



Archbishop MacDonald Catholic High School

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Dear Grade 10 Student – Class of 2027!

Welcome to Archbishop MacDonald High School! I hope you are enjoying a restful, safe, and fun filled summer. All grade 10 students **MUST** attend Registration Day on Wednesday, August 28th, to pick up textbooks, take pictures, and receive your school ID. Parents are not required to attend. Please use the North Entrance and North Parking lot. Please ensure that you follow the schedule below for your timeslot.

Registration Day – Wednesday, August 28th

If you cannot make this date, you will need to register on Grade 10 Orientation Day

Grade 10 students must have a full course load of 8 blocks

Staggered Entry of Students by Last Name

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	A – G
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	H – M
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	N – S
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	T – Z

Opening Days

Monday, September 2nd - Labour Day Holiday – School Closed

Tuesday, September 3rd - Grade 10 Orientation Day - full day for Grade 10 students ONLY

Wednesday, September 4th - First day for ALL grade levels

Please note: Parents are not required to attend August 28th.

Schedules: Schedules will be available to view on the Parent PowerSchool Portal starting on Thursday, August 22nd. Students NEW to ECSD will be required to login to a school computer during registration day to receive computer access to PowerSchool and be able to view your schedule or the parent will be able to log in through the log in sent in early August.

Course Changes: we will have limited flexibility with our full enrollment. If you did not get into all of your requested courses you can come to the main office on **Wednesday, August 28th**, for a course change. Please note that this is the **ONLY COURSE CHANGE DAY FOR GRADE 10 STUDENTS**. A Course Change Form will be provided. Please fill out the form and wait to meet with an administrator to address the concern.





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School Fees: Students will be charged supplemental and specialized academic program fees at the beginning of the school year. On August 23, families can start making fee payments through PowerSchool only. We will not be accepting payments at the Business Office during registration. If your child needs to make a change in their schedule, please make fee payments once the change is complete.

Here are the Supplementary Education and Caution Fees for the 2024 – 2025 school year.

Caution Fee	\$90.00	ECSD High School Only
Supplemental Education Fees - Grades 10 to 12 up to a Max \$90	\$90.00	
Site Licenses	\$15.00	EBSCO, Exam Bank, Subscriptions
Electronic Device User Fee	\$45.00	Electronic Device - Maintenance/Evergreening
Student Council/School Leadership Activities	\$20.00	School Opening BBQ, Christmas Breakfast, Shrove Tuesday, Year End BBQ, Pep Rally, Humanities Week, Spirit Week, Halloween Week, MAC World Cup, MAC's Got Talent, Taste of MAC, Numeracy Week, MAC Day, Scavenger Hunts, etc.
Whole School Activities	\$10.00	Presentations, Workshops, Guest Speakers, PLT Resources

Students will be charged course fees based on their selection. For specific course fee information, and other activity fees including Athletics, please visit our website. The 2024-25 fee schedule is available when you click the "About" tab and select "School Fees and Transportation Information".

Arc Cards for ETS are only available to students who have not received one from Edmonton Catholic School Division previously. If you have received one but lost it, you must purchase and load a new Arc card from outside of ECSD. Bring your new, loaded card to the business office and we will link it to Powerschool so you can purchase bus passes on it.

School picture orders: School pictures will be taken on your registration day. Proof packages will be sent to the school as well as emailed to the student. Orders must be paid online directly to Edge Imaging Photography.

Supplies: Students, there is NO supply list at this time, please check with your teachers in regard to supplies, such as binders, duo tangs, etc. All Students must have a Ti83, Ti84 or a Ti84 Plus color calculator (we discourage the nspire series).

I look forward to seeing you. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Yours truly,

Mrs. M. Dupuis
Principal
Archbishop MacDonald Catholic High School





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2024 - 2025 REGISTRATION

STEP 1

- PICK UP YOUR NEW TIME TABLE UPON ENTRY

STEP 2

- SEE THE PHOTOGRAPHER AND HAVE YOUR ID PHOTO TAKEN. DO
- NOT FORGET TO GRAB YOUR NEW MAC ID CARD, YOU WILL NEED THIS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

STEP 3

- IF YOU NEED ONE OF THE FOLLOWING, PROCEED TO THE SRC (FOLLOW THE SIGNS)
 - TO SET/CHANGE YOUR PASSWORD
 - REQUEST FOR A COURSE CHANGE

STEP 4

- FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE YOU CAN PICK UP
 - YOUR TEXTBOOKS FOR SEMESTER 1
 - IF YOU ARE TAKING ETS THIS YEAR, PICK UP YOUR ARC CARD IF YOU HAVE NEVER RECEIVED ONE FROM ECSD BEFORE (SEPT RELOAD IS DONE DIRECTLY THROUGH POWERSCHOOL)

IF YOU HAVE LOST YOUR ARC CARD, YOU CANNOT GET ANOTHER AT MAC

OUR DAILY CHARISM

"LORD, MAY YOU BLESS OUR MAC COMMUNITY, TO KNOW GOD,
TO LOVE GOD, TO SERVE GOD"

MAC STUDENT SERVICES

To our incoming Grade 10 students, welcome to Archbishop MacDonald High School and to all MAC students, we hope you are having a restful and relaxing summer holiday and return in the fall refreshed and ready for another exciting school year. We would like to give you some information about MAC Student Services and invite students to reach out to us for personal and academic counselling, post-secondary, scholarship, learning and educational needs. To keep all grades informed, MAC students will be invited to join the Student Services Google Classroom where useful and relevant information will be posted.

