

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Hello/Bonjour Macaulay families,

Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year! I am excited to join the Macaulay community as your new principal and look forward to getting to know all our students and families. Our staff are excited to see grade 1 to 5 students back at school on Tuesday, September 2 (from 9:00 – 11:30).

Below you will find information about the first week of school.

**First Few Days of School – Grades 1–5 (Kindergarten information below)**

On Tuesday, September 2, and for the first few days of school, students in Grades 1–5 will stay with their former classes. Please have your child line up where they did last year (refer to the attached “Door Map of 2024–2025 Classes” for a reminder).

Due to some staffing changes, some students may have a different teacher and/or classroom during this time, but they will remain with the same classmates.

*Registered students new to Macaulay or switching programs (French/English or English/French) should meet at the basketball courts at 9:00 am with Mme Emmanuelle Henry (VP) and Mrs. Hartt. Unregistered new students should go to the office.*

Once district approval is received, students will move into their new classes. Teachers will then send a welcome email with classroom details, teacher info, supply instructions, and the new lineup door location. We expect this to happen near the end of the first week.




Monday, September 1	Tuesday, September 2	Wednesday, September 3	Thursday, September 4	Friday, September 5
Labour Day (no school)	First Day Grade 1 to 5 9:00—11:30  <b>Students in last year’s classes.</b> Line up at last year’s door. Bring a healthy nut-free snack and a water bottle. No school supplies needed yet. <b>Staff will be outside to help guide you.</b>	First Full Day Grade 1 to 5 8:45—2:37  <b>Students in last year’s classes.</b> Bring a pencil case, nut-free snack, full lunch, and water bottle. No school supplies needed yet.	Full Day Grade 1 to 5 8:45—2:37  <b>Students in last year’s classes</b> (unless new classes are approved). Bring a pencil case, nut-free snack, full lunch, and water bottle. No school supplies needed yet.	Full Day Grade 1 to 5 8:45—2:37  <b>Students in last year’s classes</b> (unless new classes are approved). Bring a pencil case, nut-free snack, full lunch, and water bottle. No school supplies needed yet.

## First Few Days of School – Kindergarten Families

Here is the kindergarten gradual entry schedule for the first few days of school (as previously shared in the Spring).

Monday, September 1	Tuesday, September 2	Wednesday, September 3	Thursday, September 4	Friday, September 5	Monday, September 8
Labour Day (no school)	<b>Welcoming Conversations for Kindergarten – Student, Parent and Teacher Meetings</b>  (Grades 1–5 attend 9:00–11:30 am)	<b>Welcoming Conversations for Kindergarten – Student, Parent and Teacher Meetings</b>  (Grades 1–5 attend full day)	<b>Kindergarten small groups attend either 9:00–11:00 am or 1:00–2:30 pm.</b>  (Grades 1–5 attend full day)	<b>Kindergarten small groups attend either 9:00–11:00 am or 1:00–2:30 pm.</b>  (Grades 1–5 attend full day)	<b>First full day of Kindergarten</b>

## Helpful Links

-  [School Calendar](#): View holidays, professional development days, and important dates. Here is a [one-page overview](#) of the school calendar.
-  [Bell Schedule](#): Start and end times for each day.
-  [School Supplies](#): 2025–2026 supply lists for each grade.

Finally, we also want to welcome all our new and returning staff this year:

Sandra Kurtz (new)  
Heidi Sharratt (returning)  
Sarah Bonsor Kurki (new)  
Ioana Tater (new)  
Sarah Taylor (returning)  
Mattie Duddridge (new)

Daniel Gibson (new)  
Krystal Gogarty (new)  
Frédérique D Bouchard (returning)  
Lauren Inbrigtson (returning)  
Kristin Maxwell (new)

And thank you to Joel Black (returning) and to Rhina Chavez for their support in covering vacancies while we work to fill these positions.