



École Waterford Springs School

September & October 2026 Newsletter

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Welcome back to school! We are very excited for the 2026-2027 school year, and we hope that you are too! The Winnipeg School Division has a new student information system (software platform) called PowerSchool. The transition to this new system has had many glitches and unfortunately has impacted schools from getting information out to families in a timely matter. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding as we move through the glitches! We will continue to try to get information out to families via School Messenger as promptly as we can.

A lot of communication will happen with parents through email or through *Classroom Dojo* or *Google Classroom* with teachers. Please make sure that the office has your updated contact information, including email address and phone number throughout the year. Your child's teacher is always your first point of contact. If ever you have a question or a concern, please reach out to them at the school or by email.

This next week the teachers and staff at École Waterford Springs School will continue to spend time teaching students about common expectations throughout the building. Our school uses a system for encouraging positive behaviours in the classroom and common areas (gym, library) called PBIS (Positive Behaviour—Interventions and Strategies). Our school expectations are: ***Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible.***

Our school day begins with the 8:50 am morning bell. There is no supervision before 8:30, therefore for safety reasons, students should not arrive before 8:30. Our lunch hour is between 12:00pm and 12:55 pm. If your child(ren) stays at school for lunch, please fill the lunch program form that was emailed to families and send to your child's homeroom teacher as soon as possible. The lunch program is free but for safety reasons, we ask families to fill out the form. During the lunch hour the students are supervised by staff and they take student attendance.

Students are not to bring cell phones to school as students are not permitted to use cell phones during the school day. We want students to be present and actively engaged in their learning and minimize distractions. Please remind your child to leave the cell phone at home. Your child will be able to use a school phone if they need to contact you. We appreciate your support with this.

We also remind parents that pick up and drop off is outside at the **back** of the school. Please do not enter through the front doors and wait in the front foyer. Students will be walked outside at dismissal times by their teachers. For safety reasons we need to avoid the crowds and congestion in the front hallways. Safety is top priority for our school community. We respectfully ask that electric scooters be left at home and not used for student transportation. This for the safety of all 900 students and their parents. Thank you for working collaboratively with us to keep everyone safe!

At École Waterford Spring School we strive to create a sense of community where every student belongs and is supported to meet their educational goals. We look forward to a rewarding and enjoyable year!

Important Information

Parking in the entrance to the school loop is a huge safety concern for all of our students and families. We want to keep everyone safe, so let's all work together and be respectful.

Please avoid parking in the staff parking lot as this is a safety concern for students as well as staff.

Grades 1-8 students will go to the back school field (south side) when they arrive in the morning and school staff will assist in directing students to the field after 8:30am. There will be no supervision before 8:30am.

Students will enter the school from the field at 8:50am when the bell rings.

Nursery and Kindergarten students will use the north doors near their classrooms for arrival and dismissal times. If any students arrive after 9:00AM, please come to the front doors and check in at the office. After lunch students will enter the building from the school field (south side) at 12:55pm when the bell rings.

Safe Arrival Reporting Your Child's Absence

Please use one of the following methods to report your child's absence:

- **Phone:** 1-855-278-4513 - *Call the toll-free, interactive telephone system.*
- **Website:** <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> - *Set up your Parent Portal account then log in.*
- **Mobile App:** School Messenger - *After setting up your Parent Portal account online, download the Apple or Android app from your app store and log in.*

If you report an absence in advance or before the morning bell time at 9:00AM, you will not receive a call. Safe Arrival attempts to contact parents/guardians at multiple contact numbers until the designated contact(s) is/are reached.

[Parent Guide](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Changes to Personal Information

Please let us know by email at >waterfordsprings@wsd1.org< if you have any changes to your child(ren)'s information i.e. phone numbers, address, emergency contacts, etc.

If your child has any allergies that require an Epi-Pen or asthma please let the office know as some forms will need to be filled out and signed.

We are a Peanut and Nut free school. There are students and staff here who have severe allergies. When making lunches for your children please take this into consideration.

Supply Lists

[2026-27 School Supply Lists](#)

Calender of Events

2026-2027 School Year

September		January	
7	Labour Day – School Closed	4	Classes Resume – Day 6
8	Admin Day – No Classes	26-27	Mobile Vision Care Clinic
8	Grades 1-8 Meet the Teacher ~ 3pm-5:30pm	February	
9	First Day for Grades 1-8	5	PD Day – No Classes
9-11	Nursery and Kindergarten Interviews	15	Louis Riel Day – School Closed
14	First Day for N/K Students	16-19	Festival du Voyageur / French Week
16	Picture Day (1A02, 1A04, 1A05, 1W05, 1W06, 1W07, 1W08, 1W10, 1W17, 1W27, 2A02, 2A03, 2A04, 2W02, 2W03, 2W12, 2W15, 2W29)	March	
18	Picture Day (1A03, 1W09, 1W28, 1W29, 1W31, 1W32, 2A05, 2A06, 2W04, 2W05, 2W06, 2W07, 2W09, 2W21, 2W24, 2W25, 2W27, 2W28)	16	Report Cards Sent Home
25	Admin Day – No Classes	18	Student LED Conferences ~ 3:50pm-7:30pm
30	Truth and Reconciliation Day – School Closed	19	No School - Student LED ~ 9:00am-3:00pm
October		26	Good Friday – School Closed
5, 7 & 8	Kindergarten Hearing Screening	Spring Break ~ Mon, Mar 29 – Fri, Apr 2	
6	PD Day – No Classes	April	
7	Bus Ridership	5	Classes Resume – Day 4
12	Thanksgiving - School Closed	16	PD Day – No Classes
15	Grade 6 Immunizations ~ 9:00am-11:45am	19	Bus Ridership
29	Picture Retakes	26	Classroom Photos
November		May	
11	Remembrance Day – School Closed	7	PD Day – No Classes
17	Report Cards Sent Home	24	Victoria Day – School Closed
19	Parent Teacher Interviews ~ 3:50pm-7:30pm	June	
20	No School - PT Interviews ~ 9:00am-3:00pm	3	PAC Year-End Celebration 4:30pm-6:30pm
December		25	Grade 8 Farewell
18	Last Day of Classes	28	Admin Day – No Classes
Winter Break ~ Mon, Dec 21, 2026 – Fri, Jan 1, 2027		30	Last Day of School ~ 11:30am dismissal

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