

# JB Mitchell School

## September 2024

### Newsletter

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# From The Eagle's Nest

Welcome Back, Everyone!

We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to both our new and returning students and their families. We have truly missed you and are eagerly anticipating the start of another school year. It's wonderful to see all the familiar faces and to hear the joyful sounds of laughter on the playground once more! Whether you're joining us from nearby or from a distance, we want you to know that our school community is committed to being a safe and nurturing environment for all.

We deeply value the strong engagement of our parents and guardians and encourage you to make appointments with your child's teacher if you wish to discuss their progress. Additionally, please feel free to check in with your child's teacher or the office if you have any questions about getting involved within the school community. We appreciate your ongoing support and partnership in your child's educational journey. With this in mind, a reminder that our Parent Advisory Council (P.A.C.) has its first meeting and **AGM on Oct 1, 2024**. Please come to the first meeting and see how you can help at the school. Our dedicated educational team has been working hard to prepare for your return.

At J.B. Mitchell School, we are focused on providing a high-quality education that fosters lifelong learning. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our new teachers and those who have taken on new roles within the school; Ms. Kim Webster Kindergarten A.M English (room 112); Mr. Kevin Roberts Grade 3/4 English (Room 137); Ms. Sylvia Lourenco Grade 3/4 English (Room 139); Mme Desirae Thomas Grade 3/4 French Immersion (Room 129); Ms. Lindsay Drummond Grade 5/6 English (Room 107); Mme Breanne Rey Grade 5/6 French Immersion (Room 205); Mr. Marvin Ellana Music Teacher (Room 206); and Mme Laure Ghia (French Support Teacher). Welcome back to Mme Vienna Dell Grade 1/2 French Immersion (Room 119).

We are also excited to introduce several student teachers who will be completing their practicum with us, as well as our returning Educational Assistants: Mrs. Lynn Billard, Mrs. Cindy Ellison, Ms. Sonia Wallace, Mrs. Patricia Unger, Mrs. Usha Chaudhari, Mrs. Natalia Khomukha, Ms. Stefanie Schaan, and Mrs. Heather Pachtet. A special thank you goes out to our dedicated custodians for their hard work over the summer. Thanks to their efforts, our school looks fantastic. A heartfelt merci to Mr. Shaikh and his team!

Student safety remains a top priority. We ask that you review the Stop Drop Go Zone procedures and parking restrictions outlined in this newsletter. Please remember that parking is restricted on John Brebeuf Place from 8:00-9:00 a.m. and 3:00-4:00 p.m. to ensure the safety of our students and to maintain smooth traffic flow in the School Bus Loading Zone, located in front of the school. Your cooperation in prioritizing student safety over convenience is greatly appreciated.

In the mornings, students should go directly to their designated classroom spots and wait for their teacher to pick them up. At the end of the day, teachers will escort students to their spots and dismiss them from there.

The staff at J.B. Mitchell are here to assist you. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher, the front office, or your administrators. As your school leaders, we are excited to work with you throughout the year to ensure a safe, caring environment that fosters excellence for all learners.

In closing, we are thrilled to see our students and J.B. Mitchell families back! We wish everyone a safe and exciting year of learning.

Matt Couture, Principal  
Brianna Hébert, Vice Principal



# Announcements and Information For Families

## Student Information Forms:

It is essential for the school to have accurate contact information for each student, including home and cell phone numbers, a parent's business phone number, and an emergency contact (friend or relative). On Friday, September 6, 2024, each student will take home a form to update this information.

