



MMGC Newsletter

September 2024

Marion M. Graham Collegiate

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Principal's Message

Dear parents and caregivers,

As the summer draws to a close many of you will be turning your thoughts to the 2024-2025 school year. Marion Graham Collegiate has established itself as a school of choice for students and it continues to grow in numbers, diversity and educational opportunities. Life is full of transitions and the transition in, and through high school is an important one. These are formative times in the lives of students. We believe that all students can be successful, and success will look different for each student. High School students are old enough to make many of their own decisions, but they still need their parents and guardians to provide support and guidance. We encourage you to continue to stay involved and to communicate openly with the school. I would like to encourage parents and guardians to attend our School Community Council (SCC) meetings. This council exists to include parents/guardians in school affairs and to ensure that they have an active voice. We are tentatively planning on having our first SCC meeting on September 17th at 7 pm in our school Library. This will follow our Parent Night which starts at 6 pm that same evening. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to contact the school at any time if there are any questions or concerns. Finally, a great deal of information about school events and announcements can be found on Edsby. Please be sure to provide the school with a current email account. We look forward to welcoming all students back to school and want to extend our thanks to our custodial and office staff for their work over the summer getting the school prepared for this school year. We would like to welcome and introduce the following staff new to Marion Graham:

Heath Alexander-History Teacher

Erin Menz-Guidance Counsellor

Joanne Boots-ELA Teacher

Pat Somerville- Resource Teacher

Ilaria Zuzak-Dance/Drama Teacher

Michael Kennedy-EAL Teacher

Lindsay Wolter-ARP Teacher

Regine Mconnell-Fidler-EA

On behalf of the staff, I would like to welcome all of you back for another school year. It is an honor to be the principal of this remarkable school, and I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Rick Iverson

Principal

Tommy Williams

Vice-Principal

School Start Up Schedule

We are so excited to see **everyone on September 3, 2024.**

We will start all together in the Theatre and then get a chance to briefly visit each of your classes.

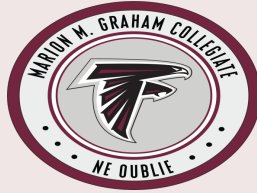
Grade 9's - September 3 - Please attend school from 8:50 am - 12:10 pm

Grade's 10/11/12 - September 3- Please attend school from 1:00 pm—3:20 pm

September 4 is a regular day for everyone !

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING TO THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS?

For the first couple of days of school please bring with you a binder, some lined paper, a pen, pencil and calculator - if your class requires any additional supplies, the teacher will let you know the first couple of days.



2024/2025 School Schedule

Regular

Monday - Friday Schedule

Morning	7:40 - 8:40
*Sr. Band M/W/F, Choir T/Th	
Period 1	8:50 - 9:54
Period 2	9:59 - 11:03
Break	11:03 - 11:13
Period 3	11:13- 12:17
Lunch	12:17 - 1:07
Period 4	1:07 - 2:11
Period 5	2:16 - 3:20

Semester 1

September 3,2024 to January 27, 2025

Semester 2

January 30,2025 to June 24,2025

Shortened Thursday

Schedule

This schedule does not occur every Thursday

Morning	7:40 - 8:40
Period 1	8:50 - 9:35
Period 2	9:40 - 10:25
Period 3	10:30 - 11:15
Break	11:15 - 11:30
Period 4	11:30 - 12:15
Period 5	12:20 - 1:05
Lunch	1:05 - 1:50

Parent Teacher Interviews

Will be held on the following dates:

October 11, 2024

November 29, 2024

March 7, 2025

May 2, 2025

YOU ARE INVITED!

Meet the Teacher!

We are opening the doors of the school and our classrooms to all students and their families! We can't wait to see you!

Tour the building, meet the teachers, learn more about EDSBY notifications, and attend the School Community Council AGM beginning at 7:00 pm.

