



R.B. RUSSELL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL



IMPORTANT DATES DECEMBER

December 12 - PD Day R.B. Russell
December 15 - 19 - Spirit Week
December 17 - Holiday Market
December 19 - Last Day of Class

January 5, 2026 - School reopens

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPALS OF R.B.

We would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday season.

We look forward to welcoming you all back in 2026.



Administrative Assistant Program
Starting - January 2026



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Don't
Forget!

Every **MONDAY** is **LATE**
START for students.
Classes begin at
10:00am.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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School

November 21, 2025

Dear Parents, Guardians & Caregivers,

I am writing to say that at the Winnipeg School Division Board meeting on November 17, I was appointed as the new Principal of Technical Vocational High School. I will begin this new role on January 5th, 2026.

I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to work in this incredible school community. While my time at RB Russell has been short, the relationships, experiences and learning I have gained will last a lifetime. I am proud of what we have accomplished together, especially in fostering a sense of belonging, community and excellence. RB is a truly amazing school.

I want to thank you for allowing me to be a part of your journey and look forward to seeing you all at our Winter Solstice Feast and Holiday Market on December 17th.

I can also share that Daniel Keith will be moving into the principal position at RB Russell starting January 5th.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Munz

Important Timetable Changes for the 2025-26 School Year:

We are following a **Monday to Friday** Schedule, not the 6 day school day calendar.

Every Monday is **late start**, students begin classes at **10:00am**.

Monday Timetable

Late Start 9:00 - 10:00
1/A 10:00 - 10:45
2/B 10:45 - 11:30
3/C 11:30 - 12:15
LUNCH 12:15 - 1:15
Advisor Groups 1:15 - 2:00
4/D 2:00 - 2:45
5/E 2:45 - 3:30

Timetable

1/A 9:00 - 10:05
2/B 10:05 - 11:10
Break 11:10 - 11:15
3/C 11:15 - 12:20
LUNCH 12:20 - 1:20
4/D 1:20 - 2:25
5/E 2:25 - 3:30

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Eagle's Beading Nest

Location: R.B. Russell Vocational School
364 Dufferin Avenue

Ages 14 and up, all levels welcome.
Every Wednesday, starting
September 17, 2025, until June 10, 2026

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Learn to bead for free!



Full Moon Ceremony

Hosted by: Knowledge Keeper
Elaine Mayham

Time: 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Place: R.B. Russell Vocational School
Lodge Room

Dates:

Monday, September 8, 2025
Monday, October 6, 2025
Tuesday, November 4, 2025
Thursday, December 4, 2025
Saturday, January 3, 2026
Monday, February 2, 2026
Tuesday, March 3, 2026
Wednesday, April 1, 2026
Friday, May 1, 2026
Monday June 1, 2026
Monday, June 29, 2026

Please email Elaine Mayham at emayham@wsdl.org for participation and any questions



Holiday Market

Date: December 17, 2025

Time: 10:05 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Market for students only

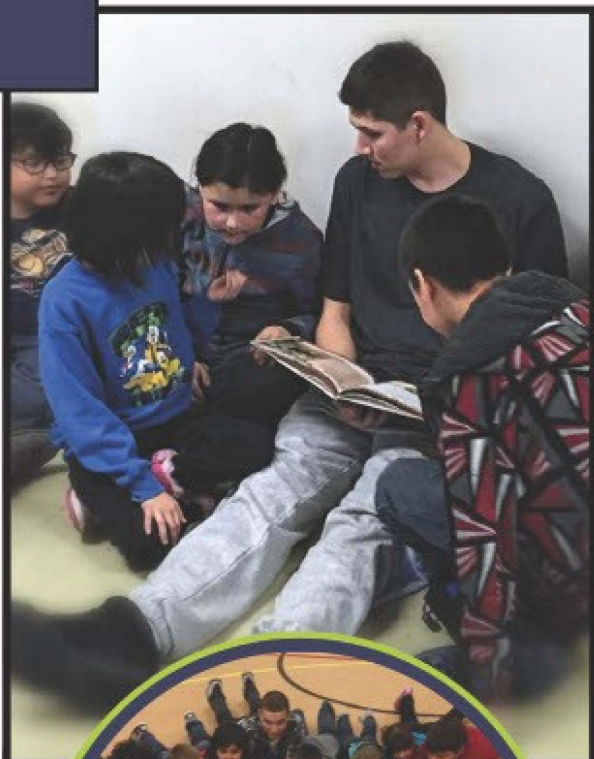
11:15 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

Market open for families

Feast for students, their families and
R.B. staff from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



Indigenous Youth Mentorship Program



For more information contact:
iymp.mb@umanitoba.ca



Who We Are

The Indigenous Youth Mentorship Program (IYMP) is a relationship-based after-school program that guides and supports high school mentors dedicated to promoting holistic wellness in their community school.

