



Merivale High School

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Dear Grade 9 Students and Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to Merivale HS! We hope you are as excited as we are to begin the school year as a Merivale Marauder!

Tuesday, September 8 (Cohort A, last names A-K) and Wednesday, September 9 (Cohort B, last names L-Z), Merivale's LINK leadership team invites you to our Orientation Day at Merivale HS! Please meet the LINK team on the EAST Field to begin the day. Our teachers and students look forward to having you join us. We want you to feel at home on your first day!

The following schedule is in place for both days. Students are asked to dress for the weather and outdoor activities as part of our day. Please have a backpack/bag for your belongings as they will stay with you at your desk.

Time	Activity
8:10 - 8:25 am	Staggered Arrival time, "Walk A Block"!
8:25 am	Student Arrival, Meet LINK Leaders and Teachers on the East Field
8:30 - 8:50	Students Enter School via designated entrances to use hand-sanitizer, masks required
8:50 - 9:50 am	Students in class with Period 1 Teacher
9:50 - 9:55 am	Snack <ul style="list-style-type: none">• please bring your own snack and water bottle
9:55 - 11:05 am	Instructional Block (half of students will have LINK Activities)
11:05 - 11:10	Snack <ul style="list-style-type: none">• please bring your own snack and water bottle
11:10 - 12:20	Instructional Block (half of students will have LINK Activities)
12:20	Dismissal to Home!

Your teachers and LINK leaders are great resources for you if you have any questions, and they will spend time sharing the school expectations in the first block of the day. Administration will be walking the halls to meet classes as well.

Please note that the front of the school is reserved for buses only. **Buses** drop off and pick up between 7:50– 8:10 am and again from 12:10 and for Intermediates at 2:30 pm. There is no parking at the front of the school. We are encouraging our students to "walk a block" to school! We ask parents/guardians who choose to drive their student to school to select a safe spot away from the school, preferably with a controlled crosswalk so that students walk onto campus. Please be aware that there are vehicles on school property so remind your student to use sidewalks and marked crossing zones when walking on the campus.

For students who **walk or bike** to school, the bike racks are located next to Door C (across from the East Field). Please use the pedestrian path for safety and cross the driveway at marked locations.

Students eligible for transportation should check their route status at the OSTA parent portal through the website ottawaschoolbus.ca. A reminder to students and families that yellow bus transportation does not begin until 14 September. Students eligible for PRESTO passes will receive it at school once the passes arrive.

Merivale High School has an automatic messaging system that will alert parents to absences, lates, and other important information. Attendance will be monitored by the teachers and the office. Parents/guardians are reminded to verify that the school has an up-to-date phone number and e-mail address to which the system is able to forward information as needed.

Merivale High School is proud of our safe and caring environment. Our administration team, teachers, support staff, guidance team, and care staff all want your time at Merivale to be positive and rewarding. Please remember to ask any one of us for support and assistance! The Merivale Administration team, Vice Principals Ms. O'Doherty, Mr. Donato, Ms. Agraniotis-House, and I look forward to meeting you on September 8 and 9!

Sincerely,

Jean Fulton-Hale, Principal