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Meet the Teacher 6-7pm / School Community Council AGM 7pm

Important Dates to Remember

Sept 3 - Grade 9's - 8:50 am-12:10 pm, Grade 10/11/12 - 1:00-3:20 pm

Sept 4 -Regular day for all students

Sept 11(AM) - Picture Day - Grades 9's & 10's

Sept 12(AM) - Picture Day—Grades 11's & 12's

Sept 12- Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal

Sept 17 - Meet the Teacher 6-7pm

Sept 17 - School Community Council AGM - 7pm

Sept 26- Orange Shirt Day, Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal

Sept 30 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - No classes

Oct 11 - Parent Teacher Interviews—Early Dismissal

Oct 14- Thanksgiving - No school for students

Oct 23- Picture Retakes

Oct 24 - Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal

Attendance - How to Report an Absence

There are three different ways to clear your students attendance. **Edsby** is our preferred method as it provides you with the most options and is very quick to process on our end, **School Messenger**, or by **calling our office** at 306-683-7755

The following information is required from you when clearing an absence with any of the methods.

Your **students name** (clearly), **who is reporting** the absence (mom/dad/caregiver), what **day/dates/time** your student will be away and the **reason that they are absent**.

***You MUST provide a comment if you are choosing "excused by parent"** or the absence cannot be cleared. Please use the comment section for a brief description of the absence (see examples below). In the event that information is missing we will not be able to clear the absence.

If your student:

Is sick - use "ILLNESS" for the reason and if necessary, leave a comment "headache", "flu", "in hospital", etc.

Is emotionally unwell for school - use "EXCUSED BY PARENT" and comment "unwell"

Has an injury - use "EXCUSED BY PARENT" and comment "sprained ankle", "concussion", etc.

Bus was cancelled - use "BUS" and comment "bus cancelled", etc.

Is away for a tournament or competition - use "EXCUSED BY PARENT" and comment "dance comp", "hockey tourney", etc.

Has a doctor or dental appt - use "MEDICAL APPT" and comment "doctor", "dentist", "orthodontist", etc.

Is on vacation - use "EXCUSED BY PARENT" and comment "vacation", "out of town", etc.

Can't get to school due to weather/car not starting/snowed in - use "WEATHER" and comment "car didn't start", etc.

Has had a family member or friend pass away - use "COMPASSIONATE" and a short note, or contact the school directly.

If you are still unsure - use "EXCUSED BY PARENT" and enter a comment with a short explanation and we will get it cleared.

HOW TO CLEAR AN ABSENCE USING EDSBY

- **Log in** to your Edsby account or Phone App.
- If your student will be away for the full day select "**Absent Today**".
- If your student will be away part of the day, or a date in the future, select "**Scheduled Absence**" (please watch the dates/times before submitting). **Enter the dates/times**.
- **Select a reason** for the absence and **enter a comment** (we don't need all the specifics)
- **Submit**

HOW TO CLEAR AN ABSENCE USING SCHOOL MESSENGER

- **Log in** to your Messenger App
- If the absence is for part of a day or an upcoming day **select "schedule absence"**, **select the student** and then **"report an absence"**
- **Select the type** of absence, **the reason** and then **choose the date(s)**.
- **Place a note** in the comment with an explanation, **submit**.

Important Information

Appropriate School Clothing

Common sense, good taste, and class should dictate what is appropriate dress for school. Please refrain from wearing clothing, that is offensive, demeaning, or support illegal activities. More detailed information is available in the School Handbook.

Smile - you're on camera!

Marion M. Graham Collegiate utilizes several surveillance cameras, that have been placed both inside and outside the school. Camera areas include the parking lot, front entry, commons area, and other locales inside and outside the school. Student safety and security remain a priority at MMGC.

Calculators for Math Class

Students taking Grade 10 to 12 math courses should have a scientific calculator. Grade 9 students need a calculator with the 4 arithmetic functions and a square root key. A scientific calculator is also acceptable. The school supplies TI83 graphing calculators when they are necessary.