**Please return the completed forms to the school by Friday, September 13, 2024. Additionally, inform the school of any changes to this information as they occur.**

## BACK<sup>TO</sup>SCHOOL STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET



## Important Notice About Allergies and Birthdays:

Dear Parents and Caregivers, We wanted to send out a reminder to you regarding celebrations at school, especially birthday celebrations at school. As you know, we have many students who have severe allergies to a variety of foods or ingredients. With this in mind, we respectfully ask that food is not brought into the school; this includes packaged or homemade food to be shared within the class. We know this is a disappointing message to send to families, however the health and well-being of our students must take precedence. We would encourage you to celebrate holidays or events such as birthdays outside of the school in whatever manner you wish. At school, we celebrate birthdays by reading the name of the student over the announcements to the entire student body in the morning and then students can come to the office to get a birthday sticker. Classroom teachers also celebrate birthdays in different ways within the classroom setting. Nevertheless, we are asking for your support to avoid food being brought into the school for any reason. Thank you for your partnership in keeping all students safe, Matt Couture

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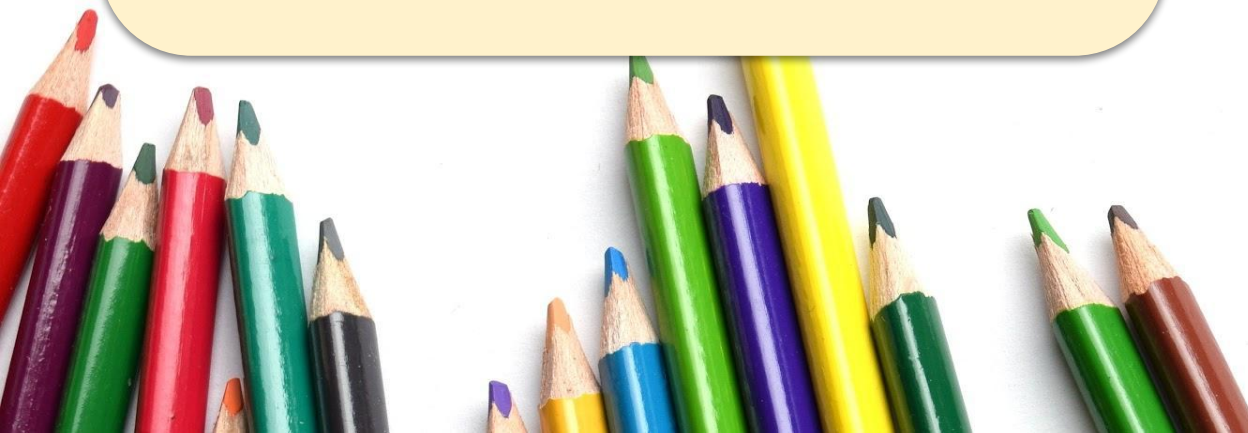
## SeeSaw:

### Questions About Your Child's Day At School?

Our teachers are using the Seesaw platform to communicate information about your child's learning and their school day. Seesaw is a safe alternative for everyone handling materials shared between home and school.

With the Seesaw App, you can and comment on your child's posts and message the teacher. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher by phone or email should you need help accessing Seesaw. In the next week, you will be receiving updates about Library Books, Home Reading and Homework expectations.

Thank you for your patience as we work through our school and classroom protocols around the safe handling of materials and books shared between home and school.



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## **School Patrols and Adult Crossing Guard School Patrol Information:**

We are extremely proud of our dedicated school patrols.

### Patrols are on duty:

Morning: 8:40 - 8:50 a.m.

Before Lunch: 11:55 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

After Lunch: 12:40 - 12:55 p.m.

After School: 3:30 - 3:45 p.m.

Please ensure your child crosses with the patrols  
between these hours and that your child respects their guidance.

## School Patrols



### Adult Crossing Guard Important Information:

We will continue to have an Adult Crossing Guard on duty at the corner of Grant Avenue and Lanark Street and Corydon Avenue and Lanark Street at the following times:

Morning: 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Before Lunch: 11:55 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

After Lunch: 12:40 – 12:55 p.m.

After School: 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.

