

# BACK TO SCHOOL

## ECOLE LAVERENDRYE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



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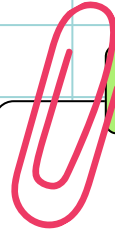
8:20 - Entry Bell  
8:30 - School Starts  
10:00-11:00 - AM Break  
11:00 - AM N/K Dismissal  
12:30 - PM N/K Start  
12:30-1:30 - PM Break  
3:00 - End of Day

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### IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

Meet the Staff BBQ  
3:30pm - 5:30pm

SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

Meet and Greet N/K

SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES - Grades 1-6

SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

Meet and Greet N/K

SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

Staggered Start N/K

SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES N/K

SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

NO CLASSES

National Day of Reconciliation





# Principal's Message

**A Warm Welcome to the 2026–2027 School Year**

Dear LaVérendrye Families,

Welcome back to a new school year at École LaVérendrye! It is a pleasure to welcome our returning families and students, as well as those who are joining our school community for the first time. We are excited to begin another year filled with learning, growth, discovery, and connection.

At LaVérendrye, we believe that every child has a place in our French language learning community. Our vision is to be an inclusive French milieu school that inspires every person to embrace their identity as respectful and responsible learners within our community. This vision guides the way we welcome students, build relationships, and create meaningful opportunities for every learner to thrive.

Our mission is rooted in developing confident and independent individuals who take risks, collaborate, and think critically. We are equally committed to the social-emotional health and wellbeing of our students and staff, and to creating a community where acceptance of self and others is at the heart of our daily work.

As we begin this school year, I encourage our students to approach each day with curiosity, courage, kindness, and a willingness to learn. To our families, thank you for the partnership you provide. Your encouragement, communication, and involvement make an important difference in your child's experience at school.

Together, we will continue to build a vibrant French learning community where students feel that they belong, where they can be themselves, and where they are inspired to grow as learners and as people.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year at LaVérendrye and to all that we will accomplish together.

Bienvenue à tous et bonne rentrée!

Warm wishes,

Amanda Capina  
Directrice



# Our School Priorities for 2026-2027



This year, our collective learning and growth will be guided by four key priorities:

- **French Oral Language Acquisition** – strengthening students' confidence and ability to communicate and express themselves in French.
- **Inclusion Practices – Regulation Focus** – supporting students' ability to feel safe, connected, regulated, and ready to learn while strengthening inclusive practices throughout our school.
- **Nature-Based Learning** – creating opportunities for students to learn through meaningful experiences with the natural world.
- **Literacy – Decoding Focus** – continuing to develop strong foundational literacy skills and supporting students as they become increasingly confident readers.

These priorities reflect our commitment to supporting the whole child. We know that learning happens best when students feel a sense of belonging, are encouraged to take risks, and know that their ideas and identities are valued.

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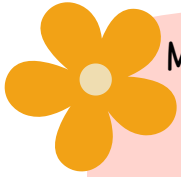
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# Start of School Need to Know



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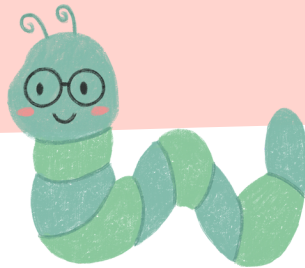


- Meet and Greet: September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>
- Staggered Start: September 11<sup>th</sup>
- First day of school: Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>
- There are NO school fees. All supplies are provided by the school
- Check your email for your scheduled meet and greet and stagger start times.

## My child's in Grade 1-6...



- First day of school: Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>
- There are NO school fees. All supplies are provided by the school.
- Snacks/Lunch: Please send your child to school daily with a snack and lunch. The school provided lunch supervision, and we always have additional snacks available for students who are hungry.



# MEET THE STAFF

## ● Welcome Back BBQ ●



We are excited to welcome our LaVérendrye families back for another wonderful school year!

Join us on Tuesday, September 8, from 3:30–5:30 p.m. for our Welcome Back BBQ & Meet the Staff.

This is a great opportunity for families to reconnect with our school community, meet staff members, and help your child feel comfortable and excited about the year ahead.

During the afternoon, families are invited to:



Visit the school and check out classrooms



Meet and chat with teachers and staff



Connect with other LaVérendrye families



Mingle and enjoy time together outdoors

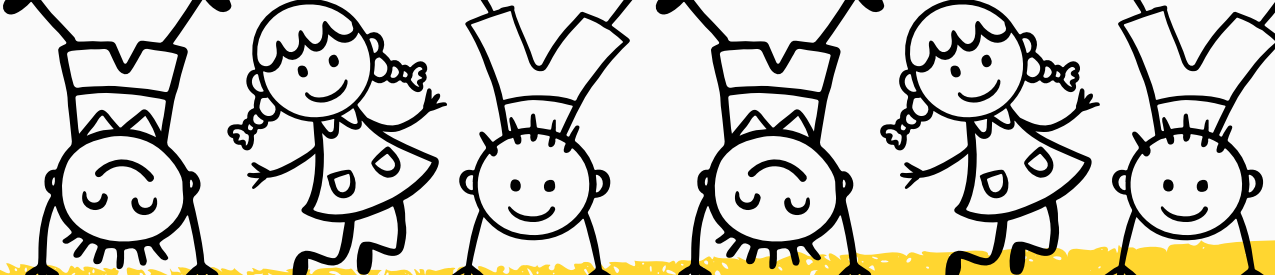


Enjoy a complimentary BBQ

Hotdogs, chips, and drinks will be provided for everyone. We look forward to seeing our students and families, sharing some laughs, and kicking off the 2026–2027 school year together!

