# **Family of Raiders:**

We are sharing with you as much information as we can, about our new "5 Semester Schedule" called a **Penta-Block Schedule**. As you can imagine, we are doing this amid many other changes including creating a pandemic plan, as well as moving from our old scheduling system called Maplewood to our new scheduling system called "MySchoolSask – MSS". We want to give you just the information that you need right now in order to get your first day started. You will have many questions, which we will answer in due course.

Please find our "Welcome Back to School Video" on our school web page. This short video will answer all of your questions about coming into the school and you will see how we will be welcoming you all back into the Land of Orange.

YRHS 2020-21 Penta-Block Schedule						
Periods	Times	Pent 1	Pent 2	Pent 3	Pent 4	Pent 5
		Sept. 8 –	Nov. 3 –	Jan. 8 –	March 9 – May 5	May 6 –
		Nov. 2	Jan. 7	March 8	36 Classes	June 28
		35 Classes	35 Classes	35 Classes	PAA Classes	36 Classes
		PAA Classes	PAA Classes	PAA Classes	(switch on April	PAA Classes
		(switch on Oct. 6)	(switch on Dec. 1)	(switch on Feb. 3)	12)	switch on June 2)
AM Period (2.5	9:00am – 11:45am	Semester 1	Semester 1	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 2
hours)		Period 1 (MW)	Period 2 (MW)	Period 5 (MW)	Period 1 (MW)	Period 2 (MW)
PM Period (2.5	12:50pm – 3:35pm	Semester 1	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 2	Semester 2
hours)		Period 3/4 (MW)	Period 6 (MW)	Period 5 (MW)	Period 6 (MW)	Period 3/4 (MW)

<sup>\*</sup>MW stands for Maplewood.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Grade 10, 11 and 12 students have access to their MW timetable ONLY until Aug. 30. It is highly recommended that these students log on and print or screenshot their present timetable. Remember, this timetable is based on the old two semester, six class system. You will need to apply it to the above color-coded

# Penta-Block system to understand the first two classes you will be attending.

For example, in your MW schedule if you had MFPC10 in classroom A17 in Semester 1 - Period 1, you will go to that class in Pent 1, in the morning. If you had ELAB10 in classroom A12 in Semester 1 – Period 4, you will go to that class in Pent 1, in the afternoon.

\*\*\*Grade 9 students will be handed a paper copy of their schedule at the front door on their first day at school, as they do not have current Maplewood log in accounts because we are switching from MW to MSS.

# **TIMETABLE CHANGES:**

**Grade 9 Students:** Due to the restrictions of the block scheduling system, timetable changes for Grade 9 students will not be possible this school year.

**Grade 10, 11 and 12 Students:** Upon reviewing your Maplewood Timetable, if it is incomplete, or does not reflect the academic choices you were expecting, or you are missing a pre-requisite, you have until September 11 at 3:30 to make a possible change. Timetable changes will not be made to support specific teacher requests. You can go about a timetable change in the following manner:

- 1. Call the school at 306-786-5560 and state your grade and that you need to make a timetable change. A counsellor or an administrator will help you over the phone if possible.
- 2. On your first two days of class during the staggered entry period, you may proceed to Student Services during the lunch hour to make an appointment to see a counsellor or administrator.
- 3. If you are scheduled to be in a class in Pent1, that you wish to be out of, you may come to Student Services during that class time.
- 4. All timetable changes need to be made by September 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:35 p.m.

**VISITORS:** At this time, the YRHS is not accepting visitors, unless by appointment.

Example 1: Parents who wish to meet face-to-face with an administrator, counsellor or teacher, must make an appointment by phoning 306-786-5560.

Example 2: Parents who need to drop forgotten items off (a lunch or a book) should call 306-786-5560 to state the item being dropped off and leave the item on the "drop off table" at the front entrance.

Example 3: Friends from other schools will not be allowed to visit the inside of our building.

#### **ENTRANCES:**

All outside entrances are clearly labelled for students. Please follow the signage.

**Grade 9:** Enter and exit through the MAIN ENTRANCE doors and proceed through the A WING Hallway.

**Grade 10:** Enter and exit through the NORTH ENTRANCE LOWER "A" HALLWAY doors (End of "A" wing by A21) and proceed down the C WING HALLWAY, through the LINK HALLWAY and to the LOWER A WING.

**Grade 11:** Enter and exit through the BAND HALLWAY ENTRANCE and proceed through the BARRY SHARPE FOYER, down the B WING, then directly to class...**OR**...enter through the SOUTH "A" WING STAIRWELL ENTRANCE, straight up the stairs to the UPPER A WING.

**Grade 12:** Enter and exit through the BAND HALLWAY ENTRANCE and proceed through the BARRY SHARPE FOYER, down the B WING, then directly to class...**OR**...enter the NORTH "A" WING STAIRWELL ENTRANCE, straight up the stairs to the UPPER A WING.

**Bus Students:** Enter and exit through the REGULAR NORTH "C" WING ENTRANCE or the WEST ENTRANCE by the gym (wherever your BUS DROP OFF AREA is).

Students with Special Transportation Needs: Staff will create entrance and exit plans for these students.

**Staff:** Enter and exit through the LOADING DOCK ENTRANCE (Students may not use this entrance).

#### **HALLWAY TRAFFIC FLOW:**

Upon entry into the school, students are expected to make their way directly to their scheduled class. There are NO common areas (Library, Cafeteria, gymnasium, Barry Sharpe Foyer, etc.) for small or large informal gatherings. Designated Courtyards may be accessed by students only during the lunch hour.

