

## Memo to Middle School Parents regarding afternoon dismissal time

Dear Parents and Guardians of Max Aitken Academy middle school students,

In the 2019-2020 school year, Max Aitken Academy moved to a 2:00pm dismissal time for middle school students which allowed us to run optional activities from 2:00 – 3:00pm. We made these changes to enhance learning opportunities for students, promote a positive learning environment and better support students in their learning.

During the 2020-2021 school year, we had to put this program “on pause” because we were not able to mix classroom bubbles, which made activity periods impossible. **With the release of the provincial document Healthy and Safe schools, we are now allowed to resume after school activities. Our plan for the 2021-2022 school year is to return to a 2:00pm dismissal time for middle school students.** Students will be able to travel home on their bus at 2:00pm, or may choose to remain at school from 2:00 - 3:00pm for an activity period. There may be a small group of students who cannot travel on a 2:00pm bus due to lack of space, so those students will remain at school from 2:00 – 3:00 in an activity.

Various activities will be offered each day after school, as well as a help center where students can work on homework, get help with projects and assignments, or catch up on work that is overdue. Students must sign up for activities in advance. The first sign-ups will take place during the first week of school and activities will begin on Monday, September 13th. A schedule of offered activities will be sent home with students.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Henderson or Ms. Campbell via email.

We look forward to welcoming our students back in a few weeks.

Sincerely,

Max Aitken Academy Administration