Driver Education

Due to the large number of students requesting Driver Education, and the limited space available, classes will be filled according to the student's date of birth. Students who are registered into a class will receive a letter indicating their start date. All other students will be placed on a waiting list. Please contact our Student Services office at 306-683-7756 for more information.

Parking for Cars and Bicycles

The right to park on school property is a privilege. Student parking is permitted on school property ONLY in the designated areas. Signs indicate where parking is prohibited. The City of Saskatoon Commissionaires will issue tickets to cars illegally parked. Neither the school nor Saskatoon Public Schools have any insurance for vehicles or bicycles parked on school property. Persons parking on school property do so at their own risk. The school can assume no responsibility for the theft of bicycles or bicycle parts. Thefts should be reported to the police and school authorities. Although the area is supervised, we cannot provide continuous supervision of the area to prevent vandalism.

Student Services

Our School Counsellors can assist students with course selection, career, personal counselling service as well as post-secondary items.

Timetables can be changed or edited for Semester 1 until Tuesday, September 10th.

Student Services Secretary: Ms. Catherine Street 306-683-7756

Grades 9 & 10 Counsellor: Ms. Erin Menz 306-683-8258

Grades 11 & 12 Counsellor: Mr. Ian Hingley: 306-683-7765



JAPAN EXCHANGE 2025



In the 2024-2025 school year the Saskatoon Public School Division is offering a two-week Japanexchange program during the Easter break. This year the exchange group with 16 students from Saskatoon Public Schools will be visiting our partner school in Takaoka. The students will also have a cultural tour around the Tokyo and Kyoto areas.

For one week of the exchange, they will live with Japanese host families - not as tourists, but as members of the Japanese families - which gives our students the opportunity to enrich their understanding and appreciation of Japanese culture and traditions. They can also practice and improve their fluency in the Japanese language. It is considered an asset but is **not a requirement to be either taking or have taken Japanese to be accepted for the exchange**. However, participants accepted for the exchange will be offered a special weekend Japanese course before they leave.

The estimated cost for the exchange is \$5,500-5,800. This includes flights, transportation, hotels, cancellation and out-of-country medical and accident insurance, and costs for chaperones. Not included in this fee are substitute costs for teacher chaperones and personal expenses, such as, spending money, passports, etc.

[Information sheets](#) and an [application form](#) will be posted on each school's website in September.

Application form deadline for the Japan Exchange 2025 is

Monday, September 23, 2024

Important Notes

Contact Information

Please inform the school of any student's change of address, phone number, email or emergency contact person. A demographic form will be provided to your student on the first day of classes for you to review.

Please have your student bring the form back to school so that we can update your information or contact the school by phone 306-683-7750 or email : MarionM.GrahamSchool@spsd.sk.ca

Parents, please use a personal email, not a work email. We are finding some of our messages are being blocked by corporate firewalls

Lockers

Lockers will be assigned to all Grade 9 & 10 students. Grade 9's will receive a new school lock from your first period teacher at the beginning of the school year. Grade 10's will need to bring their lock from last year, or purchase a new lock or used lock from the office. You are required to use the school lock for your locker. Students in Grades 11 & 12, that would like a locker can stop by the main office to be assigned.

You must provide your school issued lock to be issued a locker.

Media and Out of School Consent Form

MEDIA AND OUT OF SCHOOL CONSENT FORM IS NOW DIGITAL * NEW THIS SCHOOL YEAR*****

Please complete the 2024-25 Consent Form at the following link [Online Consent Form](#).

Student Fees

Student fees will be paid online again this year using "School Cash Online" or at the main office (cash only—exact change). Information about the 2024-2025 school years fees will be available in October. Your account can be created/accessed at: <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/>

If your student currently has outstanding school fees, an invoice will be sent home with them on the first day of school. Please check with your student for this note so that we can get these balances cleared up, prior to October, and the new school year fee assignments.