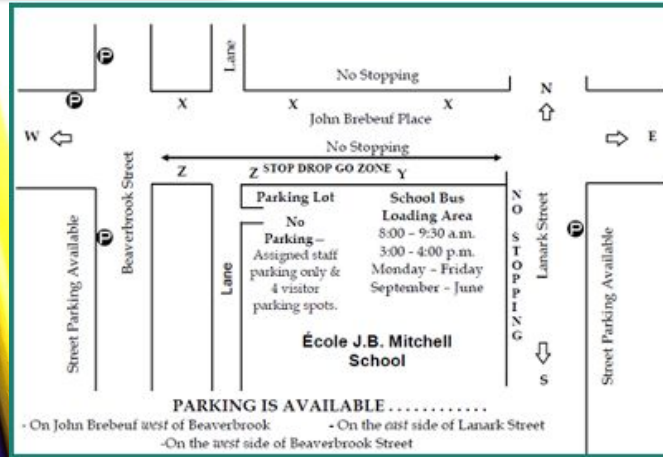
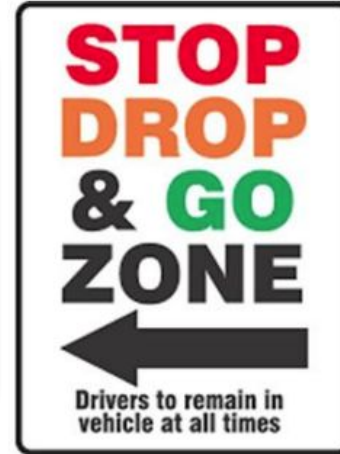


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## Stop, Drop, and Go Zone:

The City of Winnipeg has designated our STOP DROP GO as a No Parking zone. The Winnipeg Parking Authority has indicated that the STOP DROP GO Zone can be used for pickup and drop off and vehicles can wait momentarily in the Zone providing the **driver remains in the driver's seat**.

Please be aware that parking and leaving your vehicle in the Stop Drop Go or Bus Loading Zone may result in a Parking ticket issued by the City of Winnipeg





# Parent Advisory Council & Lunch Program

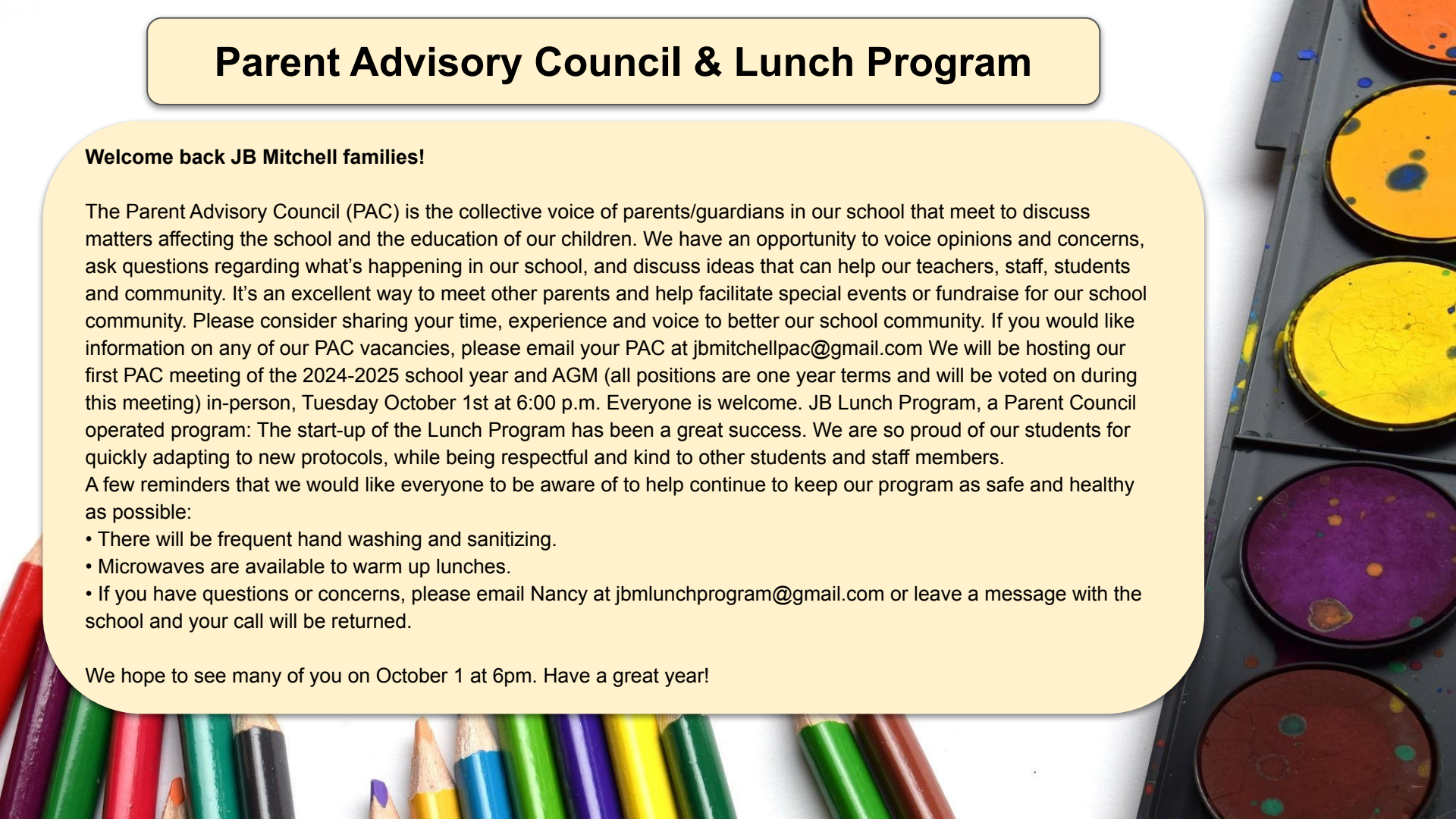
## Welcome back JB Mitchell families!

