

JB Mitchell School

September 2026

Newsletter

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From The Eagle's Nest/Le Nid d'aigle

Welcome, Bienvenue,

We are so excited to extend a warm welcome to both our new and returning students and their families. We have missed seeing all of you and our staff have been eagerly anticipating the start of another school year. We're excited to see our students engaging in a new year of learning opportunities, reconnecting with friends on the playground and laughing with their teachers in the hallways! Whether you're joining us from nearby or from a distance, we want you to know that our school community is committed to being a welcoming and inclusive environment for all.

We continue to be grateful for the support of, and connection with, our parents and guardians and encourage you to reach out to your child's teachers if you wish to discuss their progress. Additionally, please feel free to check in with your child's teacher or the office if you have any questions about getting involved within the school community. We appreciate your ongoing support and partnership in your child's educational journey. Another way you can become involved with this is through our school's Parent Advisory Council (PAC). Our PAC will be holding its first meeting and **AGM on Tuesday Oct. 6th, 2026 in the school library**. Please consider attending the first meeting to see how you can become more connected to the school.

At École J.B. Mitchell School, we are focused on providing a high-quality education that fosters lifelong learning. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our new teachers and those who have taken on new roles within the school: Grace Urbanski 1/2 English (Room 133); Franck Yhondem Grade 3/4 French Immersion (Salle 136), Charlie Jacobs Grade 3/4 French Immersion (Salle 132) and Ms. Barton Integrated Arts/Science/Social Studies (Room 129). We would also like to welcome three educational assistants to our school; Stephanie, Avan and Jessica.

A special thank you goes out to our dedicated custodians for their hard work over the summer. Thanks to their efforts, our school looks fantastic! A heartfelt merci to Mr. Shaikh and his team!

Student safety remains a top priority. We ask that you review the Stop Drop Go Zone procedures and parking restrictions outlined in this newsletter. Please use the stop, drop and go zone as a safe way for your child to arrive at school. **Please remember that parking is restricted on John Brebeuf Place from 8:00-9:00 a.m. and 3:00-4:00 p.m. to ensure the safety of our students and to maintain smooth traffic flow in the School Bus Loading Zone, located in front of the school.** Your cooperation in prioritizing student safety over convenience is greatly appreciated.

In the mornings, students should go directly to their designated classroom spots and wait for their teacher to pick them up. At the end of the day, teachers will escort students to their spots and dismiss them from there.

The staff at École J.B. Mitchell are here to assist you. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher, the front office, or your administrators. As your school leaders, we are excited to work with you throughout the year to ensure a safe, caring environment that fosters excellence for all learners.

In closing, we are thrilled to see our students and École J.B. Mitchell families back! We wish everyone a safe and exciting year of learning.

Matt Couture, Principal
Christian Wiste, Acting Vice Principal



Announcements and Information For Families

Student Information Forms:

It is essential for the school to have accurate contact information for each student, including home and cell phone numbers, a parent's business phone number, and an emergency contact (friend or relative). On Friday, September 11, 2026, each student will take home a form to update this information. All URIS Plan Students must RENEW their Forms as well.

Please return the completed forms to the school by Friday, September 18, 2026. Additionally, inform the school of any changes to this information as they occur.

BACK^{TO}SCHOOL STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET



Important Notice About Allergies and Birthdays:

Dear Parents and Caregivers, We wanted to send out a reminder to you regarding celebrations at school, especially birthday celebrations at school. As you know, we have many students who have severe allergies to a variety of foods or ingredients. With this in mind, we respectfully ask that food is not brought into the school; this includes packaged or homemade food to be shared within the class. We know this is a disappointing message to send to families, however the health and well-being of our students must take precedence. We would encourage you to celebrate holidays or events such as birthdays outside of the school in whatever manner you wish. At school, we celebrate birthdays by reading the name of the student over the announcements to the entire student body in the morning and then students can come to the office to get a birthday sticker. Classroom teachers also celebrate birthdays in different ways within the classroom setting. Nevertheless, we are asking for your support to avoid food being brought into the school for any reason. Thank you for your partnership in keeping all students safe, Matt Couture