If you have questions about your invoice, please contact Cheryl Pasulyko at pasulykoc@spsd.sk.ca or 306-683-7759.

Important Notes

Yearbooks

If you purchased a 2023-2024 yearbook last year, they will be available for pick up at the end of September/beginning of October. Once they arrive and are available, we will notify students during the school day. If your student has graduated, or is no longer attending Marion Graham, we will make sure to send you an e-mail to notify you. Please ensure your e-mail is current and up-to-date at the school. The 2024-2025 yearbook will be available for purchase with your student fees later in this school year.

Marion Graham Servery

The servery will reopen for business at the beginning of the school year. The servery provides all sorts of snacks, daily lunch specials and healthy food options for people interested in purchasing snacks or lunch. They accept both cash and debit!

Employment opportunities in the Marion Graham Servery. No experience necessary. Please contact Karen after 3pm @306-491-4821 or come in to the servery Monday to Friday from 9am-2pm

Fall Sports

Some of the options for Fall sports are Cross Country, Volleyball, Football, Girls Soccer. More information to come as we return back for Fall 2024.

At Saskatoon Public Schools every student is **Known • Valued • Believed In**



Dear Parents/Guardians,

In August, Saskatchewan's Ministry of Education directed all Saskatchewan school divisions to develop procedures that prohibit the use of personal electronic devices during instructional time in K-12 classrooms. Accordingly, Saskatoon Public Schools has updated its related procedure: [AP 139 – Use of Personal Electronic Devices](#).

Summary of the updated administrative procedure:

- Personal electronic devices shall be out of sight and on silent mode during instruction time. Smart watches may be visible but not accessed during instructional time.
- Exemptions may be approved by the principal for students who require a personal device for a specific medical condition, or documented accommodation related to additional needs.
- In grades 9-12, teachers who wish to use personal electronic devices for a specific instructional purpose with students must request an exemption and gain approval from the principal.
- Principals maintain the right to make decisions about the use of personal electronic devices during non-instructional time (e.g. lunch and recess).
- All school staff will continue to model appropriate use of their personal devices to support student safety, classroom learning, assessment and communication with families.

Ways to support this change in procedure:

- Familiarize yourself with AP 139 – Use of Personal Electronic Devices.
- Discuss responsible personal device usage and digital citizenship at home.
- Contact the school if you need to reach your child during instructional time.

If you have questions about device use at school, please contact the school principal.

Respectfully,

Shane Skjerven

Director of Education



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School Nurse

Our School Nurse is Sarah Pannell, RN, BSN.

Nurse Sarah will be at Marion Graham on Monday afternoons from 12:15-3:45.

The school nurse can help you with:

- o confidential one-on-one student supports with a variety of medical & health related matters
- o Referrals to other community agencies / supports
- o general first-aid if required
- o confidential pregnancy testing and supports if required

Students are also welcome to **text the school nurse at 306-370-5942.**

Look for the tall school nurse sign and stop in to say hello!



High School/Collegiate Nursing Services & Healthy Mother Healthy Baby (HMHB) Program

High School/Collegiate nursing services throughout Saskatoon are provided by the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) through the Healthy Mother Healthy Baby Program.

Registered Nursing Services include:

Pregnant Students: The Healthy Mother Healthy Baby program can be accessed by any pregnant student enrolled in Saskatoon High School/ Collegiate or Affiliate School Setting.

General Student Population: Individual health-related support & counselling, and/or referrals.

School Staff and Administration: Support to school staff with navigating community health resources. Nurses are available to attend a "School Nurse" meet and greet (please connect with your School Nurse for arrangements).

