

WELCOME TO THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR AT RIVER EAST COLLEGIATE

August 27, 2026

INFORMATION FOR REC KODIAK STUDENTS AND PARENTS

In this package you will find important information about start-up, schedules, important dates and times, the REC Kodiak Attributes to which we aspire, and RETSD's Code of Conduct. Please take time to read the information in this package to ensure a great start to the 2026-27 school year.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to all new and returning River East Collegiate students after what we hope was a relaxing and restful summer break. As the school year begins, we hope you will be an active learner and partner in all aspects of your school experience. A committed and balanced approach to your studies, and to the co-curricular and extra-curricular activities available, will enhance your high school experience. The friendships, experiences and memories will last a lifetime.

FIRST DAY BACK: WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

We will begin with a staggered start and a shortened first day schedule, see the table below. This schedule is designed to give students a supportive and structured re-entry, allowing them to meet their teachers, become familiar with their schedules, and prepare for a strong beginning to the semester.

****Note**** Please make arrangements for your student outside of their scheduled school activities.

Wednesday, September 9 – Staggered Start / Shortened First Day Schedule

GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
ARRIVE: 8:15am	ARRIVE: 12:30pm	ARRIVE: 12:30pm	ARRIVE: 12:30pm
8:23am – 11:00am Students go to DEN – Welcome Activities	12:30pm – 12:45pm DEN Welcome and BBQ Ticket Distribution	12:30pm – 12:45pm DEN Welcome and BBQ Ticket Distribution	12:30pm – 12:45pm DEN Welcome and BBQ Ticket Distribution
11:00am – 11:45am Grade 9 Students meet in GYM for assembly	12:45pm – 1:15pm BBQ LUNCH	12:45pm – 1:15pm BBQ LUNCH	12:45pm – 1:15pm BBQ LUNCH
11:45am – 12:30pm Grade 9 BBQ LUNCH	1:15pm – 3:00pm Students go to DEN – Welcome Activities	1:15pm – 3:00pm Students go to DEN – Welcome Activities	1:15pm – 3:00pm Students go to DEN – Welcome Activities
DEPART: 12:30pm	DEPART: 3:00pm	DEPART: 3:00pm	DEPART: 3:00pm

TIMETABLES

Student timetables are available on the parent portal. It shows the name of your DEN (TA) Advisor, the courses for which you registered, the names of your teachers, and the time slots for each course. Students might not receive all the courses they initially selected due to enrollment numbers.

NOTE: When reading the timetable sent to you and/or found in the Parent Portal, the first 2 columns (Day 1, Day 2) are Semester 1 classes. The last 2 columns (Rotation 2 Day 1, Rotation 2 Day 2) are Semester 2 classes. Students will be receiving a hard copy of their PowerSchool timetable in Den on the first day of classes.

Students who are not scheduled for a class may leave the grounds; however, students are encouraged to make use of school facilities (cafeteria, library) during their lunch period and any unscheduled time in their timetable.

TIMETABLE CHANGES: School Counsellors will be available to make timetable changes prior to the start of the school year. This is **ONLY** for students who meet the following criteria:

- (1) insufficient number of credits for graduation (for graduating students only)
- (2) students short on credits due to course failure
- (3) course needed due to post-secondary requirements
- (4) selected course does not appear on schedule
- (5) unbalanced timetable

Contact the office by September 1 if a timetable change is required based on the above criteria.

Counsellors will be in contact with students regarding change requests that were made to the office.

Due to the complexities of enrollment numbers, not all requests can be accommodated. Timetables will **NOT** be changed to accommodate spares, time/teacher/peer preferences.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

1. Students are expected to be on time and to attend DEN meetings and all classes for which they are registered.
2. Students engaged in a sanctioned school-sponsored activity will be marked "**excused absence**".
3. Medical, dental, or other appointments should be scheduled outside the student's class whenever possible. Vacations should be confined to school holidays.

18-Year-Old Students: Students reaching the age of majority during the school year **MUST** provide written consent to the office to allow us to continue to contact parents. Forms will be sent home the first week of the month of their birthday.

STUDENT FEES

2026-2027 school fees for all students is **\$50.00**. If paying by cash/cheque, please bring payment on the first day of class (September 9). Fees will be collected by the DEN advisors. Please make cheques payable to *River East Collegiate*. For those wishing to pay fees **online**, a separate email with instructions for making online payments (called School Cash) will be sent shortly. Fees must be paid in order to remain a Student in Good Standing.

Graduating Grade 12 and Senior 5 students will be required to pay a **\$40.00 Grad fee**. This fee will also be collected by Den Advisors on the first day of class.

An Art Fee of **\$30.00** is required for all Visual Arts students. A fee is also required for Outdoor Ed Students.

TRIAD SYSTEM

Each student is assigned to a team or support TRIAD. The TRIAD is composed of an administrator, resource teacher and counsellor. TRIAD communication happens within our school to build a support network for students when our teachers have a concern about academics, attendance, or social emotional issues.