IYMP staff mentors support high school mentors in being positive role models through cultural, play-based activities while gaining leadership skills working with participating schools.

The IYMP Program is grounded in the teachings of the **4 R's of Indigenous Education** (Respect, Relevance, Reciprocity, and Responsibility) and the **Circle of Courage** (Belonging, Independence, Mastery, and Generosity).

IYMP creates inclusive spaces where students feel a deep sense of identity, belonging, leadership, and community.

Part 1: Preparation & Planning (October - January)

Who: Community Mentors (Staff) and High School students

What: Co-develop program content, such as physical games, educational and leadership activities

When: 2 days per week
• High School Mentors: 3 - 6 hours

Part 2: Program Delivery (February - April)

Who: Community Mentors (Staff), High School Mentors, and Early Years participants

What: Mentors lead activities and share healthy snacks with early years participants

When: 1 day per week
• Early Years participants: 1.5 hours
• High School Mentors: 2-3 hours



Dear Parent or Guardian,

The University of Manitoba's Indigenous Youth Mentorship Program (IYMP) would like to invite your child to be a high school mentor at R.B. Russell Vocational High School. IYMP provides healthy snacks and recreational, educational, and leadership training for high school mentors.

The IYMP program starts at R.B. Russell Vocational High School on both days in the fall and runs in February at R.B. Russell Vocational High School on Thursday and at William Whyte School on Tuesday. High school mentors participating in the program meet weekly from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The program will begin on Tuesday, November 4th, 2025, and run until April 30th, 2026. The Indigenous Youth Mentorship Program provides several benefits to high school students, including:

- Hours to be counted towards a high school credit (after the completion of 110 volunteer hours)
- Opportunity to attain free First Aid/CPR training
- Resume workshops
- Post-secondary education support and bursary opportunities
- Campus tours at the University of Manitoba
- Field trips, events, and volunteer opportunities in the community

If you would like your child to participate in IYMP, please complete the attached permission form and return it to IYMP staff.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact me.

Thank you,

Lisa Spence,
Program Coordinator
Indigenous Youth Mentorship Program
University of Manitoba
204-474-6770

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**University
of Manitoba**

Permission Form

To be filled out and returned

I give my child permission to participate in the Indigenous Youth Mentorship Program Operated by the University of Manitoba, including field trips. Before any field trip, the University will give parents and guardians specific information about the field trip, including transportation and activity details. By giving my permission, I understand and acknowledge that there could be risks associated with my child's participation, such as my child getting hurt or my child's property getting lost or damaged, and on behalf of my child and I hereby release and waive all rights to any claim or action for personal injury or damage to property against the University of Manitoba.

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Permission to take photos/video of my child

___ I give my permission for pictures or videos to be taken of my child to be used by the University of Manitoba for promotion and for the program's final report. This can include photos for the University's printed material and/or website or social media postings, such as our Rec and Read Facebook page.

___ I do not give my permission to take photos and/or videos of my child.

Information about my child

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Health or allergy concerns: _____

*In the event of an emergency and you cannot be contacted, IYMP staff will seek appropriate medical attention for your child.

Contact Information:

Parent/Guardian #1

First name: _____ Last Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Parent/Guardian #2

First name: _____ Last Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Emergency Contact: If parents cannot be reached, please list an alternative contact person

First name: _____ Last Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

This personal information is being collected under the authority of *The University of Manitoba Act*. It will be used to allow your child to participate in this educational opportunity. It may be used in the event of a medical emergency. It will not be used or disclosed for other purposes unless permitted by *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)*. If you have any questions about the collection of your personal information, contact the Access and Privacy Office (tel. 204-474-9462), 233 Elizabeth Dafoe Library, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 2N2.

December 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 - Day 2	2 - Day 3	3 - Day 4	4 - Day 5	5 - Day 6
			FULL MOON CEREMONY	
8 - Day 1	9 - Day 2	10 - Day 3	11 - Day 4	12 - Day 5
		BEADING CLUB 5:00 - 8:00		PD DAY NO CLASSES
15 - Day 6	16 - Day 1	17 - Day 2	18 - Day 3	19 - Day 4
SPIRIT WEEK	SPIRIT WEEK	SPIRIT WEEK Holiday Market	SPIRIT WEEK	SPIRIT WEEK LAST DAY OF CLASSES
22	23	24	25	26
Winter Break Starts	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break
29	30	31		
Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break		

SCHOOL REOPENS—JANUARY 5, 2026

Jan. 6-9 - Gr.12 English Language Exams and Non-Core in class exams
 Jan. 19 - Vocational Exam Week
 Jan.20 - Gr. 23 Applied Math Provincial Exam
 Jan.21 - Gr. 12 Essential Math Provincial Exam

Jan. 22 - Gr. 12 Pre-Calculus Math Provincial Exam
 Jan. 26-30 - Final Assessments & Exam Week
 Jan. 30 - TERM 2