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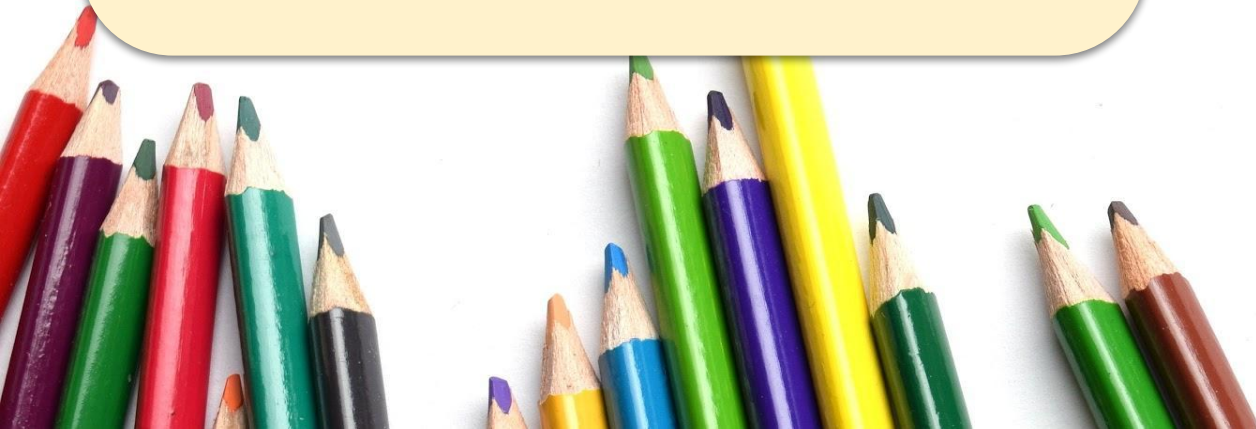
SeeSaw:?

Questions About Your Child's Day At School?

Our teachers are using the Seesaw platform to communicate information about your child's learning and their school day. Seesaw is a safe alternative for everyone handling materials shared between home and school.

With the Seesaw App, you can and comment on your child's posts and message the teacher. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher by phone or email should you need help accessing Seesaw. In the next week, you will be receiving updates about Library Books, Home Reading and Homework expectations.

Thank you for your patience as we work through our school and classroom protocols around the safe handling of materials and books shared between home and school.



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OUR SCHOOL IS ONLINE WITH SCHOOL-DAY!



Our school is now using School-Day, an online portal that helps parents manage school activities, payments, and communications—no paper required.

School-Day can be securely accessed from any web browser and gives parents the ability to:

- View announcements, news, and school information
- View and sign permission forms online
- Register your child for extracurricular events and activities
- Sign up for parent/teacher interviews
- Make online payments

No more sending forms and cash to school in backpacks—together, we can make school activities easier to manage and reduce the environmental impact of printed material.

Visit **SCHOOL-DAY.COM** to get started.



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School Patrols and Adult Crossing Guard School Patrol Information:

We are extremely proud of our dedicated school patrols.

Patrols are on duty:

Morning: 8:40 - 8:50 a.m.

Before Lunch: 11:55 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

After Lunch: 12:40 - 12:55 p.m.

After School: 3:30 - 3:45 p.m.

Please ensure your child crosses with the patrols between these hours and that your child respects their guidance.

School Patrols



Adult Crossing Guard Important Information:

We will continue to have an Adult Crossing Guard on duty at the corner of Grant Avenue and Lanark Street and Corydon Avenue and Lanark Street at the following times:

Morning: 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

After School: 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.

**** ADULT CROSSING GUARDS WILL NO LONGER BE DURING LUNCH ****



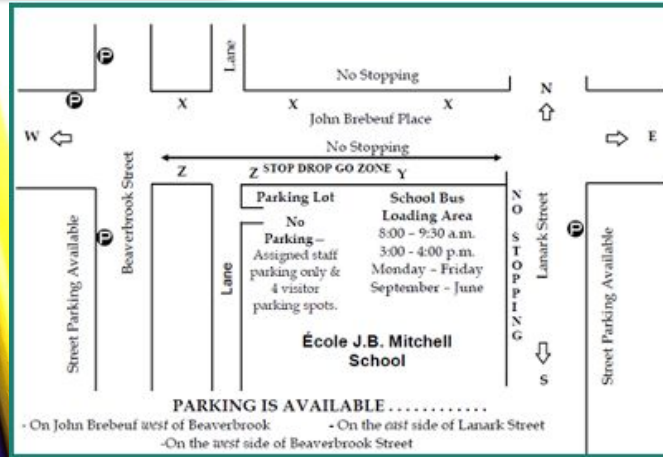
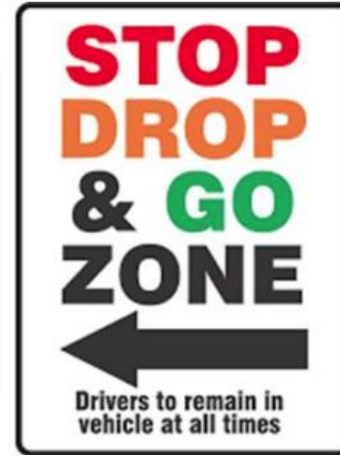
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Stop, Drop, and Go Zone:

The City of Winnipeg has designated our STOP DROP GO as a No Parking zone. The Winnipeg Parking Authority has indicated that the STOP DROP GO Zone can be used for pickup and drop off and vehicles can wait momentarily in the Zone providing the driver remains in the driver's seat.

Students are to go to their dedicated classroom line up spot.

Please be aware that parking and leaving your vehicle in the Stop Drop Go or Bus Loading Zone may result in a Parking ticket issued by the City of Winnipeg.



