

# GENERAL WOLFE SCHOOL



THE OFFICIAL WOLFPACK NEWSLETTER



## THE SCHOOL YEAR STARTS HERE

Dear General Wolfe School Families,

Welcome to a new school year! We're thrilled to open our doors once again and greet both familiar faces and new families joining us. Our staff is ready to support, inspire, and celebrate every student's journey. Together, let's make this year one of growth, connection, and joy.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Warmly,

Susan Darazzi  
Principal

Zoe Brittain  
Vice Principal



## EXCITING NEWS: MS. BRITTAIN STEPS INTO VICE PRINCIPAL ROLE AT GW

We're thrilled to introduce Ms. Zoe Brittain as our new Vice Principal. With her passion for student success and dedication to building strong school communities, she brings both heart and experience to our leadership team. Ms. Brittain is eager to get to know our students, families, and staff—and to help make this school year one of growth and connection. Please join us in giving her a warm and enthusiastic welcome as she begins this exciting new chapter with us.

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL MADE SIMPLE: SCHOOL SUPPLIES READY TO GO

To help make the return to school smooth and manageable for families, we ask for a \$40 supply fee per student, due the first week of school. This fee allows us to purchase essential classroom materials—such as pencils, notebooks, binders, glue sticks, and more—in bulk, so we can pass meaningful savings directly on to you. **Please send exact cash with your child (payable at the office) or e-transfer to [generalwolfe@wsd1.org](mailto:generalwolfe@wsd1.org).** If payment is a challenge, do not hesitate to contact the school office—we're here to help.

Students should also bring their own backpack, indoor running shoes, phys-ed clothes (e.g., t-shirt, shorts/sweats), and a reusable water bottle. Grades 7 & 8 students are asked to bring a regular calculator, and Grade 9s should bring a scientific one. Thank you for partnering with us to keep the focus where it belongs—on your child's success.



## UNIVERSAL MEAL PROGRAM

General Wolfe School is proud to offer a free, nutritious breakfast and lunch program for all students—no registration required. Meals include vegetarian and Halal options, ensuring every child has access to healthy food that supports their growth, learning, and well-being. All are welcome!

### Program Details:

- Breakfast: Served in Advisory Groups at 9:00 AM
- Lunch: Served from The Nook at 12:00 PM

Please note: This program provides balanced meals only and does not include treats sold during fundraising events.

Students may go home or stay at school for lunch. Those staying:

- Eat indoors for the first half hour
- Go outside or join a club for the second half hour
- Are supervised on school grounds

Grade 7s eat in the Pit; Grades 8-9 in the Learning Commons. Students may bring their own lunch or enjoy our free meal service.

If you have questions, please contact the school office. We're committed to ensuring no child goes hungry.



# STARTING STRONG: WHY DAILY ADVISORY IS ESSENTIAL FOR MIDDLE YEARS SUCCESS

One of the cornerstones of our middle years program is our daily advisory groups from 9:00 to 9:30am. These small, consistent gatherings provide students with a safe and supportive space to start each day with intention. Whether it's checking in emotionally, setting goals, or simply sharing a laugh, advisory helps students feel seen and valued. It's a time to pause, reflect, and prepare for the day ahead—not just academically, but personally.

Advisory also plays a vital role in supporting students' social-emotional development. Through guided conversations, team-building activities, and restorative practices, students learn to navigate relationships, build empathy, and develop resilience. These skills are essential not only for success in school, but for life beyond the classroom. Our advisors serve as trusted adults who help students grow in confidence and character, offering mentorship and encouragement every step of the way.

Perhaps most importantly, advisory fosters a sense of belonging. In a time of life marked by change and discovery, having a consistent group of peers and a caring adult creates stability and connection. Advisory groups become mini-communities where students can celebrate achievements, work through challenges, and build lasting relationships. We believe that when students feel connected, they thrive—and advisory is one of the most powerful ways we build that foundation.

