

JB Mitchell School

February 2026

Newsletter

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From The Eagle's Nest

Dear École J.B. Mitchell Families,

We hope this message finds you all only partially frozen after the frigid temperatures we have had over the past few weeks...Winnipeg winters are truly something! Good thing we have lots of diverse learning happening inside the school to keep us all warm and engaged!

Although January brought a lot of indoor recess, we are hopeful that February will give us lots of opportunities to be outdoors! We provide frequent reminders, both over the announcements and in individual classrooms, about the importance of students wearing appropriate winter clothing outside. Thank you in advance for reminding your child(ren) about this at home as well. We also continue to speak with our students about our school expectations of respect, responsibility and safety during all parts of the school day and especially at recess time. For recess, students are encouraged to use equipment appropriately, use snow for building and pulling sleds (NOT throwing) and listen to ALL school adults the first time. Thank you for any support you can provide at home in terms of reminding your child(ren) about these important expectations.

Valentine's Day is coming up this month. This day is a wonderful opportunity for teachers to talk about friendship and community in each classroom. We ask that if your child is planning on distributing cards at school that all students in your child's room receive a Valentine's Day card. Your child's classroom teacher will be reaching out with further class specific information about the celebrations. **In terms of Valentine's treats, we ask that students only bring a treat for themselves because we have many students with allergies, therefore we want to prioritize the health and safety of all of our students!** We know this is a disappointing message to some, however the health and safety of all our students is always our first priority. We thank you in advance for ensuring that all snacks are nut free.

There are many other fun activities happening in our school in February. Our Kindergarten students in both Rooms 108 and 112 will be giving a presentation for their families on Friday February 13th in the library. Other fun activities across our school this month include performances by both the Contemporary Dancers as well as Damien Lussier. We will also be holding our Winter Fun Day on the afternoon of February 20th.

We would also like to take a moment to remind families of some important safety information that applies to streets around our school.

- Please remember that our Stop Drop and Go Zone is located on John Brebeuf. Students being dropped off at the Stop Drop and Go Zone must be able to independently walk themselves to their **designated lineup location at the back of the school.**
- We have school safety patrol students on duty before and after school, as well as at the beginning and end of lunch hour. For the safety of all students and families, we ask that you cross with the patrols or where we have a crossing guard whenever possible.
- A reminder for families about the time restrictions on turning in specific directions from Grant Avenue and Lanark Street at the overhead crossing. Many vehicles are ignoring this signage and we are concerned for the safety of our families and our school adult crossing guards. We respectfully remind all families to adhere to this signage to help us keep everyone safe.

A final reminder that we have an open house to share information about our school on Thursday February 19th at 6:00. If you have family or friends looking at school options in our neighbourhood, please encourage them to attend. More information about school registration will be shared with families in the coming weeks.

Wishing you a wonderful February!

M. Couture
Principal

Mrs. D Hardman
Vice- Principal

Announcements and Information For Families

Winter concert for Kindergarten students (RM 108 AND 112)

On Friday, February 13, 2026, during the day. This celebration will consist of songs and poems about how we “Share the Love”. It will last approximately 20 minutes. Following student performances, there will be a light snack for parents and caregivers in your child’s respective classroom. If you wish to take your child home after the celebration, you are welcome to do so.

THEY WILL PERFORM AT **10:10 AM** IN THE LIBRARY.



Clothing Orders 2025/2026

Get Your Orders In This Month!



We are excited to announce that our online clothing orders will be open February 9 - 20th.

Shirts, Sweaters, Sweat Pants, and hats will be available to order with the JBM Logo!

Communication will be sent out to families via school messenger once the online store opens!

Kindergarten & All Grades New Student Open House

Thursday, February 19 6pm-7pm

Your child **must be born in 2021** to be eligible for Kindergarten in the 2026-2027 school year.



Registrations Feb 17 2026 (New Students Only)



2026-2027 Registrations open soon!

Visit [Winnipeg School Division Find A School App](#) To see if you are within our catchment! **REGISTRATIONS ARE ONLINE ONLY.**

Visit [Student Registration](#) to register your student. **Within Catchment ONLY.**

April 6th — Schools of Choice applications open

Next Month's Save The Dates and Current Clubs!

Next Month's Save The Dates:

Report Cards Electronically:	March 17th
Student Lead Conferences:	March 19th (4pm - 8pm)
Student Lead Conferences:	March 20th (9am - 11:30am)
Patrol Bowling Day:	March 26th (Tentative)
Spring Break:	March 30th - April 2nd

Active Clubs:

JBM Sings:	Weekly Tuesdays @ Noon
Card Club:	Bi-weekly Wednesdays @ Noon (Opposite to Math)
Math Club:	Bi-weekly Wednesdays @ Noon (Opposite to Card)
Drama Arts Club:	Weekly Wednesdays @ 3:30 PM
GSA:	Bi-Weekly Thursdays @ Noon (Feb 5th, 9th)
Gardening Club:	Every Day 6 @ Noon

Non-School Days for the Remainder of 2025-2026

are as follows on these days:

February 2, 2026
February 16, 2026
March 20, 2026
March 30, 2026 - April 3, 2026 (Spring Break)
April 10, 2026
May 8, 2026
May 18, 2026
June 19, 2026 (JBM School Choice)

The last day of the school year is June 30, 2026
Early Dismissal @ 11:30 am

Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Clinic

This CRA clinic offers one-on-one help. **Register to reserve a spot. You can register by phone, online or at any Winnipeg Public Library.**

This clinic helps with the following services only:

- Applying for benefits (CCB, GST, DTC)
- Answering personal tax questions (no trusts, business or farming)
- Updating information (address, direct deposit, contact information)
- Printing letters or Proof of Income Statements (Option C)

Registration opens 2 weeks prior to event date at 10 a.m. You can register for one CRA clinic only at a time. On the day of the CRA Clinic, the order of when you are seen will depend on when you check in at the branch. Check in starts 30 minutes prior to the clinic start time. Limited walk-ins will be taken if time allows, or if spots are not yet filled.



