



ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE **KELVIN** HIGH SCHOOL  
OVER 100 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome Grade 9 students and families to École secondaire Kelvin High School! It is with great pleasure and excitement that we begin the next school year 2023-24 and look forward to working with you and your child. Please read this letter carefully as it has information about the opening day of school in addition to other pertinent information. If your child does not plan to attend Kelvin in the coming year, please call the school as we have waiting lists for all grade levels.

**Student Timetables:**

Your child's timetable will be sent out on **Monday, August 28th at 4PM.** You will receive a school messenger with a link and instructions on how to access the timetable for viewing and printing. Additional information regarding timetable changes and/or questions related to student timetables will also be provided.

**Kelvin Guidance Counsellors:**

Your child has already been assigned a guidance counsellor. The name of the counsellor is indicated on the top of their timetable. Their counsellor is available to assist with academic issues, give support with personal challenges, and refer to outside resources when necessary. We welcome parent/guardian inquiries. To book an appointment, please contact our secretary directly at 204-474-1156 or by email at [clongstreet@wsd1.org](mailto:clongstreet@wsd1.org).

**Homeroom/Advisors:**

Each Grade 9 Kelvin student is assigned a Homeroom Teacher/Advisor. For every Grade 9 student this is their A slot teacher. The advisory system is designed to distribute any written information to be shared with parents/guardians. Every School Messenger communication is 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 6th, 2023**, which is 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.*

**Grade 9 Timetable**

To help "decode" your child's timetable, the following is a sample list of course codes, and the name of the course they represent. You can also find this information in the legend at the bottom of your child's timetable.

**English Courses:**

**ENGR1F:** English Language Arts  
**PHER1F:** Physical Education  
**SOSR1F:** Social Studies

**MATR1F:** Mathematics  
**SCIR1F:** Science

**French Immersion Courses:**

**ENGF1F:** English Language Arts  
**FILF1F:** français  
**MATF1F:** mathématiques

**PHER1F:** Physical Education  
**SCHF1F:** sciences humaines  
**SCIF1F:** sciences naturelles

***Every effort has been made to give your child the option courses that they have chosen. In some cases, due to timetable conflicts or space, students have been slotted in options that were not chosen. Given the volume of students in Grade 9, course change requests cannot be made.***

**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:**

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| - loose leaf paper  | - pencils, erasers           | - blue & red pens    |
| - felt markers, highlighters                                | - English dictionary         | - 3 ring binders (2) |
| - thesaurus   | - dividers (2 packages of 4) | - geometry set       |
| - USB (flash drive)   | - graph paper                | - glue stick         |
| - scientific calculator (Casio, Sharp or Texas Instruments) |                              |                      |

**For students enrolled in French and French Immersion**

Students are asked to bring a French/English dictionary (Larousse or Robert/Collins), verb book and verb conjugation dictionary (Larousse or Bescherelle).



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## **Required Physical Education Items**

Students should ensure they have the following in order to participate in their physical education/health courses: shorts/sweat pants, t-shirt, running shoes (non-skid sole), notebook for Health.

## **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. These lockers are emptied nightly.

## **Grade 9 Walk-a-thon and Welcome Barbeque**

All grade 9 students will have an opportunity to participate in a welcome barbeque on **Friday, October 6th**. 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.

## **Meet the Teacher (Thursday, Sept. 14h @ 7:00 pm)**

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.

## **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. **Photos will be taken on Tuesday, September 19th**. Retake date is Thursday, November 2nd—AM only. Payment is made directly to Lifetouch, either online or to the photographer.

## **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 on our website. Other essential communication can be found on the website. Kelvin website - [www.winnipegssd.ca/schools/kelvin](http://www.winnipegssd.ca/schools/kelvin).

## **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.

Cell phones/other electronic devices should not be used during learning time in class unless otherwise directed by the classroom teacher. Our goal is to allow students to develop skills in using technology in a responsible manner. Should parents/guardians need to contact their child during class time, we kindly ask that they contact the school office (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 by bike, are permitted to use the bike compound located in the back parking lot to secure their bike during the school day. The compound is secured with a coded door. Students will be provided with this code on the first day of school. Students are strongly encouraged to use a theft prevention lock (such as a U-lock) to secure their bike to the provided racks inside the compound. The school cannot take responsibility for bikes that may be stolen. Bikes should not be left overnight in the compound.

## **Yearbook Fee**

The student fee for the yearbook is \$40. If you wish to order one, please have your child bring in a **cheque payable to "Kelvin High School"** to the main office. Yearbooks are ordered in the fall and must be purchased in advance.