



August 25, 2025

Dear Parent/Guardians:

Welcome Grade 9 students and families to École secondaire Kelvin High School! We are excited to begin the 2025–26 school year and look forward to working with you and your child. Please review this letter carefully, as it includes important details about the first day of school and other key information. If your child will not be attending Kelvin next year, kindly contact the school, as we have waiting lists at all grade levels.

QUICK REMINDERS	
September 3	School Starts – Grade 9’s Begin at 9:00 AM Grade 10 – 12 Report to their D and E Slot Classes at 1:20 PM
September 10	Late Start – School begins at 10:00 AM
September 11	Meet the Teacher at 7:00 PM
September 16	School Photo Day
September 24	Late Start – School begins at 10:00 AM
September 30	Truth and Reconciliation Day (No School)

GRADE 9 TIMETABLE:

You will receive a school messenger email today with a link and instructions on how to access the timetable for viewing and printing. To help read your child’s timetable, here is a sample list of course codes and their course names. This information is also in the legend at the bottom of the timetable.

EXAMPLE ENGLISH COURSES			
ENGR1F:	English Language Arts	MATR1F:	Mathematics
PHER1F:	Physical Education	SCIR1F:	Science
SOSR1F:	Social Studies		

EXAMPLE FRENCH IMMERSION COURSES			
ENGF1F:	English Language Arts	PHER1F:	Physical Education
FILF1F:	français	SCHF1F:	sciences humaines
MATF1F:	mathématiques	SCIF1F:	sciences naturelles

Every effort has been made to assign students to their chosen option courses, however, due to timetable conflicts or limited space, some may be placed in alternate options. Given the large Grade 9 enrollment, course change requests cannot be accommodated.

KELVIN GUIDANCE COUNSELLORS:

All students have been assigned a guidance counsellor, with their name listed at the top of student timetables. Counsellors can help with academics, personal support, and referrals to outside resources. Parents/guardians are welcome to contact. Appointments can be booked through our Guidance Clerk at 204-474-1156.

HOMEROOM/ADVISORS:

Each Grade 9 student is assigned a Homeroom Teacher/Advisor, which is their A slot teacher. Advisors share written information for parents/guardians, and all School Messenger communications are also posted on our website under the [COMMUNITY AND FAMILY](#) tab.

All Grade 9 students will report to the gym at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday September 3rd, 2025 - School Day 2. Only Grade 9 students will have school the morning of the first day. Throughout the morning, they will be involved in various orientation activities with our Grade 12 Mentorship group. Staff and mentors will be available to help guide students.

- SEPTEMBER 3RD SCHOOL STARTS – GRADE 9’S REPORT TO THE GYM AT 9:00 A.M.

GRADE 9 SUPPLY LIST

The following is a sample list of supplies that students typically require for their classes. If additional/specific supplies are required, students will be notified in advance by their teacher.

BASIC SUPPLIES		
Loose leaf paper	Felt markers, highlighters	Thesaurus
Pencils, erasers	3 ring binders (2)	Dividers (2 packages of 4)
Blue & red pens	Glue stick	Geometry set
English dictionary	Graph paper	Scientific calculator (Casio, Sharp or Texas Instruments)
FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN FRENCH AND FRENCH IMMERSION		
Students are asked to supply the above, PLUS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">a French/English dictionary (Larousse or Robert/Collins)Verb conjugation dictionary (Larousse or Bescherelle).		
REQUIRED PHYSICAL EDUCATION ITEMS		
T-Shirt	Shorts or Sweatpants	Running Shoes (Non-Skid Sole)
Notebook for Health	Lock for Gym Locker	

LOCKERS IN THE GYM

Lockers are available for student to use during their Physical Education classes. **Please be advised that a lock is NOT provided, students MUST bring one from home.** Students are asked to not bring, or leave, ANY valuables in the change room, lockers are emptied nightly.

MEET THE TEACHER

Parents/guardians will have an opportunity to meet their child's teacher(s) during this evening. This is an opportunity for you to hear the teacher's philosophy of education, review course outlines and expectations. More information will be shared closer to the date.

- **MEET THE TEACHER – THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH – 7:00 PM IN PERSON**

STUDENT PHOTOS

Every student is expected to have their photo taken, but there is no obligation to purchase a package. The photos are required for student cards which must be used for the automated library system, Internet ID usage, the yearbook, student records and Winnipeg Transit ID. Payment is made directly to Lifetouch, either online or to the photographer

- **SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS SEPTEMBER 16TH**
- **RETAKES TAKING PLACE OCTOBER 28TH – 9:00 AM ONLY**

GRADE 9 WALK-A-THON AND WELCOME BARBEQUE

All grade 9 students will have an opportunity to participate in a welcome barbeque. In addition, Grade 9 students and Mentors will be raising money for CancerCare Manitoba leading up to this event. More information will be shared closer to the date.

- **WALK-A-THON & BBQ – FRIDAY OCTOBER 3RD**

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Each family will receive information online for student insurance and parents are strongly advised to consider this carefully, **particularly if your child is involved in sports of any kind.** The Winnipeg School Division is participating in a universal student accident insurance program which provides coverage for all students while en-route to school, at school, and while traveling to and attending any school activity.

ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE REPORTING (VIA WSD ABSENCE REPORTING SYSTEM—SAFE ARRIVAL)

Our attendance policy will be reviewed with all students on the first day of school. It is an expectation that students are punctual and attend all classes. All student absences must be supported by contacting our [SAFE ARRIVAL](#) system (information about *Safe Arrival* may be found on the school website and is included in this email package). Parents/guardians will be kept informed of attendance patterns through report cards, phone calls or emails from teachers.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Information about Kelvin can be found in the [DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS](#) posted online and on the screens within the school. Other essential information can be found on the Kelvin [WEBSITE](#). It is recommended to bookmark these pages for easy access.

CELL PHONES/OTHER ELECTRONICS

As a school community, we are aware of the importance of electronic communication for our students. It is our responsibility both as a school and community to ensure students are accessing those devices at appropriate times/places. Our goal is to allow students to develop skills in using technology in a responsible manner. **Students cannot have cell phones in any learning/classroom space.**

Cell phones/other electronic devices will not be used during learning time in class unless otherwise directed by the classroom teacher. Please speak with your child about our cell phone policy. Should parents/guardians need to contact their child during class time, we kindly ask that they contact the school office at 204-474-1492.

VALUABLES

The school cannot take responsibility for reimbursing the cost of lost or damaged articles.

It is strongly recommended that any items of value be left at home.

BIKE COMPOUND

Students who travel to school may utilize the bike compound to secure their bike during the school day. The compound is located next to the back parking lot and is secured with a coded door. Students will be provided with this code on the first day of school. Students should bring a U-lock to secure their bike within the compound. Bikes should not be left overnight in the compound. The school is not liable for lost or stolen bikes.

YEARBOOK FEE

Pre-orders for the 2025–2026 yearbook are \$40 and can be purchased in advance through the Kelvin website or at the main office (exact cash or cheque payable to 'Kelvin High School'). Yearbook sales increase to \$45 after December 31st, 2025.

Sales close April 1, 2026, and yearbooks will be ready for pick up at Kelvin High School in the fall of 2026.

- **DECEMBER 31, 2025 – ONLINE ORDERS DUE**
- **APRIL 1, 2026 – ALL ORDERS DUE**

High school is an exciting time, and we encourage all Grade 9 students to get involved by exploring new opportunities and participating in clubs, activities, and events throughout the year.