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is the collective voice of parents/guardians in our school that meet to discuss matters affecting the school and the education of our children. We have an opportunity to voice opinions and concerns, ask questions regarding what's happening in our school, and discuss ideas that can help our teachers, staff, students and community. It's an excellent way to meet other parents and help facilitate special events or fundraise for our school community. Please consider sharing your time, experience and voice to better our school community. If you would like information on any of our PAC vacancies, please email your PAC at [jbmitchellpac@gmail.com](mailto:jbmitchellpac@gmail.com). We will be hosting our first PAC meeting of the 2024-2025 school year and AGM (all positions are one year terms and will be voted on during this meeting) in-person, Tuesday October 1st at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. JB Lunch Program, a Parent Council operated program: The start-up of the Lunch Program has been a great success. We are so proud of our students for quickly adapting to new protocols, while being respectful and kind to other students and staff members.

A few reminders that we would like everyone to be aware of to help continue to keep our program as safe and healthy as possible:

- There will be frequent hand washing and sanitizing.
- Microwaves are available to warm up lunches.
- If you have questions or concerns, please email Nancy at [jbmlunchprogram@gmail.com](mailto:jbmlunchprogram@gmail.com) or leave a message with the school and your call will be returned.

We hope to see many of you on October 1 at 6pm. Have a great year!



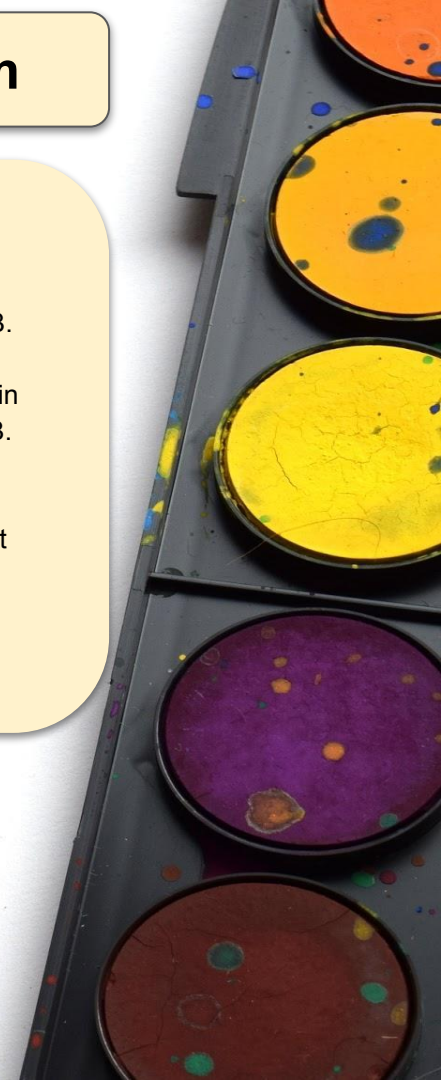
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## Lunch Programs:

