

**Welcome back, Tommies! Here is some information to help you navigate our return to school in 2021. We're really excited to have everyone back together again and looking forward to a great year.**

**Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>: Grade 9 students only** for our very first ever *Tommie Way Day*! Join us to learn all the ins and outs of being a JMH student, with help from our Tommie Influencers (TI's) who will be your guides for the day and also throughout the year.

The day begins at 8:30 with a pancake breakfast served by some well-known faces. Throughout the day you'll have a chance to meet your teachers and other staff, pick up your schedules, find your lockers, get some free Tommie gear, win prizes, tour the school, discover what being a Tommie is all about, learn about our extracurricular offerings and have a free BBQ lunch!

**Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>: All students 9-12**--Helloooooo, Tommies! For the first time in way too long we'll all be back together! Schedules for students in Grades 10-12 may be picked up beginning at 7:45 in the main lobby. (Grade 9 students will already have theirs from the day before.) Stay tuned for information from Student Council about this exciting week.

**Student fees:** Student fees remain at \$50 and are payable the first week of school to your first period teacher. This fee covers your locker rental, student council activities, wellness days, guest speakers, mental health initiatives, exam booklets, maintenance of our Tommie Bus, and all kinds of other things! All students are required to pay this fee.

**Lockers/Locks:** All JMH students are assigned a locker, which will be indicated on your schedule. You are required to buy a lock in Grade 9, and should keep that lock for your four years of high school (and beyond!) It is yours to keep when you leave JMH. Students may not use their own personal lock on lockers. The cost of the lock for any new students this year is \$15.

**Masks:** Will be required on busses and in all indoor common areas as per provincial regulation. Please have one (or more) with you each day!

#### **Bell Schedule:**

8:24 O Canada  
8:25-9:30 Period One  
9:35-10:40 Period Two  
10:45-11:50 Period Three  
11:50-12:50 LUNCH  
12:50-1:55 Period Four  
2:00-3:05 Period Five

#### **School Supplies:**

One of the most important high school skills is figuring out how you learn best and what tools you need to help you! For this reason, we do not mandate exactly what school supplies will work best for you—some of you prefer a large binder with loose-leaf and dividers while others like a separate notebook for each subject. You may want a paper agenda or you may have one on your phone. You may love post-it notes while your friend likes index cards for organizing. We all have our “best practices” when it comes to organizing our learning! There may be circumstances when individual teachers also ask that you buy certain supplies.

#### **At a minimum, to begin the year, we would ask that you bring:**

~paper—a binder with loose leaf or notebooks etc  
~writing utensils—pens, pencils, erasers etc  
~a calculator  
~community mask(s) to be worn in public areas  
~3 boxes of Kleenex to be given to your period one teacher