

WELCOME NEW MUSTANGS!!!!

GRADE 8 ORIENTATION

2026-27

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IMMACULATA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

YOUR NEW SCHOOL

Immaculata was started in 1960 – exactly 66 years ago this school year!

Our current building was built in 1995.

Student Population: 312

Staff: 35

Superintendent: Mrs. Pamela Guilbault

Principal: Mr. Plaxton

Vice Principal: Mr. Oliveira

Secretary: Mrs. Despins

Bookkeeper: Mrs. Sturgeon

Librarian: Mrs. Uhrich

VISION STATEMENT: Immaculata: a family that fosters excellence.



YOUR FIRST DAY AS A MUSTANG

- September 8 - Arrive around 8:10 to the front doors of the school
- Bring a notebook and a pen
- Enter front doors and turn left to go into Grade 8 hallway of lockers
- Look for homeroom lists and find your name
- Proceed to your homeroom – you will be given your timetable and your locker assignment at that time (if not already done on orientation day).
- Dismissal will be at 12pm
- Regular day dismissal is at 3:05pm

LOCKERS

- Must use the Immaculata lock
- Lockers must be locked at all times
- Keep your combination confidential. Your best friend today may not be your best friend later this month.
- Try to keep your locker organized and free of food debris
- Take care of your textbooks and make sure you have your copy for the year. At the end of the year, you will be held responsible for the textbook assigned to you at the beginning of the year.

DAILY SCHEDULE

- You will be in Homeroom A with Mr. Figueroa, Homeroom B with Mme. Perez-Lefevre, or Homeroom C with Mr. Pennekamp.
- With the exception of your elective, you will be with the A's, B's, or C's for the day.
- Each week, Monday 3rd Block will be replaced by X Block (Career Education for Grade 8s, with their homeroom teacher.
- We run an 8-day schedule, with a rotation of classes. The daily schedule is posted on the office window and can be found on the online calendar. For September, students should print out the calendar and post it in their locker or carry it with them.
    - You will not have every class every day – because there are only 5 class timeslots per day, but you have 8 classes.
    - Having the 8-day schedule means that we don't miss the same class every Monday for X block

- There are two schedules – Schedule 1 is for regular days; Schedule 2 refers to Mass Days, Special Events or PLC Days. On Schedule 2 days, the classes and lunch break are a little shorter to allow for the special event.

- On the timetable, each course has a number assigned to it – under the “Schedule” heading

- The number corresponds to the block number on the daily schedule

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Student Schedule

Immaculata Regional High
August 25, 2020

Student Name:
Student ID
YOG 2025
Homeroom: 8A - Dawson, Natalie
Effective 8/25/2020

Course	Description	Room	Teacher	Term	Schedule	Credit
MVA--08----01	VISUAL ARTS 8	5	Griffin, Angela	S1	1(1)	0.0000
XLDCA08---PHOTO-01	PHOTOGRAPHY 8	5	Griffin, Angela	S2	1(1)	0.0000
MMA--08----01	MATHEMATICS 8	14	Boechler, Brett	FY	2(1)	0.0000
XLDCA08---RS-01	RELIGIOUS STUDIES 8	14	Freire, Paul	FY	3(1)	0.0000
MEN--08----01	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 8	12	Weidner, Heather	FY	4(1)	0.0000
MSS--08----01	SOCIAL STUDIES 8	2	Oliveira, Bruno	FY	5(1)	0.0000
MFR--08----01	FRENCH 8	3	Dawson, Natalie	FY	6(1)	0.0000
MPHE-08----01	PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION 8	Gym	Boechler, Brett	FY	7(1)	0.0000
MSC--08----01	SCIENCE 8	11	Kouwenhoven, Michael	FY	8(1)	0.0000
MCE--08----01	CAREER EDUCATION 8	3	Dawson, Natalie	FY	9(1)	0.0000

