

Notification from: Melican Middle School (MMS)

March 8, 2021

Dear Melican Families –

On Friday, school and district leaders learned that the DESE has shifted the MCAS testing window for grades 3-5 to accommodate the increase in in-person learning that is expected, and the testing window for grades 6-8 is TBD. Once we have more information, we will plan our MCAS schedule and will communicate it with families.

Additionally, as Greg Martineau emailed last week, we continue to plan for the possibility of increasing in-person learning for our students. We have met with Trottier and Algonquin administrators several times, as well as internally with Melican faculty and staff, to better understand how we can bring more students into school, while keeping safety protocols and mitigation strategies in place. We are also working closely with district leaders to plan for next steps.

**Please see the following information from our school nurses:**

Covid-19 Pooled Student Screening

Students must be both registered through Mary Ellen Duggan and have a signed consent on file in the Health Office to participate. Two COVID screening kits were sent home with students last week, to be used this week and next.

Cohort B: Testing should take place at home Thursday morning, and kits will be collected at school on Thursday.

Cohort A: Testing should take place at home Friday morning, and kits will be collected at school on Friday.

SARP: Kits may place in the labeled bin outside on either Thursday or Friday by 10:00 [a.m.](#)

Please make sure your child's sample is in the box with his/her/their name on it. Please contact us with any questions.

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Finally, as we approach the one-year anniversary of the "shutdown" of schools and typical school schedules, we want to share an interesting article with you, [Why Kids are Hitting the Pandemic Wall](#).

**Schedule for the Week:**

Monday (3/8) – Remote Monday – Day 5

Cohort B – Remote

Cohort A – Remote

SARP – Remote

Tuesday (3/9) – Day 4

Cohort B – In-Person

Cohort A – Remote

SARP – Remote

Wednesday (3/10) – Day 5

Cohort A – In-Person

Cohort B – Remote

SARP – Remote

Thursday (3/11) – Day 5

Cohort B – In-Person

Cohort A – Remote

SARP – Remote

Friday (3/12) – Day 1 – Last Day of Trimester 2

Cohort A – In-Person

Cohort B – Remote

SARP – Remote

**Upcoming:**

3/12/21 - Trimester 2 Ends

3/18 & 3/19 - Stand Alone Remote Materials Pick-Up – 2:45-4:00

3/19/21 - Trimester 2 Report Cards Emailed to Parents and Students

3/25/21 - Half-Day for Students (Dismissal at 11:00) – Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Team Leaders/Teams will be inviting parents for conferences. We will be offering team conferences from 1:00- 3:00 p.m. and from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Team Leaders will connect with families by Monday (3/15) if they are going to be invited for conferences. If you are not invited for a conference by March 15 and you would like to talk with your child's team, we will ask that you email your child's guidance counselor or team leader. More information about this will be shared next week.

Please reach out with any questions.

Respectfully,

Michelle Karb, Principal and Jennifer Callaghan, Assistant Principal