Lunch Program

School Lunch Program:

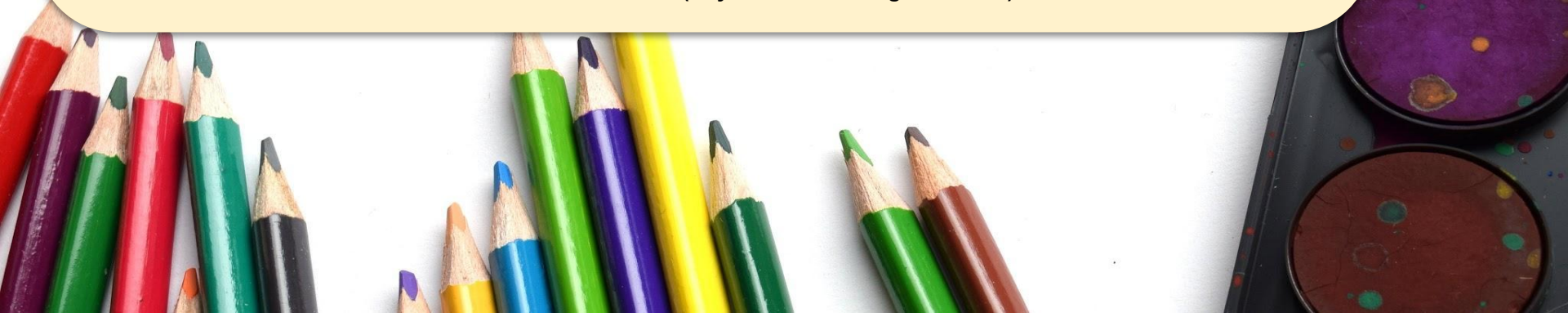
The supervision of students during the lunch hour in all Winnipeg School Division schools is the responsibility of the school lunch program. All students attending the lunch program at J.B. Mitchell must have a registration form completed to attend. These forms are available in our office if you have not completed it yet. There is NO COST for the lunch program, however all students who attend MUST bring their own lunch. Lunch program will be held in the gym with all students who are attending.

We will not have crossing guards at lunch because our staff will be occupied supervising lunch program.

Students that leave with On the Move and Carpathia Children's Centre are under their care during the noon hour; unless you have returned lunch program form stating you are wanting your child to remain at school.

Students who go home at lunch must only return for 12:55 pm.

****THERE WILL BE NO ALTERNATING BETWEEN OPTIONS (Daycare/Lunch Program/Home) THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.****



Student Absence Reporting

SafeArrival / School Messenger:

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



SCHOOLMESSENGER®

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.



1

Speak with your child about the situation to gain their perspective.



2

Contact the classroom teacher. Teachers are directly involved with students and offer the best insight.

3

If concerns are not addressed, reach out to the school principal for support.



4

For ongoing issues, call the Superintendent's Department at 204-775-0231. Indicate the school you are calling about. WSD leadership will respond.

5

If challenges persist, contact the Board and Community Liaison Officer at 204-789-0469. They work with families and the Board of Trustees to reach a solution.

More information: [Restorative Practice Policy](#)

School Closure Dates For 2025-2026

**Non-School Days for the year of 2026-2027
are as follows on these days:**

September 8, 2026
September 25, 2026 (JBM School Choice)
September 30, 2026
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



This Year's Save the Dates

September - December 2026

Bus Ridership:	October 8th
Picture Day:	October 13th
Gr 6 Immunization Day:	October 21st
Picture Retake Day:	November 16th
Parent Teacher Conferences:	November 19th-20th
Hearing Screening:	December 1st-3rd
Winter Concert (Tentative):	December 10th

January - June 2027

Kindergarten Concert:	February 12th
Winter Fun Day:	February 19th
Student Lead Conferences:	March 18th-19th
Hockey Sticks for Harvest:	April 15th
Bus Ridership:	April 22nd
Mobile Vision Clinic	May 11th - 12th
Spring Concert (Tentative)	May 20th
Gr 6 Immunization:	May 26th
Fit Run:	June 1st
Summer Fun Day:	June 25th



September 2026 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7.	8. Day 1 School Opens Non-Instructional day French Kinder Interviews 1pm-3:30 Meet the staff 4pm-6pm	9. Day 2 First day of school Gr 1-6 9am - 3:30 pm Kindergarten Interviews French and English 9am - 3:30 pm	10. Day 3 Kinder STAGGERED Start	11. Day 4 Kinder STAGGERED Start
14. Day 5 Kinder FULL Class start	15. Day 6	16. Day 1	17. Day 2	18. Day 3 Terry Fox Run
21. Day 4	22. Day 5	23. Day 6	24. Day 1 Powwow?	25. Day 2 Non-Instructional Day (School's Choice)
28. Day 3	29. Day 4 Truth & Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day	30. School Closed National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day		