



Welcome to Sir John A. Macdonald School! We are very excited to have students rejoin our learning community for the upcoming school year. This overview of our first month will help to support our students and their families. Our student leaders will work alongside our faculty to build a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment for all students, while encouraging students to build empathy and compassion for each other.

Tuesday September 2nd	Schedules will become visual in PowerSchool on <u>Tuesday September 2nd</u>. If you are new to the CBE, your child must log into a computer at school prior to being able to <u>access</u> their schedule at home. All students should bring a binder, paper, something to write with. All Grades: Homeroom lists will be posted in the front foyer and outside. All Grades: A printed timetable will be provided in homeroom. Gr 7/ALP/PLP: lunch provided 8:13 – 1:15 pm: Grade 7 2:00 – 3:00 pm: Grade 8 and 9 8:13 – 2:51 pm: ALP and PLP classes								
Grade 7s 8:13 – 1:15 pm	Please meet in the Main Gym with your homeroom teacher (lists posted outside, weather permitting): <table> <tr> <td>7-1: Parsons</td><td>7-5: Vahaaho</td></tr> <tr> <td>7-2: Bower/Ralph</td><td>7-6: Greenham</td></tr> <tr> <td>7-3: Manery</td><td>7-10: Dougan</td></tr> <tr> <td>7-4: Saker</td><td>7-11: Le</td></tr> </table>	7-1: Parsons	7-5: Vahaaho	7-2: Bower/Ralph	7-6: Greenham	7-3: Manery	7-10: Dougan	7-4: Saker	7-11: Le
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Grade 7 Events	- Welcome Assembly - Homeroom - School Tour - Lunch in the Courtyard (10:50 – 11:25 am) - Timetable Rotation								
Grade 7 Early Lunch	10:50 – 11:25 am Hot dog (veggie, halal, or beef), chips and bottled water Grade 7 students stay on campus at lunch for the first semester (Aug – Jan)								
Grade 7 Orientation to the School Wednesday's class rotation. No bells: please wait for an announcement before moving.	HR: 11:25-11:30 am Wednesday Rotation: 5: 11:35 – 11:45 am 6: 11:50 am – 12:00 7: 12:05 – 12:15 1: 12:20 – 12:30 pm 2: 12:35 – 12:45 pm 3: 12:50 – 1:00 pm 4: 1:05 pm – 1:15 pm Grade 7 students dismissed at 1:15 pm for the day.								
Tue Sept 2 2:00 – 3:00 pm: Grades 8 and 9	Welcome Assembly for Grade 8 and 9 students Timetables distributed in homeroom Begin Homeroom Orientation								
Day 1 of 2025-26 is complete!									

Wednesday September 3	Start with block 5: Regular Schedule, including homeroom (10:25 – 11:02) HUM: Finish Homeroom Orientation SMATH: Locks and Lockers
Thursday Sept 4	Start with Block 7: Regular Schedule HUM: Finish Homeroom Orientation SMATH: Locks/Lockers
Friday September 5	Starts with Block 1 SMATH: Assign lockers, if this hasn't taken place yet
Monday Sept 8	Starts with Block 1 Assembly: 9:04 – 9:53 am: Grade 7 9:55 – 10:44 am: Grade 8 and 9
Tuesday Sept 9	Starts with Block 3 Fire Drill #1
Wednesday Sept 10	Starts with Block 5 , including homeroom Homeroom: Whole School
Thursday Sept 11	Starts with Block 7 Meet the Teacher (6:00 – 7:30 pm) • Students will help their parents tour the school. • Leadership students will support if parents are alone. • Further details will be shared with parents.
Friday Sept 12	Starts with Block 1
Tuesday Sept 16	Tug of War Competition: Grade 9s at lunch
Wednesday Sept 17	Tug of War Competition: Grade 8s at lunch Homeroom: Whole School
Thursday Sept 18	Tug of War Competition: Grade 7s at lunch Welcome Back Dance
Friday Sept 19	Terry Fox Run (weather permitting): Blocks 2 and 3
Wednesday Sept 24	Fire Drill #2 Homeroom: Whole School
Friday Sept 26	Orange T-Shirt Day (Canada's Official Day: Tuesday September 30 – National Holiday)
Monday Sept 29	Organizational Day: No school for students
Fall Sports	Soccer, Cross Country, Basketball: stay tuned for updates from Coaches

SJAM MUSTANG SCHOOL CULTURE		
Goal: 100% of students engaging in empathy or compassionate actions		
SR Support Required	Pity (or ignore)	I think 'that sucks!'
EM Emerging strength	Sympathy	I feel bad for you.
EV Expanding strength	Empathy	I feel bad <u>with</u> you.
EX Exemplary strength	Compassion	I feel bad <u>with</u> you, and... <u>I want to do something</u> <u>about it.</u>