Time	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
8:30-WELCOME BELL **8:35-9:40** Schedule 2: 8:35-9:25	**2**	**7**	**4**	**1**	**6**	**3**	**8**	**5**
9:45 – 10:50 Schedule 2: 9:30-10:20	**3**	**8**	**5**	**2**	**7**	**4**	**1**	**6**
BREAK	**10:50 10:55**					**Schedule 2 10:20-10:25**		
11:00 – 12:05 Schedule 2: 10:30-11:20 **Period 4: (Mass) 11:25-12:25**	**1**	**6**	**3**	**8**	**5**	**2**	**7**	**4**
LUNCH	**12:05 12:45**					**Schedule 2 12:25-1:05**		
12:50-1:55 Schedule 2: 1:10-2:05	**5**	**2**	**7**	**4**	**1**	**6**	**3**	**8**
2:00-3:05 Schedule 2: 2:10-3:05	**4**	**1**	**6**	**3**	**8**	**5**	**2**	**7**

ANNUAL SCHEDULE

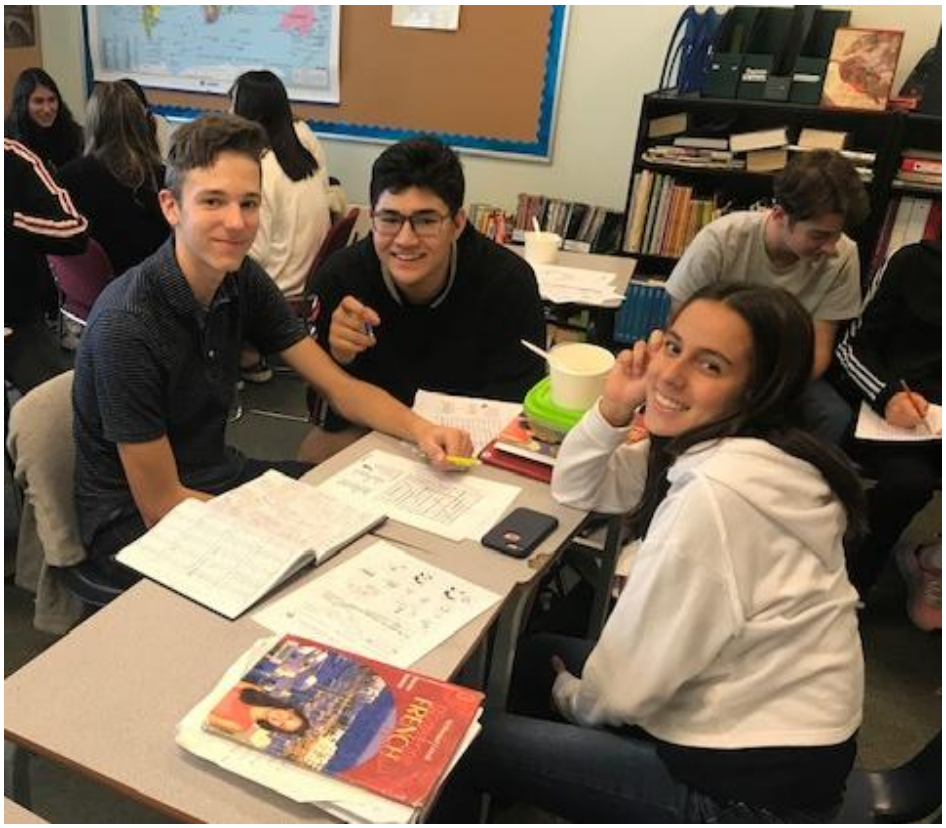
Students and parents are encouraged to use the online school calendar to stay informed of events and the daily class schedule.

https://www.immaculatakelowna.ca/o/ihs/events

Key Highlights:

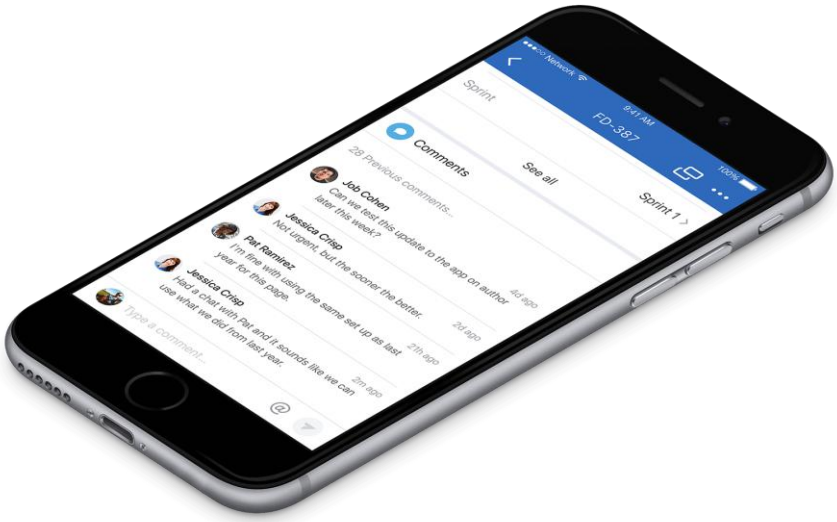
Parent – Teacher Interviews	Mid October and Mid March
Midterm Exams	Late January
Final Exams	Mid June

Grade 8 exams only count for a very small portion of the overall grade.



