

JB Mitchell School

October 2026

Newsletter

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Du nid d'aigle / From The Eagle's Nest

Bonjour familles/ Hello families,

We have had a fantastic start to the school year. Students have been engaged in their learning and have settled into daily routines. We completed our school-wide PBIS training, and students have been demonstrating safe, respectful and responsible behaviour in all areas of the school.

Our Terry Fox walk took place on September 18. The weather was not cooperative; however, the walk was a huge success. A huge thank you goes out to our family community, as over \$425 was raised to support cancer research.

On Tuesday, September 29, we held our Orange Shirt Day/ Truth and Reconciliation assembly. Classrooms have been learning about the topic of reconciliation prior to the assembly and will continue to learn about reconciliation throughout the school year. ÉJBMS is a welcoming place for all students and families and our work towards reconciliation is part of this continued effort to ensure that our school is a welcoming place for all.

Morning start time: 8:50 a.m. Classroom teachers bring the students into the school to settle into their learning day at 8:50 am. Students need time to settle into daily morning routines and begin their learning day with their classmates. Please have your child at school for the start of their learning day.

The safety of our students and staff is a top priority, especially during busy drop-off and pick-up times. Please prioritize safety over convenience by using the Stop, Drop, and Go area when picking up and dropping off students. The Stop/Drop and Go is located on John Brebeuf Place to the West side of the front doors. Please do not drop students off directly in front of the school, as this is a bussing zone. We ask that you please talk with your child(ren) about the importance of using designated crosswalks with student patrols and adult crossing guards. Your cooperation in helping keep everyone safe is greatly appreciated.

We also want to remind our families about the importance of adhering to the signage on Grant Avenue and Lanark Street to ensure that no inappropriate turns or U-turns are being made during the specified times. Please help us to keep our children, parents and school adult crossing guards safe.

As a part of our school safety plan, we will be conducting monthly fire drills, as well as lockdown and hold-and-secure drills throughout the school year. Additionally, we will practice an evacuation drill to our relocation site at the Carpathia Children's Centre/On The Move Daycare. Students will receive complete instructions before these practices. A note will be sent home following each Lock Down, Hold and Secure and Evacuation Drill indicating that they were practiced.

We are a welcoming school that works in partnership with our families and community. Communication is a key part of the relationship between the school and families. Seesaw is an excellent resource for families to stay connected to their child's learning and communicate with teachers. Please make sure that you are connected to your child's learning through Seesaw.

We are looking forward to an October full of exciting, rigorous learning and smiling, happy faces in the hallways and classrooms.

Matt Couture
Principal

Christian Wiste
Acting Vice Principal

Truth & Reconciliation 2026

The students, staff, and communities of Winnipeg School Division are committed to truth and reconciliation through building relationships with Mother Earth, the original peoples of this land, and the stories that bring us together.

We acknowledge the place in which we gather is on Treaty 1 territory, the homeland of the Red River Metis, and the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininiwak, and Dakota Oyate peoples.

Here at JB Mitchell School we commit to including Indigenous and community voices daily.



Terry Fox Run September 2026

Every year JBM staff and students participate and learn about the Terry Fox Run. This event helps bring awareness and raise money for cancer research in Canada.

We would like to thank all the students, families, and community members who donated towards Terry Fox this year. It was a great success! The weather didn't cooperate with us unfortunately. However we made it work in school!

The school as a whole managed to fundraise \$425!

"Even if I don't finish, we need others to continue. It's got to keep going without me. I just wish people would realize that anything's possible if you try; dreams are made possible if you try."

-Terrance Stanley Fox





PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

JBM Parent Advisory Council

This year's meeting schedule:

October 6, 2025

November 3, 2025

December 1, 2025

January 5, 2026

February 2, 2026

March 2, 2026

April 6, 2026

May 4, 2026

June 1, 2026

Parent Advisory Council 2026/2027

PAC Contact information:

jbmitchellpac@gmail.com

Elected Executive PAC members:

President - Dana Gagnon

Vice-President - Amy Desroches

Secretary - Eva Alomari

Volunteer Coordinator - Ivan Maroti

Treasurer - Kevin Parsons

Next Month's Save The Dates and Current Clubs!

Non-School Days for the year of 2026-2027

are as follows on these days:

October 6, 2026

October 12, 2026

October 23, 2026

November 11, 2026

November 20, 2026

December 21, 2026 - January 1, 2027 (Winter Break)

February 5, 2027

February 15, 2027

March 19, 2027

March 26, 2027 - April 2, 2027 (Spring Break)

April 16, 2027

May 7, 2027

May 24, 2027

June 18, 2027 (JBM School Choice)

The last day of the school year is June 30th 2027

Early Dismissal @ 11:30 am

Next Month's Save The Dates:

Picture Retakes:

November 16th

Student Lead Conferences:

November 19th PM only

Student Lead Conferences:

November 20th AM Only

Book Fair:

November 19th & 20th

Active Clubs:

JBM Sings:

Weekly Tuesdays @ Noon

Announcements and Information For Families

School Day and School Fees Update:

We want to thank all families for being patient with the changing of our systems. The division is still in the process of getting School Day working for us. Once we have program up and running we will notify families so that you can pay the school fees.

*****DO NOT SEND CASH TO PAY FOR SCHOOL FEES*****

Lunch Program Reminder:

Due to the large number of students in our lunch program we are no longer using microwaves to heat up lunches. Please ensure your child has a lunch that can be eaten cold or comes with a insulated container to keep the food warm.

Halloween Parade October 30th

Students are welcome to bring their costumes to school and join in on our Halloween parade on October 31st! Costumes are to be non-scary, no masks, and no weapons. There are no treats to be shared for the classroom, students can bring a special treat for themselves to eat NOT share.

Morning Drop Off:

Reminder that students are to line up with their class at their designated spots before entering the building. Students that come through the front door prior to 8:55 am are asked to walk around to their class lines.

Classroom teachers bring the students into the school to settle into their learning day between 8:50 - 8:55 am.

October Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1. Day 5	2. Day 6 Gr. 5/6 Team Building field trip
5. Day 1	6. Day 2 NO SCHOOL Non-Instructional Divisional Inservice PAC Meeting @ 6pm	7. Day 3	8. Day 4 Bus Ridership	9. Day 5 Soccer Tournament Gr5(AM) / Gr 6 (PM)
12. NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Day	13. Day 6 Picture Day	14. Day 1	15. Day 2	18. Day 3
19. Day 4 Manitoba Election Classroom Presentations	20. Day 5	21. Day 6 Gr 6 Immunizations	22. Day 1	23. Day 2 NO SCHOOL Non-Instructional MTS PD Day
26. Day 3	27. Day 4 Student Vote	28. Day 5 Municipal Election held at JBM	29. Day 6	30. Day 1 Halloween Parade

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