



## GENERAL INFORMATION - JUNIOR SCHOOL 2023-2024

### **EVENTS**

#### **ORIENTATION DAY**

**Tuesday, September 5**

Orientation Day is for new students to acquaint themselves with their classmates, teachers and the school campus. Students should arrive in casual dress, and lunch is provided for everyone. Students in Grades 7 and 8 will require their laptops. All students will be provided iPads from the school.

- All new students should arrive at 8:30 a.m.
- All students will be dismissed at 3:00 p.m.

#### **FIRST DAY**

**Wednesday, September 6**

Students are to come directly to the Junior School entrance before going to their Form room. School starts at 8:15 a.m. and ends at 3:15 p.m. **Students are to wear #1 dress from September 6 to 13.**

#### **JUNIOR SCHOOL CURRICULUM EVENING**

**Thursday, September 21, Theatre, 6:00 p.m.**

Curriculum Night is an evening for all parents/guardians to meet the Junior School teachers who will outline their courses and expectations for the year. Parents/guardians will also have the opportunity to ask questions. Further details will be sent home early in the school year. A representative from each family is asked to attend this evening.

### **PREPARATION FOR 2023-2024**

#### **SWIM TESTS**

All students will be asked to do a swim test in September 2023. In preparation for the test, you may wish to enroll your child in some swimming lessons.

## **TEXTBOOKS**

Information for textbook ordering for 2023-2024 may be found on the New Family Info page on [MSA](#). Textbooks are ordered online through [Alpha Textbooks](#). All books may be ordered beginning July. Please note that course codes are not needed for the Junior School. Online ordering instructions are found in the [Textbook Ordering Guide](#). Questions may be directed to [Ms. Diane Budge](#). Some parents have also asked to see the [School Calendar 2023-24](#).

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2023-2024**

A list of academic supplies that will be useful for your child to bring to class on the first day can be found here: [School Supplies 2023-2024](#). All students must have a pair of earbuds/headphones. **Please label your child's belongings.**

## **STUDENT AGENDA, FAMILY HANDBOOK and JS ACADEMIC GUIDE**

Student agendas will be distributed during the first week of classes. The agenda will contain the school calendar, schedules, rules and regulations. The [Family Handbook \(the 2023-2024 version will appear in August\)](#) and [Junior School Academic Guide \(the 2023-2024 version will appear in August\)](#), as well as additional information about the school, are available on [the parent portal](#) of our website.

## **LOCKS**

All lockers must have locks. The school will provide locks, which are included in tuition. These are special locks, so access can be gained by administration in case of student absence. Ashbury locks from previous years may be reused.

## **UNIFORM**

Uniform items purchased over the summer can be purchased online and delivered to your child's classroom in September if desired.

### **Uniform Items To Be Purchased From the School Store:**

#### **#1 Dress:**

- Top Marks green blazer
- Top Marks white dress shirt (long or short sleeve) with House tie
- Top Marks kilt (**hem below the knee or touch the knee**) (with kilt pin and with tights or green socks) or Top Marks gray pants (with a black belt and gray socks)

- Black, polishable leather shoes – max. heel of 2.5 cm. Acceptable styles: penny loafers, Mary Janes or Oxfords. Please note: *ballet slippers and sandals are not permitted.*

## **#2 Dress:**

- Top Marks green cardigan, green sweater or green vest
- Top Marks white dress shirt (long or short sleeve) with House tie
- Top Marks kilt (**hem below the knee or touch the knee**) (with kilt pin and with tights or green socks) or Top Marks gray pants (with a black belt and gray socks)
- Black, polishable leather shoes – max. heel 2.5 cm. Please note: *ballet slippers and sandals are not permitted.*

## **Summer Dress:**

- Top Marks green polo shirt
- Top Marks kilt (**hem below the knee or touch the knee**) (with kilt pin and with tights or green socks) or Top Marks gray pants (with a black belt and gray socks)
- Black, polishable leather shoes – max. heel 2.5 cm. Please note: *ballet slippers and sandals are not permitted.*
- Summer dress is weather dependent, but is usually permitted in Term 1, September to October, and in Term 2, May to June

## **Physical Education Uniform:**

**Please note that students require PE Uniform/Kit each day for Physical Education/Games classes. Students may keep their athletic items in their PE locker in the Junior School Locker Room**

- Black Ashbury shorts or leggings
- Ashbury burgundy t-shirt
  - House shirts will be distributed to each student in September
- White socks and 1 pair of indoor and 1 pair of outdoor athletic shoes
- Ashbury tracksuit (mandatory for Junior School) which includes black track pants and a burgundy track jacket

**The [school store](#) online portal will be open for uniform purchases in July.** Before purchasing clothing, please make sure you measure your child (there is an accurate sizing chart) and refrain from ordering multiple sizes to avoid a backlog of orders. If you have questions regarding purchases from the school store, [click here](#).

## **OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION**

### **HOLIDAYS**

We ask that holiday plans do not conflict with the 2023-2024 [school calendar](#). It is important that students attend all classes, especially during the examination period in June. Special school events are still considered school days, and all students are to be in attendance. It is the child's responsibility to follow up with teachers about missed work after a school absence.

### **DRIVING STUDENTS AND DROPPING OFF**

A great concern is the traffic at the start and finish of the school day. By stopping and/or waiting on Mariposa Avenue adjacent to school property, safe crossing by pedestrians across Mariposa Avenue to the school is compromised. We must also consider neighbourhood children who cross from Ashbury on their way to local schools. It is imperative that the area by the front stone walled gate be kept clear of cars at all times. Please note: there is no parking in the front loop of the school. If you need to stop, please park in the guest parking or in the parking lot adjacent to the tennis courts on Springfield Road.

### **QUESTIONS**

Should you have questions, Ms. Stephanie Garland, Administrative Assistant, Junior School will be available from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 613-749-9630 extension 221 or by email at [stephanie.garland@ashbury.ca](mailto:stephanie.garland@ashbury.ca).