

## Academics

MPS's academic program is skills based, with the focus on individual achievement. Small class size ensures the teacher support necessary for optimum academic development, addressing the learning needs of all students.

The ability to communicate both verbally and in the written form is stressed throughout our curriculum at MPS. Starting in Junior and Senior Kindergarten, our programs are full-day with an emphasis on early literacy and numeracy. Also, starting in the Primary grades, spelling, grammar and phonics are taught to develop reading and writing skills at an early age. With an emphasis on problem solving, mathematics is taught daily. French, Computers, Physical Education and Music programs all start in Junior Kindergarten at MPS. This well rounded approach gives our students a strong academic foundation, while fostering a love of learning.

MPS maintains high academic standards to ensure that our students succeed in post-secondary endeavours. Our Intermediate and Senior curriculum focuses on further developing strong communication and problem solving skills. Emphasis is also placed on higher-level critical thinking and analytical skills. In keeping with the school's philosophy of total education, a wide variety of credit courses are available to augment our core curriculum. Guidance staff are available at all times to aid students in choosing courses appropriate to needs, interests and post-secondary destinations. Course calendars outlining the courses available at MPS are available on request.

## STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

MPS has clearly defined expectations for all students in regard to appearance, deportment, behaviour and academic achievement. These expectations are explained, in detail, in the agendas or policy booklets issued to all students. In general, students are expected to do the following:

### Homework

Students are expected to maintain daily homework assignments

Primary: Average time approximately 15-30 minutes

Junior: Average time approximately 15 - 45 minutes

Intermediate: Average time approximately 1 - 1.5 hours

Senior: Average time approximately 1 - 2 .5 hours

All students from Grades 1 through 10 carry a homework book that must be signed by the parent nightly.

Intermediate and Senior students are expected to enter their nightly homework in their agendas.