



LOCKERS

Students will be moving from classroom to classroom during the day and will need a place to store their books, coats, gym strip and other belongings so they do not have to carry them around. The school provides each student with a locker and a combination lock. Lockers are located throughout the school. Lockers and locks will be assigned and distributed to students on the first day of school.

Lockers must be locked to ensure belongings are secure. Students are advised not to share their lock combination with anyone. Although every precaution is taken, sometimes lockers can be broken into. We ask students not to bring valuables to school. The lockers and locks are school property and therefore, we reserve the right to check them if deemed necessary.

GYM LOCKERS

When taking P.E. students will be able to use a locker in the change room to store clothing and books. For this, students must have their own lock to carry with them for use during the P.E. class block. The school does have a limited supply of locks for sale. School locks can be purchased from Mrs. Semotiuk, our business assistant for \$5.00.

WHAT SUPPLIES DO I NEED?

Individual course teachers will inform students of required supplies during the first week of school. For students wishing to purchase supplies before then, the following list of supplies will meet the general needs for most courses. Some teachers may require a few more specialty items, but students will be told of this when they are needed.

- basic calculator
- paper scissors
- ruler
- glue stick
- pencils
- pens
- geometry set
- lined paper
- blank paper
- pencil crayons
- binders
- pencil case
- gym strip (shorts or sweats, t-shirt and runners)

WHAT OTHER COSTS CAN BE EXPECTED?



All secondary schools in Richmond have a standard school fee. This fee covers the cost of a student agenda, lock and locker, communication fee and some student activity costs. At MacNeill the General School Fee is \$28.00. There are optional and additional activity and enrichment program costs. For instance the Yearbook, which is optional, will be approximately \$38.00. Grade 12 students will have a Graduation and Valedictory Ceremony cost of \$75.00 and optional Grad Cruise, Dinner and Dance and Dry Grad cost. Each student will have an itemized fee statement given to them towards the end of September and monies will be due to the school in October. Throughout the school year there will be other curricular and extra curricular activities which will be planned that may incur cost to students.



LUNCHEAS AT MACNEILL

Lunch at MacNeill on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday is from 11:55 am. to 12:35 p.m. On Wednesday, with dismissal at 2:00 p.m. there is a nutrition break from 11:20 to 11:57. If students do not go home for lunch, the students have lunch in the school lounge or outdoors weather permitting.

Cafeteria service at MacNeill is operated by Heron Island Café and open from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Service is not available to students during class time. The cafeteria offers breakfast sandwiches, bagels and other breakfast items. At lunch there are daily lunch specials, soup, sandwiches as well as short order items. Students can check for specific items and costs on the menu board posted in the lounge. All food and beverage offerings provided by Heron Island Café meet the provincially mandated guidelines for food and beverage sales in schools.

MEET THE TEACHERS - BBQ AND POT LUCK THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

This is a time to meet all of the teachers your child will be working with and also a time to meet other parents. This is an informal meeting to encourage maximum mingling with each other. M&M Meats will be cooking up the hot dogs and hamburgers available from 5:30 p.m. The tradition is that families bring along a salad or dessert for the pot luck table. The MacNeill staff will be introduced in the Lounge and there will be a brief overview of the school at that time.



As M&M food orders must be collated on Monday, September 13, an order form for BBQ tickets will be given to students on the first day of school. Please have the completed order returned to the school no later than Friday, September 10.

MACNEILL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

All parents are members of the MacNeill PAC. The first PAC meeting will be held immediately after the Meet the Teacher evening on Thursday, September 16, in the Library. Mrs. Josie Perri was our PAC chairperson last year. Mrs. Perri, will chair the first meeting and talk about the work of the MacNeill PAC. We will be seeking parents to stand for PAC Executive and committee positions. The MacNeill PAC AGM will be held on Wednesday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. PAC meeting days are not held on the same day of the week, but rotate between Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. At the beginning of each PAC meeting there will be a MacNeill teacher presenting on a curricular topic or a guest speaker who will present to parents for the first 30 minutes. For the 2010-2011 school year, PAC meetings are scheduled for:

Thursday, September 16, 2010	Wednesday, March 9, 2011
Wednesday, October 13, 2010	Thursday, April 18, 2011
Tuesday, November 16, 2010	Tuesday, May 17, 2011 (Annual General Meeting)
Thursday, January 27, 2011	

All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held in the school library. Mrs. Perri invites parents to contact her for further information or questions regarding the PAC. She can be contacted by phone at 604-274-3955 or e-mail josie_and_raf@hotmail.com

SOME IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

September 7	First day of the new school year: Grade 9 at 9:00 a.m. Grade 8 at 10:00 a.m. Grade 10 & at 11:00 a.m. Grade 12 at 1:00 p.m.
September 8	Classes begin for everyone at 8:40 a.m. Block Run-through Day
September 13	Photo Day in the morning – EVERYONE must have their picture taken. These pictures are needed for the library card, Go card as well as for the yearbook.
September 16	Meet the Teacher and BBQ starting at 5:30 p.m.
September 17	Grad Boat Cruise from 7:00 to 10:30 p.m.
September 21	Terry Fox Run
September 22	Regular Day Time Schedule – Student Dismissal at 3:10 p.m.
September 23	Alternate Day Time Schedule – Students Dismissal at 2:00 p.m.
September 24	Professional Development Day (Students not in attendance).
October 1	Activity Day for Grades 9 through 12
October 4-6	Grade 8 Sea to Sky Outdoor Camp



STUDENTS AND PARENTS OF GRADE 10, 11 AND 12 – PROVINCIAL EXAMS

Please be aware that grade 10, 11 and 12 students will be writing Provincial Exams between June 21 and 29, 2011. The dates of these exams are not flexible, so please plan your holidays accordingly.