Because advisory is such an essential part of our school day, we take attendance just as we do for any other class. We ask that students arrive on time and participate fully, as consistent attendance helps build trust, routine, and meaningful relationships. Families, your support in reinforcing the importance of advisory is greatly appreciated—it truly sets the tone for a successful day and year.

## COMMUNITY CONVERSATION & COFFEE



At our school, we believe that strong relationships between families, staff, and the wider community are the foundation of a thriving learning environment. That's why we're excited to continue our monthly Conversation and Coffee gatherings—formerly known as the Parent Advisory Council.

These informal meetings are a wonderful opportunity to connect, share ideas, and build understanding across our diverse school community. Whether you're a long-time parent or new to our school, we invite you to join us for meaningful conversation, a warm meal, and the chance to meet our Community and Intercultural Support Team. Our first meeting of the year is on Thursday, September 25 at 5:00PM. Contact Htoo Paw at [htoo@wsd1.org](mailto:htoo@wsd1.org) to register.



# MEET THE STAFF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH 5:00-6:30PM

Come hang out, grab some cookies and juice, and meet the awesome staff who make our middle years program shine!

- 🎫 Enter the raffle for cool prizes
- 👋 Connect with teachers and support staff
- 🎈 Chill, chat, and kick off the year together

## SCHOOL TRAFFIC & STUDENT SAFETY

### Drop-Off and Pick-Up Guidelines

Please adhere to all traffic rules within school zones. Student safety is our highest priority and we ask that **all drop-offs and pick-ups be done at the side of the school on Burnell Street, adjacent to the field.** There has been an increase in traffic violations and we ask that we all do our part to ensure the safety of all community members. See below for safety procedures:

#### Double Parking is Not Permitted

- This has been identified as the most dangerous practice around the school. It limits visibility, traffic flow, and boxes-in drivers and school buses. Double parking is illegal at all times and subject to enforcement action.

#### Parking in Staff Parking Lot

- The staff parking lot is for staff only, and not to be used as a pick-up or drop-off zone for students.



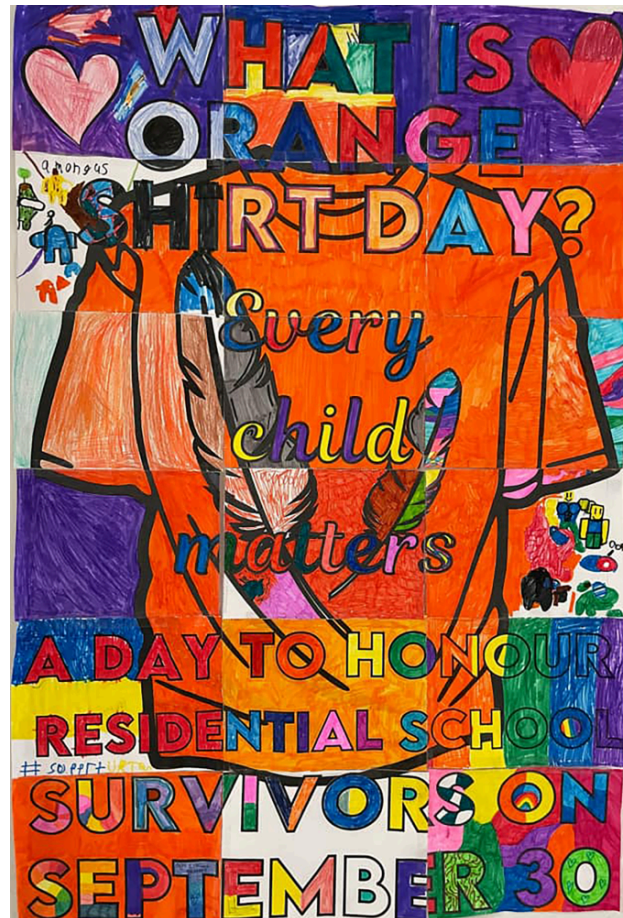


# HONOURING NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

As we prepare to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, our school community remains committed to learning about the history and legacy of residential schools and honoring the voices of Indigenous children, families, and communities.

