



Marymount Academy International

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Dear Students and Parents of Marymount Academy,

As we wrap up our first week back at school, we'd like to touch base with you with some feedback, and some important reminders, in case you missed them.

1. Firstly, a big thank you to students and parents for your understanding and patience over the past few weeks. Organizing the re-entry of students in a safe manner, that respects the safety measures of Sante Publique, has been a challenge; but with your cooperation, we have been able to make it happen. We hope to continue to have a safe and successful start to the year.
2. If you have any questions (particularly for administration or teachers), please do not hesitate to contact us. Email is the preferred method of communication, as we are often occupied during the day, and taking phone calls is not always possible. Please know that there may be a delay in responding to some emails, but we will do our best to get back to you in a reasonable time period.
3. We have been working hard to re-iterate to our students the importance of wearing their masks whenever they are inside the building, and outside the classroom. To date, the vast majority of students have been very cooperative and have done so. We ask you to please relay the same message to your children at home. We must all work together to ensure the safety and well-being for all. Also, note that wearing a mask once a student is in the classroom is not mandatory, but **students are free to wear their masks at all times in the school**. This is a personal choice of students and parents. Also, please re-iterate the importance of regular hand-washing, hand sanitizing, and respecting the minimum 1 metre distance from others at all times, as we are reminding them in school as well.
4. A reminder to continually monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. The re-entry into school is a critical time period, and we must all do our part to help stop the spread of this virus. If you have symptoms, or there is someone in your household who has a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, or if you or anyone in your household is in a period of quarantine, **YOU MUST STAY HOME**, and contact this number for directives **1-877-644-4545**.
5. Also note that due to the current restrictions, we will not be holding detention hall after school. **As such, if disciplinary measures are required by the administration to manage student behaviors, we will have no choice but to send students home immediately**. This is particularly important in cases where students may be behaving in a manner that puts others at risk (for example, refusing to wear their mask when outside of the classroom).
6. Please note that in order to meet the requirements of Sante Publique, we were obligated to **assign** either Art or Music to all groups in Secondary 1, 2 and 3, rather than allowing for the option. All students in those levels must remain within their class "bubble", and be together for all subjects. Also note that for music class, there will be no performance component to the course this year, as playing and/or sharing instruments (and singing) go against the safety protocols. We thank you



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for your understanding in this matter.

7. A reminder that all students eat their lunch in their Homeroom class this year. The cafeteria is open to buy lunch, but students must then return to their homeroom with it to eat. Secondary 3, 4 and 5 students are permitted to leave school grounds to buy their lunch. Secondary 1 and 2 students must stay on school grounds at all times. Any student who goes outside may only come back inside once the warning bells sounds, 5 minutes before the beginning of period 3.
8. A reminder to all Secondary 4 and 5 students to be sure to stay on top of your studies on days where you are not in school. Your teachers will have the necessary materials posted online in your TEAMS groups. As we are still accepting students and making some adjustments to classes, there may be some delays, but please rest assured that any of these delays will not affect you negatively in terms of academic progress or evaluation. It is your responsibility though, to be on top of any work that is posted and is expected by your teachers.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Our **Annual General Assembly of parents (AGA- Governing Board Elections) and Information Night** is now moved to **September 17th**. This will be held in-person at the school, in the cafeteria (not online), **but parents must sign up to attend**. An email will be sent the prior Monday to confirm your presence. A staff member will greet you at the door to verify attendance. As we are trying our best to limit crowds within the building, we ask that parents not bring their children, and that only voting parents attend.

The **Information Night** session will last from 6 to 8 PM, and the General Assembly/Governing Board Elections will take place at 8 PM. We look forward to seeing you that evening!

As usual, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions (preferably by email).

We look forward to a continued safe and successful schoolyear!

Sincerely,

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Principal

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Vice-Principal