



# Mount Pearl Intermediate

## Welcome Package

### 2025-2026 School Year



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Welcome to Mount Pearl Intermediate School.

Mount Pearl Intermediate has much to offer you. Our staff stresses excellence in all aspects of school life. Academic performance is an important task, but positive relationships, citizenship, and participation in school activities will also be priorities.

Getting involved in school life is one key to enjoying your intermediate school years. Become an active member of your school community. Consider becoming an MPI Panther by trying out for or joining one of our numerous sports teams, our choir, student leadership committee, multicultural team, green team, GSA, and more. Get involved and share your skills and enthusiasm. The more you become involved in school life, the better the school will be and the more you will enjoy your time at Mount Pearl Intermediate.

This handbook provides many details about Mount Pearl Intermediate. These details outline the school procedures and expectations that are in place to maintain a safe, caring, healthy, and socially just school.

Please take the time to review our school procedures and expectations. If you have questions, feel free to ask any of our staff.

We recommend that you purchase an agenda or planner to help keep yourself organized. Start right away to record your homework, assignments, and assessment results, and make use of the PowerSchool Student Portal to track your progress.

We are looking forward to a great year! There are always ways we can improve Mount Pearl Intermediate to make it an even better place. With your support and cooperation, we can make it happen together!

## **DAILY SCHEDULE -**

### **Scheduled Periods/Order of the Day**

**7:45 Doors Open**

**8:05-8:12 Homeroom**

**8:12-9:10 Period 1**

**9:11-10:09 Period 2**

**10:09 - 10:24 Recess Break (students must stay in school)**

**10:25-11:23 Period 3**

**11:23-12:07 Lunch Break (grades 7-9 may leave building)**

**12:08 -1:06 Period 4**

**1:07-2:05 Period 5**

**2:05 Dismissal**

## **SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025 – 2026**

Tuesday, September 2	Administration Day
Wednesday, September 3	School Opens for Students
Monday, October 13	Thanksgiving Holiday
Monday, November 10-11	Remembrance Day / Fall Break
Friday, December 19	Day before Christmas Break
Monday, January 5	School Reopens
Monday, February 23	Mid Winter Break
Monday, March 16	St. Patrick's Day Observance
Thursday, April 2	Last day prior to Easter Break
Monday, April 13	School Reopens
Monday, May 18	Victoria Day
Thursday, June 25	Last day for Students
Friday, June 27	Administration Day

## **POWERSCHOOL**

The PowerSchool Parent/Student portal provides caregivers and students with quick and easy access to their current marks, assessment information, attendance records, assignment due dates, and school announcements.

Caregivers can be more in-tune and involved in their children's education. Passwords will be available early in the school year for parents/guardians and students new to PowerSchool.

Once you have an account, you can track your child's progress until high school graduation. Parents/guardians and students agree and understand that this service is offered as a best effort. The District cannot troubleshoot home computer issues. Users are responsible for resolving any technical issues encountered when trying to access this system. However, if you experience any further problems with our PowerSchool system, please contact your school administrator.

Powerschool Parent Portal is available on our school website and the NLSchools website.

## Student Code of Conduct



**Mount Pearl Intermediate** seeks to empower our school community through a safe, respectful, inclusive student-centred learning environment. We promote a restorative and nurturing atmosphere where all learners are actively engaged in academic achievement, critical thinking, and social responsibility. We encourage and celebrate creative potential in preparation for lifelong learning and success.

Mount Pearl Intermediate promotes respect, responsible citizenship and academic excellence. A positive school climate exists when all members of the school community feel safe, comfortable, and accepted. This is our goal here at MPI.

The Standards of Behaviour outlined apply to all members of the school community, including students, caregivers, school staff, volunteers and visitors when:

- On school property
- Traveling on a school bus that is under contract to the school and/or school board.
- Participating in extracurricular activities.
- Participating in off-site school-sponsored activities.
- Engaging in an activity which will have an impact on the school climate.

## Standards of Behaviour

All members of the school community are expected to:

Respect the rights of others and treat one another with dignity and respect at all times, regardless of economic status, individual differences, national or ethnic origin, religion, culture, body image, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, age or ability.