CELL PHONES

- You should have signed a cell phone agreement with your enrollment package
- You agreed that cell phones cannot be used during class unless needed under for specific tasks and under the discretion of the teacher for the class
- Specific cell phone instructions made by teachers must be followed
- No phones during Mass, assemblies, special events, lock downs or fire drills
- You are not allowed to take people's picture without their permission
- You are not allowed to take someone else's phone and or electronic devices (personal property) without their permission
- Checking your texts in the hallway is not an acceptable reason to be late to class
- **Inappropriate use of your cell phone in the school or in specific classes could result in a loss of your privileges. Review the parent student handbook**



DRESS CODE

As school is considered a "place of work", students are expected to attend school in neat and clean clothes that are in good repair (no frays or rips), and in keeping with modesty and good taste. Presentable dress is at the discretion of the administration. For more detail, see the Parent-Student Handbook.

Some examples of unacceptable dress are:

- tops with unacceptable images or messages
- tank tops, spaghetti straps, revealing or inappropriately altered tops
- skirts or shorts of immodest length
- PE wear is to be worn by all students. Available through the PE Department.
- No heavy perfume/body spray due to many allergies –deodorant is a must 😊
- Hats are not to be worn in the school unless designated as a special event.

UNIFORM



Wearing our uniform is a statement that we are in a professional academic setting. It is a demonstration that we take our roles in our school seriously while helping show respect for those we encounter in our day.

Uniform pieces include Polo shirt or dress shirt with logo for both girls and boys. Approved bottoms in black or khaki, or special tartan option for girls. NO sweatpants, yoga pants, track pants, tights, jeans, pajama pants or any other unapproved items will be allowed.

Grad, team, and club hoodies/jackets can be worn with the uniform but must be removed for Mass, except for Grad hoodies. School sweaters/crew necks (with school official embroidered logo) are also allowed for Mass.

Uniforms are worn on Wednesdays (predominantly with some alterations throughout the year) and special Liturgies. The first uniform day will be September 11th (which is also Picture Day).

Plain black or brown shoes are recommended.

Uniforms must be ordered from Lands' End or Cambridge Uniforms.

Students who choose to not comply with uniform rules will be subject to administration.

Please follow this link for more information on uniforms: https://www.immaculatakelowna.ca/o/ihs/page/uniforms

PARENT PORTAL

A login will be emailed to each new parent to set up the parent portal in the next few weeks. This is where all teachers post their assignments and marks. It is a great tool for parents and students to stay on top of each class so that report cards are not a surprise!

If you have questions about a particular class, students are always encouraged to approach the teachers directly. If parents have questions, teacher email addresses can be found here: https://www.immaculatakelowna.ca/o/ihs/staff

Some teachers send emails to parents outlining projects and assignments. Other teachers expect students to keep track of their deadlines. If your child needs assistance with planning and getting work done on time, please discuss this with the teacher.

IE PACKAGES

In the event that work is not completed during the term, a student may be given an I (incomplete) Package about a week before the end of the term. The I Package may include the work that is due and/or other assignments to demonstrate that the student has met the requirements of the course. The I Package is the last chance to get a pass in the class and avoid an “incomplete”.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Some advice from last year's Grade 8s:

- Get organized and stay organized
- Always come to class prepared
- Learn good study skills
- Don't procrastinate – do your homework
- Pay attention during class and use class time to do the assigned work – it will mean less homework
- Do not be shy - try new things
- Midterms are something to study for all year
- **Lock your locker**
- Try your best
- Smile and have fun!

Parents – we encourage you to get involved too!! The Parent Support Group and School Council are always looking for new members. https://www.immaculatakelowna.ca/o/ihs/page/parents