Scan to
register.

St. Boniface Library 204-986-4331
Thursday, Jan. 15 from 1-4 p.m.

Charleswood Library 204-986-3072
Friday, Jan. 23 from 1-4 p.m.

Henderson Library 204-986-4314
Friday, Jan. 30 from 1-4 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 24 from 1-4 p.m.

Louis Riel Library 204-986-4573
Wednesday, Jan. 21 from 1-4 p.m.

Millennium Library 204-986-6489
Wednesday, Jan. 7 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 4 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
*Drop-in only. No registration.

Osborne Library 204-986-4775
Monday, Feb. 2 from 1-4 p.m.

Pembina Trail Library 204-986-4369
Tuesday, Jan. 20 from 1-4 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 25 from 1-4 p.m.

St. James-Assiniboia Library 204-986-3424
Friday, Jan. 9 from 1-4 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 13 from 1-4 p.m.

St. John's Library 204-986-4689
Wednesday, Jan. 7 from 1-4 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 4 from 1-4 p.m.

Sir William Stephenson Library 204-986-7070
Monday, Feb. 9 from 1-4 p.m.

Transcona Library 204-986-3950
Thursday, Jan. 8 from 1-4 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 20 from 1-4 p.m.

Unable to register or have an urgent need? CRA offers services by phone.

- General Enquiries: 1-800-959-8281 (for general questions)
- Benefits Enquiries: 1-800-387-1193 (for questions related to GST and CCB)
- Business Enquiries: 1-800-959-5525 (for questions related to businesses)
- canada.ca/taxes-help (to find someone to get your taxes done for free)



Canada Revenue
Agency

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École River Heights School



Open House

Thursday February 5 @ 6:00pm



English
Program



French
Program



Late French
Program

More Information



204-488-7090



www.winnipegssd.ca/RiverHeights



OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY FEB 5, 2026 6:00PM

GYMNASIUM

ÉCOLE RIVER HEIGHTS SCHOOL

1350 GROSVENOR AVE

204 488-7090





**Help Your Child Succeed in School:
Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early**

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



CHRONIC ABSENCE
18 or more days

WARNING SIGNS
10 to 17 days

SATISFACTORY
9 or fewer absences

Note: These numbers assume
a 180-day school year.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-urgent related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have a contagious illness, call your school or health care provider for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

Visit Attendance Works at www.attendanceworks.org for free downloadable resources and tools!

Student Absence Reporting/SafeArrival

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

Parent Advisory Council

NEW THIS YEAR: You can also follow the PAC on [Instagram!](#)

[JB Mitchell PAC \(@jbmittchellpac\)](#) • [Instagram photos and videos](#)



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Every parent/guardian is welcome to attend Parent Council meetings. The meetings are held of the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm in the library

This year's meeting schedule:

AGM: October 7, 2025

November 4, 2025

December 3, 2025

January 6, 2026

February 3, 2026

March 3, 2026

April 7, 2026

May 5, 2026

June 2, 2026

Parent Advisory Council 2025/2026

PAC Contact information:
jbmittchellpac@gmail.com

Elected Executive PAC members:

Chair, Dana Gagnon

Vice Chair, Amy Desroches

Treasurer, Stacey Briscoe

Secretary, Eva Alomari

Volunteer Coordinator, Ivan Maroti



[2026 Spring Fundraiser Home Page – Glenlea Greenhouses](https://glenleagreenhouses.com/collections/2026-spring-fundraiser-home-page)

February 2026 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2. Day 1 NO SCHOOL Non- Instructional Day	3. Day 2 PAC Meeting 6:00 pm	4. Day 3 French Advisory At Annex 6:30 P - 7:30P	5. Day 4 River Heights Open House @ 6 PM	6. Day 5
9. Day 6 Online Clothing Store Opens Feb 9 - Feb 20	10. Day 1 Metis Assembly With Rob Riel 9:20A - 9:40A	11. Day 2	12. Day 3	13. Day 4 Kindergarten Concert In the Library 10:10 am for AM Kinder
16. SCHOOL CLOSED Louis Riel Day	17. Day 5 New student registration opens Within Catchment ONLINE ONLY	18. Day 6	19. Day 1 Damien Lussier Presentation 1:30 - 2:30 pm JBM OPEN HOUSE TO NEW STUDENTS Kinder & All Grades 6pm-7pm	20. Day 2 Winter Fun Day Activities outside 1:00 - 3:30 pm
23. Day 3	24. Day 4 Rm 204 Canadian Museum for Human Rights (virtual) 1:15p - 2:45p	25. Day 5	26. Day 6	27. Day 1