## Mount Pearl Intermediate School Grounds and Surrounding Area

- Mount Pearl Intermediate is a smoke-free facility; therefore, we subscribe to no smoking or use of e-cigarettes on or near the school grounds. Visitors, staff, and students are reminded that all buildings, grounds, and properties under the jurisdiction of the NLSchools are smoke-free. Please respect our smoke-free policy and support us in our efforts to create a safe and healthy environment for everyone.
- Utmost caution should always be used when driving in and around Mount Pearl Intermediate. Please proceed with caution and adhere to the speed limit on and around the school grounds. During the morning bus drop off (7:45 AM-8:05 AM), students will enter through the side Student Entrance facing Michener Avenue. When dropping off students in the morning, please enter the school parking lot from either Ruth or Michener Avenue.
  - All bus students must enter using the Student Entrance located at the side doors facing Michener Avenue.
  - If entering from **Ruth Avenue**, please enter the lane in front of the school and proceed around the school to the Front Entrance to drop off their son/daughter.
  - If entering from **Michener Avenue**, please travel between Mount Pearl Intermediate and Mount Pearl Senior High and enter the laneway in front of the school, and proceed to the Front Entrance to drop off students
  - **The Front Entrance is intended as a drop-and-go area only.**
    - When you are dropping your child/children, unload as safely and quickly as possible.
    - Please avoid cutting around cars, as students may not be visible.
    - Be cognizant of students walking.
  - Caregivers arriving prior to the unlocking of school doors who intend to wait should park using one of the available lots. Parking in the lane way in front of or between the schools is not permitted.

- **There is no left turn permitted onto Ruth Avenue when leaving the school parking lot.**

### **School Entrance Times and Procedures**

- The main Front Entrance is for students who are walking or being dropped off, staff, and school visitors. After 8:05AM, all other entry, including during lunch break, will be through the Front Entrance of the school, where students arriving late will have to use the intercom system for access to the school.
- Academic success begins with attendance. Students who miss class instruction often encounter difficulty in keeping up with their schoolwork. Doors open and supervision is provided at 7:45 a.m. Students must be in their respective classrooms by 8:05 a.m. and 12:07 p.m. A student who is late is required to sign in at the office, provide caregiver contact information stating the reasons for lateness.
- During the instructional day, caregivers and visitors are asked to enter Mount Pearl Intermediate through the Front Entrance located on the east side of our building facing Ruth Avenue. The door is locked for safety purposes.
  - Please ring the bell/intercom to enter the school.
  - Identify yourself by stating your full name and your business at Mount Pearl Intermediate. For example, "Hi, my name is Paradise Pearl, I am Power Pearl's mom and I'm dropping off Power's Social Studies assignment." Please clearly label the item before dropping it off to the office.
  - Visitors for a legitimate purpose are welcome at the school, however, those who arrive for no official reason will be asked to leave.
  - Once inside, please go to the office for assistance.
  - For safety reasons we must be aware of visitors in our school at all times.
  - Parents and visitors are not permitted in the classroom areas unless permission is given by the administration.
  - District policy requires all NLESD schools to maintain security by having the school doors locked.



- Please ensure that individuals (grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc.) picking up your child are familiar with this entrance and routine.

### **Student Emergency Information Sheet, Closures, and Contact**

- The caregiver should complete a student data sheet. It is very important that you include an emergency phone number, should we ever need to contact you. In the event of an emergency evacuation or school closure, we need to follow the procedure outlined on this sheet. Phone use in emergencies may not always be possible, so this information should be as up-to-date as possible. Notification of any changes in this information must be given immediately to the school secretary or the classroom teacher.
- If school is closed or delayed due to inclement weather conditions, a radio announcement will be made between 6:00 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. indicating that schools in the Metro area are closed or have a delayed opening. Delayed openings will be communicated as a specific number of hours after the standard opening time. Ex. A two-hour delayed opening would see school doors open two hours after the regular opening time of 7:45 a.m., therefore at 9:45 a.m.. The same time frame would apply to the start of bus runs. A bus that would normally start to pick up students at 7:15 a.m. would, if a two-hour delay is announced, start to pick up students at 9:15 a.m.. If weather conditions improve and schools are scheduled to reopen, parents are advised to listen for radio announcements, check the school website or our Twitter (X) account @mpipanthers. Emergency school closures during the day will be communicated to parents over local media channels, the school website as well as through SchoolMessenger.
- The SchoolMessenger Communication system is valuable in delivering messages and notifications to parents in a timely and efficient manner. This service is particularly helpful for situations such as unscheduled school closures due to weather or electrical failure. To assist with this process, we must have accurate and updated information regarding home contact and emergency numbers. Please notify the office immediately if you have changed your address or telephone

numbers throughout the year. Ensure that telephone numbers provided for SchoolMessenger, our automated calling system, are direct lines.

