Plan](#)

[Epilepsy/Seizure Disorder Health Care Plan](#)

[Administration of Medication Form](#)

[Staff Administration of Medication Form](#)

18. MIDDLEFIELD QUICK LINKS

Middlefield C.I. Website:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/middlefield.ci>

York Region District School Board Website:

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/>

YRDSB Guide to the 2024-2025 School Year:

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/sites/default/files/2021-08/SD-GuidetotheSchoolYear.pdf>

SHSM Ministry Website:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/morestudentsuccess/SHSM.html>

