

# MRSS

## Info for Opening

As we head into summer, we want to finish the school year by sharing some general information for the 2025-2026 school year. A more detailed school start up message will be sent out on Monday, August 25 but some families may appreciate this early notice information. On behalf of Maple Ridge Secondary, we wish all our families a wonderful summer break.

### Grade 12 Senior Sunset – August 26

On Tuesday, August 26 at 7pm we will host our annual Senior Sunset in the MRSS courtyard. All grade 12's who have paid student fees are invited to come to the school for Senior Sunset to select their lockers.

In addition to locker selection, Senior Sunset is an opportunity for our 2026 grads to re-connect with each other and to celebrate the start of their senior year. Students are encouraged to bring a lawn/camping chair. We will have games such as spikeball and bocce as well as light refreshments. Alternatively, students can select a locker during the first week of school, once school fees are paid.

### Lockers

This coming school year we will host an early locker distribution schedule the week before school starts. Students who take advantage of this opportunity will get first choice of lockers and have a locker ready to go on opening day. Senior students (Grade 11/12) will receive top lockers.

To receive a locker, students must have paid student fees for the 2025/2026 school year. Note that you cannot pay those fees yet, we will post the fee on the Parent Portal by Monday, August 25. Students unable to pay via the Parent Portal can pay at the MRSS office by cash or cheque.

Early locker distribution will happen according to the schedule below:

#### **Tuesday, August 26**

Grade 12 – 7:00pm @ Senior Sunset

#### **Wednesday, August 27**

Grade 11 – 11:00 am – 11:45 am

Grade 10 – 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm

Grade 9 – 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

#### **Thursday, August 28**

Grade 8s @ end of Orientation Day

Students unable to claim a locker on these dates can do so during the first week of school.



### Grade 8 Orientation – August 28

Our incoming Grade 8 students join us on this day for a full day of orientation, fun and connection. We will send out a full itinerary the week before with more details. We usually get about 95% of our Grade 8 students in attendance but if your student is unable to attend for some reason, it's okay.

We implemented this day many years ago and have found that it helps relieve some of the anxiety of coming to a new school for our students and parents alike. Claiming lockers will continue the first week of school and the information shared will be reviewed all week too.

### First Day - September 2

Students attend from 1:00-1:45pm. They can view their timetable on My-Class beginning August 27 (parents are unable to until mid-September) to see who and who their Block A teacher is and the room number. This is where they go on the first day to heck in and collect timetables, pick lockers if not already done, etc.