The supervision of students during the lunch hour in all Winnipeg School Division schools is the responsibility of the parent councils or parent run lunch programs. Students that are registered in On the Move and Carpathia Children's Centre are under their care during the noon hour. All children, full-time and casual, attending the lunch program at J.B. Mitchell must have a registration form completed to attend. These forms are available from our office if you have not completed it yet. All students, except those in the two daycares who eat together, will eat lunch with their classmates in various locations in the school. The J.B. Mitchell Parent Council collaborates with all parents to meet the needs of J.B. Mitchell students throughout the school year.

If you need further information, you can reach the J.B. Mitchell Lunch Program by contacting the school or by email at [jbmlunchprogram@gmail.com](mailto:jbmlunchprogram@gmail.com).

Please find registration forms and information at the link below:  
<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/jbmitchell/page/2441/lunch-program>





# Student Absence Reporting



## SafeArrival / School Messenger

At Winnipeg School Division, one of our top priorities is ensuring that every student arrives at school safely each day. To help with this, we are using student absence reporting system called SafeArrival. This system streamlines attendance verification, make it easier for you to report your child's absence and assist staff in responding to unexplained student absences more efficiently.

With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

- 1.) Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence. When searching on the App Store, type "School Messenger" and select the Blue App.
- 2.) Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence. When you go online, make sure you are on the Canadian website (ending in .ca). If you are on the U.S. website (ending in .com), you will not be able to access the school account.
- 3.) Call the toll-free number 1-855-278-4513 to report an absence using the automated phone system. Please make sure you go online and set up a PIN. Please keep this PIN private.

If you have not consented to Electronic Notifications and Emails at the school, or if your email on file at the school is incorrect, you will not be able to access the SchoolMessenger App or the SchoolMessenger website. Please contact the school office to make changes to your email on file.

**If your child takes the bus and will be absent you must call the transportation department at 204-789-0452**

# School Closure Dates For 2024-2025

**Non-School Days for the year of 2024-2025  
are as follows on these days:**

September 3, 2024  
October 9, 2024  
October 25, 2024  
November 1, 2024 (JBM School Choice)  
November 11, 2024  
November 22, 2024  
December 23, 2024 - January 3, 2025 (Winter Break)  
January 31, 2025  
February 17, 2025  
March 14, 2025  
March 31, 2025 - April 4, 2025 (Spring Break)  
April 11, 2025  
April 18, 2025  
May 9, 2025  
May 19, 2025  
June 13, 2025 (JBM School Choice)

The last day of the school year is June 27th 2025.



# September 2024 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2.  Labor Day	3. Day 1 School Opens Non-Instructional Day NO SCHOOL	4. Day 2  First Day Of Classes	5. Day 3	6. Day 4 Kinder Start Half the students  Welcome Assembly
9. Day 5 Kinder Start Half the students	10. Day 6	11. Day 1 Grade 6 Immunization Consent Due	12. Day 2	13. Day 3
16. Day 4	17. Day 5	18. Day 6	19. Day 1	20. Day 2
23. Day 3	24. Day 4	25. Day 5 Grade 6 Immunization In Library AM	26. Day 6	27. Day 1 Terry Fox Run
30. NO SCHOOL Truth & Reconciliation Day				