



April 2012

Parents/Guardians of Grade 8 Students September 2012,

This letter is to give you a brief update as to our plans for the 2012-2013 school year.

As you are aware, Menihek is a Grade 8 to Level III high school. We are looking forward to the challenges and rewards of providing educational opportunities to your children. Moving from one school to another always involves change. This year will be no exception. There will be a number of updates made available to you as we approach the new school year.

This first update is to both give and receive some information from you. Information we have at this time:

- Menihek will operate on a 7 day cycle
- Classes will be 50 minutes in duration
- There will be 6 classes per day (300 instructional minutes total per day)
- The day is aligned
 - 2 classes
 - **Recess**
 - 2 classes
 - **Lunch**
 - 2 classes
 - **Dismiss**
 - ***There is no need to carry ALL their books all day. Book bags shouldn't weigh more than they do!***
- 4 days each cycle there will be a "Directed Learning" period of 30 minutes just prior to recess where students can work on a number of things including, but not limited to;
 - Tutoring from senior students
 - Extra help from teachers in academic areas
 - Catch up on homework
 - Complete assignments
- The Junior High Academic Program will consist of
 - English 9 periods per cycle
 - Mathematics 9 periods per cycle
 - Science 6 periods per cycle
 - Social Studies 4 periods per cycle
 - French 4 periods per cycle
 - Physical Education 3 periods per cycle
 - Health/Religion 4 periods per cycle
 - Specialty Courses 3 periods per cycle
(Art, Home Economics, Music, Technology Education)

Most Specialty Courses will be semesterized. This means they will normally select 2 unless they select Music (Band). If music band is offered it will run all year and will only be offered if numbers support it. We cannot guarantee your child will get his/her exact choices for these courses this year. We hope to be able to accommodate as many requests as we possibly can. To assist us with placing your child in a specialty course, we ask you to complete the following table and return it to his/her present Home Room Teacher. If the form on the following page is not returned, we will schedule your child in courses where the most room is available.

Please rank **ALL** the selections in the order you wish your child placed.

1 being the highest interest
5 being the lowest interest

Each course should have a ranking. There should be **NO** duplicate rankings.

Eg.

Subject	Rank
Art	3
Home Economics (Foods & Clothing)	5
Music (Band)	4
Music (General Interest)	1
Technology Education	2

Student Name: _____

Present Home Room Teacher: _____

Subject	Rank
Art	<i>Semesterized</i>
Home Economics (Foods & Clothing)	<i>Semesterized</i>
Music (Band)	<i>Full Year</i>
Music (General Interest)	<i>Semesterized</i>
Technology Education	<i>Semesterized</i>

 Parent/Guardian Signature:

Please PRINT and return to JRSC by Tuesady May 8th

Please Note:

**We will be holding a Parent/Student information session on
 Thursday May 10th at 7:00pm in the Menihek Library.
 We look forward to seeing you at that time.**

Lester B. Simmons
 Principal

Fraser Drover
 Vice-Principal

Yvonne Smith
 Guidance Counselor