### **Attendance**

- All students are expected to attend school on a regular basis. This means that students are expected to be in attendance every day school is in session, unless they are prevented from doing so for a serious reason, such as illness. Staying at home the day before or after a special event or holiday, to "get ready, shop, or rest up," etc., is not an appropriate reason for absenteeism from school.
- Communication from a caregiver is compulsory after any absence. Every pupil in a school shall, in cases of absence, bring to his/her teacher, from a caregiver, a written reason for his/her absence. (The School's Act, Section 82[b]).

### **Allergies and Medication**

- Students are not permitted to carry prescription or over-the-counter medication to/from school. Doctor-prescribed medication is administered at the school only when necessary. In order for any type of medication to be administered, parental and medical forms must be completed. The parent/guardian is required to bring any prescription medication to the office, where it can be secured. Please be aware that staff members are not permitted to administer over-the-counter drugs to any student at any time. This regulation is in keeping with district and provincial policies.
- Mount Pearl Intermediate is an allergy and scent-aware school. There are many people with allergies to different foods, scents, or other items. Mount Pearl Intermediate subscribes to the concept of being an allergy-safe zone. What does that mean? It means that the following items are not allowed in our building or at any of our events:

- **NO SCENTED PRODUCTS** - this includes perfume, cologne, aftershave, deodorants, hair products
- **NO NUTS** of any kind, or any products that may contain traces of nuts (including coconuts). We ask that parents/guardians refrain from sending snacks and food that contain traces of peanuts, nuts, and/or tree nuts.
- **NO PEANUT BUTTER** of any kind, or products containing peanut butter. Please note that peanut butter substitutes are also not permitted.
- If your child has any specific medical needs of which we should be aware, we ask that you notify your child's teacher immediately.

#### **Cell Phone Policy (This applies to tablets and smartwatches.)**

- Cellphones are to be locked in students' lockers during instructional time. MPI follows the NLSchools **Cellphone policy 2025**. This indicates degrees of infraction and caregiver contact after repeated infraction. Cell phones are not permitted to be used during instructional time.
- [Responsible Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices Policy](#)

#### **School Dress Code**

- Mount Pearl Intermediate endorses the standard and expectation of acceptable student hygiene and requires all students to be dressed and groomed appropriately for all school activities and programs while also balancing the rights and privileges of individuals and groups as outlined by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

- Personal cleanliness is expected of all students.
- Students are expected to present themselves through their appearance, apparel, and grooming in a manner appropriate for a school. When a student presents in a manner that interferes with or disrupts the educational process or school activities, is not consistent with community standards, or poses a threat to the health or safety of the student or others, the student will be directed to make modifications or may be sent home.
- Clothing or items with obscene, profane, suggestive, or educationally disruptive remarks, or labels that advertise alcohol, cigarettes, or illegal drugs, are not permitted. Students will be asked to modify their dress, or parents will be contacted to bring in appropriate clothing.
- Students are encouraged not to wear nightwear or pyjamas except for especially communicated events like Janeway Day.

### **Miscellaneous**

- If a student must go home during school hours (appointments, sick), and the parent/guardian has entered Mount Pearl Intermediate, office personnel will page the appropriate classroom and request that the student come to the office to meet the parent/guardian there.
  - If there is a scheduled appointment taking place during the instructional day, please provide these details to the secretary through a note, email, telephone call, or when you arrive at the main office.
- In the event your child needs to be contacted during the school day, please call the Main Office and speak to the secretary.
  - The school telephone numbers are:
    - 364 -1433
    - 364 -1423
    - 364 -1522
    - The fax number is 364 -1871

- Caregivers are strongly encouraged not to call or text their son/daughter's cellular telephone, as doing so may result in disruptions to learning. While we appreciate that at times caregivers will have to contact their son/daughter during the school day, we ask that you please do so by calling the main office of the school and speaking with a receptionist.
  - This is especially important in case of a family emergency where you suspect your child may be upset. School personnel will be hindered in responding appropriately if we are unaware of the nature of the emergency.
- Mount Pearl Intermediate has a lost and found box located inside the student entrance. The caregiver may consider asking their child to check periodically for items that may be missing. Lost items will be donated to local charitable organizations if unclaimed after a reasonable time.