

Menno Simons Christian School

August 31, 2025

In Memos from Menno: Opening Edition for the 2025/26 School Year!

In preparing to open our doors to a new school year, we are reminded that the Fruit of the Spirit shapes not only how we learn but also how we live together—in kindness, patience, and joy.

This year is a fresh opportunity to grow in knowledge, in faith, and in community, and we are excited to share this journey with our students and families.

Doors will open at **8:15 am** on **Tuesday, September 2**, with classes beginning promptly at **8:25 am**. We can't wait to see our families back in the building.

Please read through to the end and note the Important Dates to help set your family up for a smooth start.

Check out our updated [Parent Corner](#)!

Your one-stop spot for the latest on student life at MSCS.

Easily keep on top of schedules by linking to our School Calendar and Bell Schedule. Bookmark this page for quick access to essential tools like Edsby and School Cash Online, and stay up to date with uniforms, student guidelines, and school policies.

Need a hand? Our front office is always happy to help—just reach out. For class-specific details, connect directly with your child's teacher

Meet the TEACHERS!

Curious about who's who at school this year? [Explore the Staff Directory to discover your teacher and all the amazing staff who make our school special!](#)

Want to learn more about them? [Meet the Teachers!](#)

Food Trucks Fellowship & Meet the Teacher - Thursday, September 11, *Save the Date!*

Join us for an evening of food and fellowship! Starting at 5:00 pm, head into the school to meet your teachers and take part in information sessions. Afterwards, stick around to share dinner, reconnect with friends, and enjoy our beautiful school together.

Important Dates

- Sept 2 First Day of School for Grades 1 through 9
- Sept 3 First Day of School for Kindergarten Students
- Sept 3-5 Jr High Retreat @ Camp Valaqua
- Sept 5 Last day to submit your summer reading challenge to Mrs. Willms
- Sept 8 Division 1 Conferences (No School for Gr 1 & 2)
- Sept 9 Parent Meeting - Gr 9 SALTS Participants
- Sept 11 Food Truck Fellowship & Meet the Teacher
- Sept 11 Parent Meeting - Jr High Athletics (part of Meet the Teacher)
- Sept 12 First Official Friday Chapel @ 8:30am
- Sept 12 Stop, Drop-in, and Pray! 8:15am in the atrium
- Sept 15-19 Grade 9 SALTS Trip
- Sept 22 Terry Fox/ Wear Gold Day
- Sept 26 Orange Shirt Day - Truth and Reconciliation
- Sept 29 No School PD Day
- Sept 30 No School Truth & Reconciliation Day

Drop off and Pick up

- To ensure a safe environment for our students we ask that parents be aware of our parking lot rules.
- Our parking lot is one-way, DO NOT drive the wrong way into the middle of the parking lot.
- If you do not plan to park and come into the school then please remember the drop-off rules:
 - The curb lane along 69th Street is a "Hug & Go" lane. Drop off only, no parking, no waiting, no walking students to the door.
 - Please park your car to drop off your child if you are unable or do not want to use the "Hug & Go" lane. Do not stop your vehicle randomly in the parking lot and drop off your child.
 - [New to MSCS or need a quick refresher on parking lot safety? Let Turkeyman and Duckgirl be your guides!](#)
 - *Please remember that students must be picked up and under parental supervision once they are dismissed at 3:30pm. Parents need to ensure that they are playing safely and supervised.*

Uniform Policy

Menno Simons Christian School (MSCS) is a uniform school. This ensures that students are neatly and sensibly dressed for school and prevents competition and extremes of fashion.

Click here to view the full [MSCS Uniform Policy](#)

******Remember tops should always be crested, even if they are under tunics or School Hoodies. These can be purchased at our uniform provider or at the school. Bottoms should be navy or tartan and can be purchased from our uniform provider or the school during scheduled used uniform sales. Tights and leggings can be worn under kilts but NOT as a stand-alone item.******

For more information on where to purchase uniforms and to look at examples of proper uniforms go to <https://mennosimonschristianschool.ca/parents/school-uniforms>

USED Uniform Sales

- If your child has outgrown their school uniform it can be donated to the school! Uniforms can be dropped off at the front office.
 - Used uniforms are sold during Used Uniform Sales with all proceeds going to the Uniform Bursary to help families in need at our school. Used Uniforms sell for \$5 - \$30 depending on the item.
 - Upcoming sale dates will be in the memos and posted in the school calendar.

Reporting Student Absences

Please report lates and absences on [Edsby](#). Reporting all absences/lates can be done through the 'Plan An Absence' feature on Edsby, effectively notifying both the teacher and the front office of your child/ren's absence in one simple process.

For extended absences please email your child/ren's teachers directly as well as reporting the absence on Edsby.

Please email the office at amanda.toews@pallisersd.ab.ca with any questions

Grade 1 & 2 Conferences

Information was sent home via email to parents, [Grade 1 & 2 Conference Information](#). Links for booking a session will be open Sept 2.

Summer Reading Challenge

Did you complete your summer reading challenge? Drop them in the envelope on the library door for Mrs. Willms before September 5 to get your summer prize!

FUN Lunch! @ MSCS will open for ordering on September 12, 2025

Menno Simons Christian School (MSCS) is pleased to partner with Healthy Hunger to offer a FUN LUNCH! on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays throughout the school year. Get more information and sign up your students at <https://mennosimonschristianschool.ca/parents/lunch-program>

Peanut Aware

Families are reminded that we are a Peanut/Nut Free School. Ensure that school lunches are packed with care as there are students in the school with life-threatening peanut/nut allergies.

Stop, Drop-in, and Pray!

If you want/need prayer or would like to pray for someone else or for our school, look for the parent gathering in the atrium on alternating Fridays. Friday, September 12th at 8:15am we'll be gathering in the atrium to pray!

Orange Shirt Day

In recognition of Truth and Reconciliation Day, our school will be participating in Orange Shirt Day on Friday, September 26. This is one way that we can show our love and support for the Indigenous peoples around us. If you are interested in purchasing an official orange shirt, you can look at the official site [here](#). Be sure to order soon so that it arrives in time!

Need more info? Visit our school website: [Parents | Menno Simons Christian School](#) or follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) for live updates of school happenings!

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