

JB Mitchell School

January 2026

Newsletter

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From The Eagle's Nest

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Well, 2025 definitely “went out” in an interesting way with the unpredictable weather and unexpected snow day on the second last day of school! After all that excitement, and the passing of the holiday season and winter break with family and friends, it’s time to welcome 2026! Our staff are excited to welcome students back to school and look forward to the myriad of learning opportunities to come!

A December highlight at our school was our winter concert, “Thomas’ Snowsuit: A Winter Play”. Students in 8 classrooms worked diligently to put on this wonderful performance for our families! We want to highlight the extraordinary talents of Mr. Ellana (music) and Mme Breanne (integrated arts), who wrote the script, selected the songs and rehearsed the choreography to bring this production together...what a team! We also want to acknowledge the hard work of our after-school Arts Club, who worked with Mr. Ellana and Mme Breanne (along with several other classroom teachers) each week after school to rehearse the script and design and built sets and costumes for the show. Thank you for your support of our students! We look forward to the other 7 classes coming together for our spring production!

Learning is always at the forefront of what we do at our school and these next few months offer much time and many opportunities for teachers to engage in many exciting learning experiences and projects with their classrooms. In addition to all of our regular learning, the Grade 3/4 classrooms will also be participating in the WSD Learn to Swim program (Grade 4 students only). We look forward to seeing our students expand their knowledge and skills!

A friendly reminder to everyone that unless the weather is colder than -27 degrees with the windchill, we go outside each day at recesses and at lunch time (if you’re in JBM lunch program). Please ensure you are sending your child(ren) dressed appropriately for outdoor winter play.

The safety of our students continues to be a priority. Please ensure that when you pick your child up, or drop something off for them, that you do this through the office...we can pass the item(s) to your child or call them down if you are picking them up. Thank you for your support to ensure that our school is safe for all!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy 2026! We are grateful that you are all part of our JBM learning community!

M.M. Couture
Principal

Mrs. D Hardman
Vice- Principal

Announcements and Information For Families

Gr 4 Swim Information

Grade 4's will be attending swim lessons on January 15, 22, 29 2026. They will be transported via School bus to and from Pan Am Pool.

There will be an in school information session for the kids attending on Jan 7 11A - 12P in the MPR.

Swim Lesson Schedule (APPROXIMATE):

| | | |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Rm's 138 139 | Leave 10:30 am | Return 12:15 pm |
| Rm's 137 136 | Leave 11:30 am | Return 1:15 pm |



Next Month's Save The Dates and Current Clubs!

Next Month's Save The Dates:

February 5 - École River Heights Open House

February 13 - Kinder Concert

February 20 - Winter Fun Day (With Bannock 1-3:30pm)

Active Clubs:

JBM Sings: Weekly Tuesdays @ Noon

Card Club: Bi-Weekly Wednesdays @ Noon (Jan 21st only)

Math Club: Bi-Weekly Wednesdays @ Noon (Jan 14th only)

Drama Arts Club: Weekly Wednesdays @ 3:30 PM

Gardening Club: Day 6's @ 12:20 pm

*****GSA and Writing Club on Pause*****

**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
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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.winnipegsd.ca/RiverHeights



OPEN HOUSE
THURSDAY FEB 5, 2026 6:00PM
GYMNASIUM



ÉCOLE RIVER HEIGHTS SCHOOL

1350 GROSVENOR AVE
204 488-7090



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

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

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

Thank you,

JBM Parent Advisory Council

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



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JB Mitchell PAC

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

Parent Advisory Council 2025/2026

PAC Contact information:

jbmitchellpac@gmail.com

Elected Executive PAC members:

Chair, Dana Gagnon

Vice Chair, Amy Desroches

Treasurer, Stacey Briscoe

Secretary, Eva Alomari

Volunteer Coordinator, Ivan Maroti



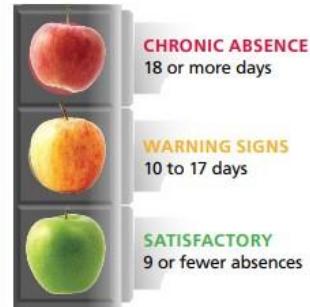
Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

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.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



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

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.

STUDENT SUPPORT PROCESS

Restorative practices can help strengthen relationships among students, families, and staff when concerns arise at school.

Let's work together to resolve matters and make sure everyone has a safe learning environment.



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION



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



January 2026 Calendar

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| | | | 1. NO SCHOOL Winter Break | 2. NO SCHOOL Winter Break |
| 5. Day 5 School Resumes Invitational Smudge 8:45Am-9Am Community Welcome | 6. Day 6 PAC Meeting 6 PM | 7. Day 1 Gr 4 In School Swim Session 11A-12P MPR Rm | 8. Day 2 | 9. Day 3 Rm 204 Canadian Museum Rights Virtual |
| 12. Day 4 | 13. Day 5 | 14. Day 6 | 15. Day 1 Gr 4 Swim Program RM 138&139 10:30A-12:15P RM 137&136 11:30A-1:15P | 16. 2 Day |
| 19. Day 3 | 20. Day 4 | 21. Day 5 Gr 6 River Heights Presentation | 22. Day 6 Gr 4 Swim Program RM 138&139 10:30A-12:15P RM 137&136 11:30A-1:15P | 23. 1 Day |
| 26. Day 2 | 27. Day 3 | 28. Day 4 | 29. Day 5 Gr 4 Swim Program RM 138&139 10:30A-12:15P RM 137&136 11:30A-1:15P | 30. 6 Day |