



September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

**Ey' Swayel and Welcome to LA Matheson and the start of an exciting school year!**

I hope that everyone has enjoyed a healthy summer filled with joy and connection. On behalf of the entire staff I am happy to welcome everyone to LA Matheson (or the LAMFAM as we call it). LA Matheson has an incredibly nurturing learning environment and our goal is to take care of you and your child. The staff and parents have always worked together to support this environment and we continue to do so through this phase of the pandemic.

Matheson's nurturing environment is the cornerstone of all learning within the school. If students do not feel cared for they cannot learn to their full potential. As we embark on another year of learning, we will focus on key themes of reconnection in unprecedented times, equity and anti-racism, and transitions for our students as they move from one grade to another.

We are excited to welcome our students to this new school year of in-person learning with the structure of semesters instead of quarters and without the limitations of cohorts! As you already know, good hand hygiene and wearing masks are still key actions we all take to help reduce the spread of COVID - 19. Please refer to the attached COVID-19 health and safety procedures for this school year to learn about other measures here at LA Matheson. By following these guidelines, we are all doing our part for the benefit of our entire community.

As our most valued partners in education, we encourage parents to attend our monthly Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meetings. There you will learn more about the learning that will take place at our school as well as joining a diverse network of parents invested in the success of all students. Our next meeting is coming up and will clarify and answer questions or concerns you might have. Visit our website for calendar updates throughout the school year or sign up for the Matheson Mustangs app.

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/lamath/About/Hours/Pages/default.aspx>


***NEXT PAC Meeting***  
**September 23rd 7pm**  
**(Hybrid model - in person and online TBD)**

**COVID-19 health and safety measures at LAM:**


See second attached document

**Bell Schedule:**

**2021-2022 Schedule**

|  | Mon          | Tue | Wed | Thu | Rotation Friday                          |
|---|--------------|-----|-----|-----|--|
| <b>Warning Bell: 8:25</b>   |              |     |     |     | <b>8:30- 9:20<br/>Collaboration Time</b> |
| <b>8:30 – 9:55</b><br>(85 min.)   | 1            | 2   | 3   | 4   | <b>9:20 – 10:35</b><br>(75 min)          |
| <b>10:00 – 11:25</b><br>(85 min.)   | 2            | 1   | 4   | 3   | <b>10:40 – 11:50</b><br>(70 min)         |
| <b>11:25 – 12:10</b><br>(45 min.)   | <b>LUNCH</b> |     |     |     | <b>11:50 – 12:35</b><br>(45 min.)        |
| <b>12:10 – 1:35</b><br>(85 min.)  | 3            | 4   | 1   | 2   | <b>12:35-1:45</b><br>(70 min)            |
| <b>1:40 – 3:00</b><br>(80 min.)   | 4            | 3   | 2   | 1   | <b>1:50 – 3:00</b><br>(70 min)           |

**Week 1 Information:**

|  | Wednesday, Sept. 8<br>Day 3 | Thursday, Sept. 9<br>Day 4 | Friday, Sept. 10                         |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
|   |                             |                            | <b>8:30-9:20<br/>Collaboration Time</b>  |
| <b>8:30 – 9:55</b><br>(85 min.)   | 3                           | 4                          | <b>Homeroom = 1</b><br><b>9:20-10:35</b> |
| <b>10:00 – 11:25</b><br>(85 min.)   | 4                           | v3                         | <b>10:40 – 11:50</b><br>2                |
| <b>11:25 – 12:10</b><br>(45 min.)   | <b>Lunch</b>                |                            | <b>11:50 – 12:35</b>                     |
| <b>12:10 – 1:35</b><br>(85 min.)  | <b>Homeroom = 1</b>         | 2                          | <b>12:35 – 1:45</b><br>3                 |
| <b>1:40 – 3:00</b><br>(80 min.)   | 2                           | <b>Homeroom= 1</b>         | <b>1:50 – 3:00</b><br>4                  |

### **September 7th Homeroom Information:**

- Gr 9-12: Students report to their homeroom teacher at 10am (30 minutes approximately). Students must check their schedules on MYEDBC. Homeroom teacher is the Period 1 teacher.
- Gr 8: Students arrive at 12:00. Students will find the name of their homeroom teacher on lists posted in several locations along the main hallway and will meet their teacher in the large gym (Large signs and many staff helpers will ensure students know where they are going). We anticipate Gr 8's will be dismissed by their homeroom teacher between 1:15 and 1:30.
  - Three Learning Intentions for Gr 8 Homeroom
    - Know at least one adult at LAM who care about them.
    - Know at least one peer in their class they feel comfortable with.
    - Understand their schedule and be able to find their classes.

### **Lockers & Fees:**

Student fees apply to all students and are paid online (see attached). Please contact the office if you have concerns with paying your child's fee.

Gr 9-12 students will be able to select their lockers online after fees have been paid (see attached). All Gr 8 students will be given access to their lockers between September 8-10 regardless of when fees are paid. Classroom teachers will personally assist their Gr 8 students access their lockers.

### **Student Fees**

Student fees for the 2021-2022 school year can be viewed and paid through [SchoolCash Online](#). Fees include a basic student fee and, in some cases, students may be assessed a course fee to cover the cost of consumable materials. Students may also choose to purchase optional 'enhancements' that support a course, ie workbooks or field trip fees. Optional Yearbook fees will be assessed to all students. Fees can be paid three ways: on-line, cash, or cheque. Please note that School Fees for 2021-2022 may change due to circumstances in schools as a result of Covid-19.

### **Lockers**

Locker selection for the 2021-2022 school year will be done online for all grades. Access to the site to select a locker will be available starting on September 7<sup>th</sup>, provided that outstanding Student Fees have been paid. Please note that there will be a system delay between the fee payment and the locker selection availability. To access the online locker website, click [HERE](#). To log in, you will need to enter your Student Number and password (your date of birth formatted YYYYMMDD). [LAM Locker Policy](#).

### **Attendance:**

Please let us know if your child is to stay home when ill by calling the front desk on the day of the absence. If your child is going to be late they can pick up a late slip at the front office if a *parent or legal guardian* has called to excuse their child's tardiness on the same day. Please keep your child home if they are not feeling well as per Provincial Health Orders and ensure to follow the Daily Health Check K-12.

<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s2>

**Food/Breakfast Program:**

We are committed to providing healthy snacks (sometimes small meals) to student who do not have food for their day at school. Any student is welcome to stop by the Youth Lounge for nourishment. Students are also welcome to visit the YES program (located in the portable) for grab and go snacks. Lunch programs will be determined as we establish procedures in the coming weeks.

**Mustang Cafe:**

We will have our Mustang Cafe open for food sales at lunch and will follow all Ministry requirements for food preparation and sales. Please know that food sales will likely not take place for the first 2 weeks. Please stay tuned for more information.

**Stay Right in the Hallways:**

When moving through the hallways students are asked to STAY RIGHT to maintain efficient flow in the hallways.