Supports offered by School Nurse:

- Individual Health Education
- 1:1 supports and crisis intervention (harm reduction strategies, abuse resources, connections for mental health and/or addictions, etc.)
- Support to students, parents and staff with navigating health resources in the community
- As clinically indicated:
 - General first aid
 - Pregnancy testing and referrals
 - Healthy Mother Healthy Baby supports for pregnant students
 - Testing for some sexually transmitted infections

July 2024



Healthy People, Healthy Saskatchewan

The Saskatchewan Health Authority works in the spirit of truth and reconciliation, acknowledging Saskatchewan as the traditional territory of First Nations and Métis People.



August 2024

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- Stat Holidays
- No School - Students/Teachers
- PD/Operations - No Students Gr. 9-12
- Student First Day
- Early Dismissal Days
- Last Day (9-12 Students)/Assessment Date
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- STA Institute



Are you taking the city bus to school??

Student passes now available in-app!

Get your pass on the go in the **TGo** or **Transit** apps now.

Real-time trip planning with the Transit app:

- ▶ Trip planning
- ▶ Bus arrival info
- ▶ Service alerts
- ▶ Crowding info
- ▶ Push notifications

SASKATOON transit

transit

A valid Saskatoon High School student card is required when using a High School bus pass or paying the High School fare rate. Please show your student card along with your pass when boarding.



Transit passes are sold in the school office as well as various locations throughout the city. Please visit Saskatoontransit.ca for specific locations.

There is a \$5 fee for all new cards. GoPass cards can be registered for free at the Customer Service office (226 23rd Street East). Card(s) must be presented at the time of registration.

Lost/Stolen Cards

If a card is lost/stolen, a replacement card can be issued. Please provide one piece of identification to match the name the card is registered to. There will be a \$5 new card activation fee. Over the phone reports of lost/stolen cards will not be accepted as identification is required.

All school special routes are subject to change during the school year.

Remember to be at your stop 5 minutes before the bus is due to arrive. Plan your route online at Saskatoontransit.ca or on your mobile device with the real-time Google Maps  or Transit App .

Marion M. Graham Collegiate AM

Route 12	Queen & 7th	Alexandra & Rupert	Pinehouse & La Ronge	Lawson Terminal
River Heights	:20 / :50	:29 / :59	:09 / :39	:13 / :43
Route 13	Lawson Terminal	Pinehouse & La Ronge	Redberry & Reindeer	Lenore & Redberry
Lawson Heights	:02 / :32	:04 / :34	:06 / :36	:10 / :40
Route 30	Lawson Terminal	La Ronge & Nahanni	Redberry & Reindeer	Lenore & Redberry
Lawson Heights	7:50, 8:30, 9:10	7:52, 8:32, 9:12	7:56, 8:36, 9:16	8:00, 8:40, 9:20
Route 35	Lawson Terminal	Russell & Mellicke	Silverwood & Adilman	Marion Graham
Silverwood	7:30, 8:10, 8:50	7:34, 8:14, 8:54	7:39, 8:19, 8:59	7:43, 8:23, 9:03

Marion M. Graham Collegiate PM

Route 12	Lawson Terminal	Alexandra & Rupert	Osborne & Edward	Queen & 7th
City Centre	:17 / :47	:28 / :58	:02 / :32	:08 / :38
Route 13	Lenore & Redberry	Russell & Mellicke	Primrose & Pinehouse	Lawson Terminal
Broadway	:10 / :40	:15 / :45	:18 / :48	:20 / :50
Route 30	Lenore & Redberry	Russell & Mellicke	Primrose & Lenore	Lawson Terminal
City Centre	3:20, 4:00, 4:40	3:24, 4:04, 4:44	3:26, 4:06, 4:46	3:30, 4:10, 4:50
Route 35	Marion Graham	Primrose & Lenore	Primrose & Ravine	Lawson Terminal
City Centre	3:43, 4:23, 5:03	3:46, 4:25, 5:05	3:48, 4:28, 5:08	3:50, 4:30, 5:10

* see regular route schedule for a complete list of times

