



Chief Peguis Middle School

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Welcome to Chief Peguis Middle School!

We are excited that you are joining the Chief Peguis family for the 25-26 school year!

Chief Peguis Middle School is located on the original lands of the Anishinaabeg, Ininiwak, Anishininiwak, Dakota, and Dene Peoples and the homeland of the Red River Métis.

Below is the updated information for start-up, the supply list, and school fee explanation for all grade levels. You will notice some changes in practice.

Verification forms will now be accessible on PowerSchool. Changes to your verification information should be made directly online through the parent portal on PowerSchool. If you need to make updates to your verification forms on paper, please let us know so we can accommodate you. Attendance is done every morning and afternoon. Families will receive a check-in call regarding attendance when your child is missing or absent and you haven't called or emailed to let us know.

Student fees and Supply List

Changes this year

Chief Peguis will be reducing the list of supplies parents buy and adjusting the school fee as we will purchase consumable student supplies for the year. This will be a greater convenience for families, help mitigate the need for you to drive around and look for the best price for supplies and let us leverage cost savings with bulk buying.

Supply list:

All student items should be labeled with the student's name. Please label outerwear.

- Backpack large enough to carry supplies
- Water bottle – preferably plastic and labelled
- 3 ring zippered binder
- Pencil sharpener
- 2 tissue boxes

Phys Education:

- Athletic wear. Students change for gym for safe play and good hygiene
- Running shoes

School Fee: 70.00

Expressive arts consumables	\$25.00
Classroom consumables/materials	\$45.00
TOTAL:	\$70.00

Your fees will be used by the school to purchase all other supplies. We will replace them as needed throughout the year. Band students also have an instrument rental fee that is separate from the student fee. New and returning band families should already be aware of any fee for their instrument.

Something New!

On Tuesday, September 2nd, between 4:00pm and 6:30pm, Chief Peguis will host:

“The Night Before School”

Families of students in all grade levels, 6, 7 and 8, should come to school with the supplies you have purchased. We will have people to greet you and help you find your child’s class. Tables will be set up for you to pay your school fees. We know that there is an adjustment to school fees this year of \$30.00. If you have prepaid, please make an additional \$30.00 adjustment. If you have further questions about school fees, please call the school office and ask to speak to either Carolyn Nazeravich, Principal or Carrie Gillis, Vice Principal.

Schedule for The Night Before School

4:00 pm to 6:30pm

Teachers will be in their classrooms ready to greet you. This is not a formal open house and there will be no program. Specialist teachers will be assisting with fee payment, PowerSchool, directing families to locations and Chief Peguis Clothing. As a result, specialist areas are not open to visit.

Once you and your student arrive, there will be a chart showing grade level hallways, teachers and classrooms. There will also be support for you to pay school fees, receive help with PowerSchool if you need it and direct you to homerooms. Specialist Teachers will be assisting with fee payment. Help with lockers and locks the next morning with the help of additional staff.

Chief Peguis Clothing:

There will be samples available to try on for size and the online store will be open for your convenience. Wednesdays are “Wolf Pride Wednesdays” and we encourage students and staff to wear their Chief Peguis clothing or colours!

Once that is accomplished, you can head home for a good night’s rest before the first day of school!

Verification forms are now on the Parent Portal! Please make sure you update yours as soon as possible.

Student Accident Insurance: Information about alternative school insurance will be found on our webpage and emailed to all families should you choose to access it.

Cell phones:

A reminder that cell phones are not welcome at any middle school in our province. Should your child need to call home, they are welcome to come into the office and we will help them! The divisional policy regarding cell phones can be found by clicking the link below.

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Our bell schedule:

There has been one change to our bell schedule. This affects lunch only and brings us in line with all other schools in the division.

Doors open:

8:30 am: When there is inclement weather, students will be allowed to enter and will report immediately to their homeroom classes. We follow the weather safety guidelines put out by the RETSD.

11:18 am to 12:13 pm: Lunch

3:02 pm: Final bell for the day and all students are dismissed. Families are expected to have a plan as to how their students will go home. Walk, ride or pick up. If it is pick up, then please use the River East Arena parking lot as much as possible.

Drop off and pick up:

We have many families who drop off and pick up their students. Please note that we use River East Arena as our drop off and turn around space. This has proven to keep cars flowing and allow us to help kids cross safely from the park area onto our property with the support of a crossing guard.

There are cars that go to the rear of the school to access the City of Winnipeg Gym facility and track underneath our school. They have designated parking spots. All other spots are paid for by staff. There are students who use the roadway and parking lot to get to River East Collegiate. There are students coming from school buses who also cross our rear parking lot to access the grade 7 and 8 entry doors. Please help us keep all our students safe by staying out of the rear parking area and using the River East Arena area. The driveway to the front of the school is blocked by cones. This is to keep out all cars except for visiting support staff or for parents of students who have specific drop-off and pick up plans that require the assistance of adults. If your child is able, you might also consider dropping your student off a block away and allowing them to walk to meet their friends.

Thank you for helping us keep traffic flow moving and minimizing the number of cars on the property at peak times

Biking to school:

If your child chooses to ride their bikes to school, we have a bike cage at the front of the building. This is opened and closed in the morning, at lunch and then at the end of the day. While we would love to accommodate all bikes, there may be some overflow. There is another bike rack at the very front of the

school, in front of our conference room windows. We are doing our best to keep your property safe. A reminder that all bikes and scooters are brought at your own risk.

Lunch Time:

Students who bring lunch are invited to stay for lunch. Students will eat in their homerooms. Students are in their home room for a 25-minute eating block and then dismiss to outside, intramurals or clubs that may be offered. During inclement weather, there are indoor activities and classrooms also have games to play.

Grade 6 students remain on the property unless they go home for lunch.

Grade 7 and 8 students may leave the property.

The safest place for your student is always on the property and choosing to be involved in sports, clubs, playing outside in the field area, walking the school property or enjoying the tables around the school. Teachers are on duty inside during the lunch hour to support classroom behaviour and outside once they are dismissed. Students can find them by looking for the adult in the orange vest.

First Day of Classes Wednesday, September 3rd

Grade 6:

8:25 am – Please be at the front of the school by this time. Your teacher will meet you at the front of the school. You will remember them from the night before; they will also have signs with your class/section number and be waiting to greet you! Please line up with them and they will walk you in when the bell rings at 8:30

Grades 7 and 8:

10:00 am – There is a later start time for **Grade 7 and 8 students**. During the first hour and a half, grade 7 and 8 teachers will be with grade 6 teachers supporting our newest students with lockers and learning lock combinations! Teamwork makes the dream work! Please note, the staggered start is on the first day only.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you this September!
Have a safe and restful break,

Mrs. Nazeravich
Ms. Gillis