Grade 9 and 10 classes have mostly been scheduled for the LOWER "A" WING. Exceptions are PED, Band, Choir & PAA classes. Teachers of these classes will make a traffic plan with their students.

Grade 11 and 12 classes have mostly been scheduled for the UPPER "A" WING. Exceptions are PED, Band, Choir & PAA classes. Teachers of these classes will make a traffic plan with their students.

Barry Sharpe Foyer is reserved for Grade 9 / 10 traffic flow throughout the day. The link hallway is reserved for Grade 11 / 12 traffic flow throughout the day.

Washrooms have been designated by grade and are clearly labelled. In some cases, the classroom teacher will designate which washrooms students should use.

## **STAGGERED START DATES:**

Last Names beginning with A – K attend on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Last Names beginning with L – Z attend on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

ALL registered students attend regularly beginning Sept. 14, 2020.

## **MANDATORY ITEMS:**

- 1. Masks
- 2. Water Bottles
- 3. Backpacks (There will be no locker assignments this school year)
- 4. Binder / Paper
- 5. Writing Utensils
- 6. Hand Sanitizer (Strongly recommended)

7. Gym Class – if you have a scheduled gym class, come "dressed" for the class. Changerooms are closed. **DAILY SCHEDULES:** 

GRADE 9:		
MORNING CLASS	9:00 – 10:20	80 Mins
	10:20 - 10:30	10 MIN BREAK
	10:30 – 11:45	75 Mins
	11:45 - 12:50	65 MIN LUNCH *11:45 Cafeteria
AFTERNOON CLASS	12:50 – 2:10	80 Mins
	2:10 - 2:20	10 MIN BREAK
	2:20 – 3:35	75 Mins

GRADE 10:			
MORNING CLASS	9:00 – 10:10	70 Mins	
	10:10 - 10:20	10 MIN BREAK	
	10:20 – 11:45	85 Mins	
	11:45 – 12:50	65 MIN LUNCH *12:00 Cafeteria	
AFTERNOON CLASS	12:50 – 2:00	70 Mins	
	2:00 – 2:10	10 MIN BREAK	
	2:10 – 3:35	85 Mins	

GRADE 11:		
MORNING CLASS	9:00 - 10:30	90 Mins
	10:30 - 10:40	10 MIN BREAK
	10:40 - 11:45	65 Mins
	11:45 - 12:50	65 MIN LUNCH *12:15 Cafeteria
AFTERNOON CLASS	12:50 – 2:20	90 Mins
	2:20 - 2:30	10 MIN BREAK
	2:30 – 3:35	65 Mins

## **OPTION #1 for Grade 12**

GRADE 12:	RADE 12:			
MORNING CLASS	9:00 - 10:00	60 Mins		
	10:00 - 10:10	10 MIN BREAK		
	10:10 - 11:45	95 Mins		
	11:45 – 12:50	65 MIN LUNCH *12:30 Cafeteria		
AFTERNOON CLASS	12:50 – 2:30	100 Mins		
	2:30 – 2:40	10 MIN BREAK		
	2:40 – 3:35	55 Mins		

## **OPTION #2 for Grade 12**

GRADE 12:		
MORNING CLASS	9:00 - 10:00	60 Mins
	10:00 - 10:05	5 MIN BREAK
	10:05 – 11:05	60 Mins
	11:05 – 11:10	5 MIN BREAK
	11:10 – 11:45	35 Mins
AFTERNOON CLASS	11:45 – 12:50	65 MIN LUNCH *12:30 Cafeteria
	12:50 – 1:50	60 Mins
	1:50 - 1:55	5 MIN BREAK
	1:55 – 2:35	40 Mins
	2:35 – 2:40	5 MIN BREAK
	2:40 – 3:35	55 Mins

Because of Block Scheduling, students will be sitting in the same classroom for over two and a half hours, therefore we strongly recommend that you make arrangements for your child to leave the campus for lunch, to take a break. If your child needs to stay at school for lunch these are their options:

- 1. Send a bagged lunch.
- 2. Purchase a "take-out" lunch from our school cafeteria at the assigned time found in the grade specific

- daily schedule. For example, Grade 11's may line up at the cafeteria from 12:15 12:30. Students enter the cafeteria across from the MAIN OFFICE and exit the cafeteria through the D WING HALLWAY, socially distancing throughout the line-up.
- 3. Students may return to their morning classroom to eat their lunch. Certainly, masks will be removed once in the classroom, however strict social distancing will need to be practiced. Once the lunch is eaten, the mask must be put back on.
- 4. While the weather is nice, students will have the choice to eat their lunch in the assigned courtyard or on the front lawn of the school. Social distancing will need to be practiced in outdoor settings as well.
  - a. Grade 9 / 10: East Courtyard
  - b. Grade 11/12: West Courtyard

Supervision will be provided in all of the above settings.

In the upcoming days a document titled "School Level Return to School Plans Fall 2020", which is specific to the YRHS, will be posted to our website. This document outlines in detail all of the precautions and plans that we have laid out above. The GSSD Return to School Plan is found on the GSSD website.

Please understand that this is an evolving plan and keep an eye out for changes. Thank you for you patience during this time. We can't wait to see our Raiders return!

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