Please note that our school will be closed on Monday, September 29 for staff professional development, and also closed on Tuesday, September 30, the official day of Truth and Reconciliation. **To ensure we mark this important occasion together, we will be observing Orange Shirt Day on Wednesday, October 1.**

On this day, students and staff are encouraged to wear orange as a symbol of remembrance and solidarity. Throughout the week, classrooms will engage in meaningful learning experiences that center Indigenous perspectives, promote understanding, and foster respectful dialogue. We invite families to continue these conversations at home and join us in reflecting on how we can all contribute to reconciliation in our communities.



# 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](#)



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

# September 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1	2 School Opens Non-Instructional  <b>Day 1</b>	3 First Day of School  <b>Day 2</b>	4  <b>Day 3</b>	5  <b>Day 4</b>	6
7	8  <b>Day 5</b>	9  <b>Day 6</b>	10  <b>Day 1</b>	11  <b>Day 2</b>	12  <b>Day 3</b>	13
14	15  <b>Day 4</b>	16  <b>Day 5</b>	17 Meet the Staff 5:00-6:30 PM  <b>Day 6</b>	18  <b>Day 1</b>	19  <b>Day 2</b>	20
21	22  <b>Day 3</b>	23  <b>Day 4</b>	24  <b>Day 5</b>	25 CCC 5:00-6:30PM  <b>Day 6</b>	26  <b>Day 1</b>	27
28	29 PD Day School Closed  <b>Day 2</b>	30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation- Statutory Holiday	1	2	3	4





Day 1

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# October

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	1 Orange Shirt Day Picture Day <b>Day 3</b>	2 <b>Day 4</b>	3 <b>Day 5</b>	4
5	6 <b>Day 6</b>	7 <b>Day 1</b>	8 Non Instructional Day Divisional Inservice <b>Day 2</b>	9 <b>Day 3</b>	10 <b>Day 4</b>	11
12	13 Thanksgiving	14 <b>Day 5</b>	15 <b>Day 6</b>	16 <b>Day 1</b>	17 <b>Day 2</b>	18
19	20 <b>Day 3</b>	21 <b>Day 4</b>	22 <b>Day 5</b>	23 CCC 5:00-6:30PM <b>Day 6</b>	24 Non Instructional Day MTS PD Day <b>Day 1</b>	25
26	27 <b>Day 2</b>	28 <b>Day 3</b>	29 <b>Day 4</b>	30 <b>Day 5</b>	31  <b>Day 6</b>	1



# WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION



## 2025/26 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labour Day	2 / Day 1 School Opens Non-Instructional	3 / Day 2 First day of classes	4 / Day 3	5 / Day 4	6
7	8 / Day 5	9 / Day 6	10 / Day 1	11 / Day 2	12 / Day 3	13
14	15 / Day 4	16 / Day 5	17 / Day 6	18 / Day 1	19 / Day 2	20
21	22 / Day 3	23 / Day 4	24 / Day 5	25 / Day 6	26 / Day 1	27
28	29 / Day 2	30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation				

OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 / Day 3	2 / Day 4	3 / Day 5	4
5	6 / Day 6	7 / Day 1	8 / Day 2 Non-Instructional Divisional In-service	9 / Day 3	10 / Day 4	11
12	13 Thanksgiving	14 / Day 5	15 / Day 6	16 / Day 1	17 / Day 2	18
19	20 / Day 3	21 / Day 4	22 / Day 5	23 / Day 6	24 / Day 1 Non-Instructional MTSPD Day	25
26	27 / Day 2	28 / Day 3	29 / Day 4	30 / Day 5	31 / Day 6	

NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 / Day 1	4 / Day 2	5 / Day 3	6 / Day 4	7 / Day 5	8
9	10 / Day 6	11 Remembrance Day	12 / Day 1	13 / Day 2	14 / Day 3	15
16	17 / Day 4	18 / Day 5	19 / Day 6	20 / Day 1	21 / Day 2 Non-Instructional	22
23	24 / Day 3	25 / Day 4	26 / Day 5	27 / Day 6	28 / Day 1	29
30						

DECEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 / Day 2	2 / Day 3	3 / Day 4	4 / Day 5	5 / Day 6	6
7	8 / Day 1	9 / Day 2	10 / Day 3	11 / Day 4	12 / Day 5	13
14	15 / Day 6	16 / Day 1	17 / Day 2	18 / Day 3	19 / Day 4	20
21	22 Winter Break Starts	23	24	25 Christmas	26 Boxing Day	27
28	29	30	31			

JANUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day	2 Winter Break Ends	3
4	5 / Day 5 School Reopens	6 / Day 6	7 / Day 1	8 / Day 2	9 / Day 3	10
11	12 / Day 4	13 / Day 5	14 / Day 6	15 / Day 1	16 / Day 2	17
18	19 / Day 3	20 / Day 4	21 / Day 5	22 / Day 6	23 / Day 1	24
25	26 / Day 2	27 / Day 3	28 / Day 4	29 / Day 5	30 / Day 6	31

# WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION



## 2025/26 SCHOOL CALENDAR

MARCH 2026 FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 / Day 1 Non-Instructional	3 / Day 2	4 / Day 3	5 / Day 4	6 / Day 5	7
8	9 / Day 6	10 / Day 1	11 / Day 2	12 / Day 3	13 / Day 4	14
15	16 Louis Riel Day	17 / Day 5	18 / Day 6	19 / Day 1	20 / Day 2	21
22	23 / Day 3	24 / Day 4	25 / Day 5	26 / Day 6	27 / Day 1	28

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 / Day 2	3 / Day 3	4 / Day 4	5 / Day 5	6 / Day 6	7
8	9 / Day 1	10 / Day 2	11 / Day 3	12 / Day 4	13 / Day 5	14
15	16 / Day 6	17 / Day 1	18 / Day 2	19 / Day 3	20 / Day 4 Non-Instructional	21
22	23 / Day 5	24 / Day 6	25 / Day 1	26 / Day 2	27 / Day 3	28
29	30 Spring Break Starts	31				

APRIL 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Good Friday Spring Break Ends	4
5	6 / Day 4 School Reopens	7 / Day 5	8 / Day 6	9 / Day 1	10 / Day 2 Non-Instructional	11
12	13 / Day 3	14 / Day 4	15 / Day 5	16 / Day 6	17 / Day 1	18
19	20 / Day 2	21 / Day 3	22 / Day 4	23 / Day 5	24 / Day 6	25
26	27 / Day 1	28 / Day 2	29 / Day 3	30 / Day 4		

MAY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 / Day 5	2
3	4 / Day 6	5 / Day 1	6 / Day 2	7 / Day 3	8 / Day 4 Non-Instructional	9
10	11 / Day 5	12 / Day 6	13 / Day 1	14 / Day 2	15 / Day 3	16
17	18 Victoria Day	19 / Day 4	20 / Day 5	21 / Day 6	22 / Day 1	23
24	25 / Day 2	26 / Day 3	27 / Day 4	28 / Day 5	29 / Day 6	30
31						

JUNE 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 / Day 1	2 / Day 2	3 / Day 3	4 / Day 4	5 / Day 5	6
7	8 / Day 6	9 / Day 1	10 / Day 2	11 / Day 3	12 / Day 4	13
14	15 / Day 5	16 / Day 6	17 / Day 1	18 / Day 2	19 / Day 3	20
21	22 / Day 4	23 / Day 5	24 / Day 6	25 / Day 1	26 / Day 2	27
28	29 / Day 3	30 / Day 4 Last Day of School				