GRADE 10:

The Student Services Department is located in the Student Resources Centre. The SRC is normally a lively collaborative space where students can meet to discuss assignments, work on academics, research projects, arrange for a peer tutor and meet with a counsellor. Students are welcome to make an appointment with a Counsellor or Learning Coach any time. During your Grade 10 year you will be required to make many educational choices which can impact your future. Student Services urges you to communicate with teachers, grade coordinators and counsellors as you move throughout the year and explore various courses and programs. The MAC community is committed to assisting incoming Grade 10 students with their transition to high school. You will learn more about our M-10 groups during Grade 10 Orientation in August.

Archbishop MacDonald High School encourages students to become advocates for their own education. Please don't be afraid to come forward and ask for help, clarification and advice on your own. Developing advocacy skills better prepares you for life after high school. The Student Services Department is excited to meet all the new Grade 10 students and we welcome you to Archbishop MacDonald High School and specifically to the Student Resource Centre.

GRADE 11:

Students entering Grade 11 should be aware of various post-secondary admission requirements when choosing their high school courses. Not only are specific courses required for certain faculties, final grade 11 marks are used for admission purposes at post-secondary institutions. Please feel free to speak to Student Services for clarification. We also strongly encourage Grade 11 students to attend the University of Alberta, MacEwan University, NAIT, etc. information sessions held at MAC throughout the year. Please stay tuned for updates as the school year progresses. Many other post-secondary institutions are also present during lunch or will be offered virtually after school hours. Make sure you take advantage of the opportunities that exist in the world of post-secondary education. Open Houses for Edmonton's large post-secondary institutions are normally held in the fall. You should plan on doing some research on post-secondary institutions in your Grade 11 year.

GRADE 12:

Our counsellor will be meeting with every Grade 12 student, during *Personal Learning Time*, in the first few months of the school year. She will discuss graduation requirements, post-secondary admission, and scholarship applications. Students will be required to complete a graduation checklist at this time. All Grade 12's must attend one graduation session. Student Services is here to support you and offer suggestions but ultimately students are responsible for ensuring all graduation requirements are met.

Please keep in mind that MOST universities, including the University of Alberta and MacEwan University, will be using completed Grade 11 and Grade 12 course marks for admission purposes and will not use marks for courses in progress. Applications for post-secondary institutions across Alberta open on October 1st for the Fall 2024 cycle. Please ensure that all application requirements and deadlines are adhered to.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Every year Student Services receives many inquiries as to how to find and apply for scholarships. Scholarships are normally applied for in your Grade 12 year, prior to entering post-secondary education, and are the responsibility of the student. Scholarship applications are available to graduating students starting in the fall and continue right to the end of the school term. Students are encouraged to do their research early and stay on top of application deadlines.

You can also find some pointers and hints on how to apply for scholarships on the MAC website. Although academics play a large part in winning scholarships, students with extra-curricular involvement, community service and leadership capabilities are often more likely to win a scholarship over someone who does not have these experiences. The more involved you are, the better. You should also make sure you check with the post-secondary institution you are planning on attending. Often, they provide Entrance Scholarships for students who maintain a high average or are involved in leadership activities in their school and community.

The **Rutherford Scholarship** is awarded to graduating Grade 12 students from Alberta who have maintained a minimum 75% average. The student only applies ONCE at the end of Grade 12 for all three years of high school. This award is applied for online, and the application can be found at <https://studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships-and-awards/alexander-rutherford-scholarship/>. The student should be accepted into a post-secondary institution and have their final grade 12 marks available before applying. Applications will be available for in-coming Grade 12 students in August 2024.

MyPASS:

All Alberta high school students are required to have a MyPass Account. Through MyPass you are able to view your high school transcript, view diploma exam results, request rescoring, order transcripts and view personal student information. You can apply for a MyPass account at <https://public.education.alberta.ca/PASI/myPass>.

MyPass is essential for all Grade 11 and 12 students, but it is recommended that all Grade 10 students apply for an account as well. Please let someone in Student Services know if you have any questions about MyPass. Also, please remember that if you are rewriting a diploma exam, even if you are retaking the course, you must register and pay for the exam on MyPass before the deadline.