Bienvenue à tous — we can't wait to see you!





# SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULES

## Balanced School Day Schedule Grades 1 - 6

8:20am: Morning Bell

8:30am - 10:00am: Learning block

10:00am - 10:25am: Instructional nutrition break

10:25am - 10:55am: Recess

11:00am - 12:30pm: Learning Block

12:30pm - 12:55pm: Lunch

12:55pm - 1:25pm: Recess

1:30pm - 3:00pm: Learning Block

## Nursery-Kindergarten Schedule

Morning Classes:

8:20am: Entry Bell

8:30am - 11:00am: Learning

11:00am: Dismissal

Afternoon Classes:

12:30pm: Entry Bell

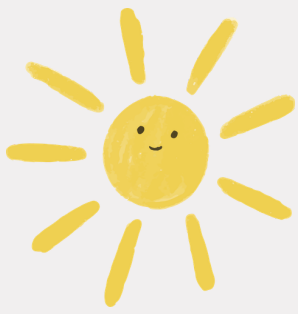
12:30pm - 3:00pm: Learning

3:00pm: Dismissal

**REMINDER**

**SEPTEMBER 9TH**

*School Year Start!*



# Recess & Outdoor Learning

At École LaVérendrye, we believe that time spent outdoors is an important part of healthy, joyful learning. We prioritize being outside—not only for recreation and play, but also as a meaningful extension of the classroom. Outdoor experiences give students opportunities to move their bodies, explore their surroundings, connect with nature, build relationships, and return to learning feeling refreshed and ready to focus.

We embrace outdoor play and learning in rain, snow, or sunshine! Please help us make outdoor time a positive experience by ensuring your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather each day. Layers, warm clothing, waterproof gear, hats, mittens, and appropriate footwear can make all the difference. A change of clothes or an extra pair of socks tucked into your child's backpack is always a great idea—especially during our wet and snowy seasons!



## When Do We Stay Inside?

While we love being outdoors, student safety and wellbeing always come first. In accordance with provincial and divisional policies, indoor recess will be provided when:

- The temperature is colder than  $-27^{\circ}\text{C}$ , using the temperature reported at The Forks.
- There is thunder and lightning.
- It is pouring rain.

Thank you for helping us ensure that our students are prepared to enjoy all that outdoor play and learning has to offer. A little preparation goes a long way toward making every outdoor experience a great one!



# LOST & FOUND



We strongly encourage families to label their child's clothing and belongings. While we try to make sure that students leave with the same items they came to school in, that does not always happen. Children lose items – a lot!

If we find a lost item, and your child's name is on it, we can easily make sure that it is returned. If we find an item without a name, it will be placed in one of our Lost and Found bins. We encourage families and children to check these bins regularly. Every few months, all unclaimed items are donated to local charities.





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STEP  
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STEP  
4

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Order deadline is  
**FRIDAY,**  
**SEPTEMBER 18, 2026**



Orders will be delivered  
**5-6 weeks after deadline\***  
(ETA: end October)

\*Orders will be delivered to your school for internal distribution  
or direct shipping can be chosen upon checkout.

## ABOUT US

TOM (Team Order Management) by Baltic Athletics is a website where you have the ability to order online and simplify the process of purchasing school clothing.

We are a Manitoba family-run company, started in 2014.  
Rauno has been working in this industry for over 40 years and he brings a lot of integrity and knowledge to your purchasing experience.

Have a great year!  
Play hard! Play smart! Have fun!

*Rauno Ruus Corina Ruus*  
Rauno & Corina Ruus, Owners of Baltic Athletics

# SEPTEMBER 2026

| lundi<br>MONDAY                              | mardi<br>TUESDAY                                      | mercredi<br>WEDNESDAY                                                          | jeudi<br>THURSDAY | vendredi<br>FRIDAY |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|                                              | 8 / Day 1<br>Meet the Staff<br>BBQ<br>3:30pm - 5:30pm | 9 / Day 2<br>First Day of<br>Classes<br>Grades 1- 6                            | 10 / Day 3        | 11 / Day 4         |
| 14 / Day 5<br>First Day of<br>Classes<br>N/K | 15 / Day 6                                            | 16 / Day 1                                                                     | 17 / Day 2        | 18 / Day 3         |
| 21 / Day 4                                   | 22 / Day 5                                            | 23 / Day 6                                                                     | 24 / Day 1        | 25 / Day 2         |
| 28 / Day 3                                   | 29 / Day 4                                            | 30 /<br>National Day<br>of Truth and<br>Reconciliation<br><br><b>NO SCHOOL</b> |                   |                    |