Grade Level	Administrator	Resource Teacher	School Counsellor
9	Kristjan Hunter (VP)	Sean Lindsay	Tyler Bargaen
10	Shauna Santos (VP)	Patricia Barker	Sam Andrade
11	Nadia Binda-Moir (VP)	Lori Hunter	Stacey Occhino
12	Brian Locken (Principal)	Helen Dawert	Catherine Draper
Senior 5	Brian Locken	Sandra Resendes	Melissa Wakeling

DEN (TA) ADVISORS

Every student is assigned a DEN Advisor. The DEN Advisor will monitor the academic progress and graduation tracking of the students. The DEN Advisor will also be there to provide assistance, advice, and support. Students meet with their DEN on a regular basis. **Attendance is mandatory at all Den meetings.**

BASIC SUPPLIES REQUIRED: binders, loose-leaf paper, pens, and pencils. Information concerning other supplies needed will be shared on the first day of classes by the subject teachers. Students registered in Intro to Applied and Pre-calculus Mathematics 20S are encouraged to have a TI-84 Graphing Calculator; all other math students should have a scientific calculator. Pre-calculus 30S/40S students should also have their own graph paper.

COMPUTER AND MEDIA RELEASE POLICIES

RETSD has two policies regarding instructional technology [Policy IJND](#), and [Policy Form IJND-E1](#) and media coverage, copyright permission [Policy KDDB](#) and [Policy Form KDDB-E1](#). Parents/guardians are assumed to be in agreement of both of these policies; to “opt out” of either the use of instructional technology or media coverage and copyright permission please click on the links above to obtain the forms. Please fill out the form, sign and return to the school if applicable.

DIVISIONAL SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

School bus transportation is available for students outside city limits only. School buses depart from the east side of the school at 3:10 p.m. for students outside city limits. Contact the Transportation Department for more information (204-669-0202).

STUDENT PICTURES

Professional photographers will take student pictures September 14 (Grades 9 & 10) and September 15 (Grades 11 & 12). All students will have their pictures taken at this time for the yearbook and for a student transit I.D. card (as per divisional policy JRD). This card is required for Library and Internet access and there is no fee for this service. Students will also be able to use this I.D. card to use Winnipeg Transit services free of charge (more information to follow). Photo packages can be purchased.

STUDENT PARKING

A limited number of student parking spaces are available through a lottery process at the start of the school year. A valid driver's license is required. Parking spots obtained through the lottery are non-transferable. Students are NOT to park in the staff parking lot or visitor parking lot. Parking in the Chief Peguis lot is also prohibited. **Offenders will be towed away from these locations at the owner's expense.** Any student who brings a car to school is expected to drive in a safe and responsible manner. Failure to do so will result in suspension of parking privileges. The parking fee for the 2026-27 school year is \$220.00. Parking fees must be paid by cash or cheque. Ballots for the student parking lottery will be available from the office at the beginning of the school year (please listen to announcements).

PARTICIPATION IN HAZING OR "FRESHIE" ACTIVITIES

The participation of students in any hazing or "freshie" activities is strictly prohibited by River East Transcona School Division.

At River East Collegiate we believe that students should always respect and support the safety, worth, and dignity of themselves and of others. The vast majority of our students understand, accept, and overwhelmingly support this belief. Hazing and freshie activities do not comply with this expectation and cannot be tolerated even in moderation. This also refers to activities that may occur after school hours and away from the school. While this has not been a problem at River East in recent years, we want to ensure that it does not occur at all, and we want to make our position clear to everyone.

Any REC student who participates in any activity of this sort will be suspended from school. Any offending student who wishes to be reinstated into REC will be required to attend a re-entry meeting with their guardians to be held at the RETSD Administration Office. We encourage our students and parents to support the school's position on this matter and to inform us of any infraction.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The school offers a variety of extra-curricular activities, sponsored and supervised by volunteer staff members. Early in September students will have the opportunity to sign up for the activities of their choice and participate in intramurals. Students are encouraged to pay attention to daily morning announcements throughout the year.

Sports Teams

The school offers an outstanding arrangement of sports that are sponsored, supervised, and coached by volunteer staff members. Early in September students will have the opportunity to sign up for the activities of their choice or to try out for the interschool teams. Students are encouraged to pay attention to daily morning announcements throughout the year.

Please see the athletics section of our school website for information and practice schedules:

<https://www.retsd.mb.ca/rec/page/5031/athletics>

CELL PHONES

To support student engagement in learning, River East Collegiate follows provincial guidelines for cell phone use in schools which include:

- Students in Grades 9–12 will be able to use their personal electronic devices for instructional purposes in class **when directed by a teacher**, and during breaks and lunch.
 - When devices are not required for instruction, they must be secured out of sight.
 - Please note that teachers will also provide additional specific guidelines regarding the use of personal electronic devices during extracurricular activities.
- Staff will model responsible personal electronic device use for students by thoughtfully limiting the use of such devices to school-related matters while in the learning environment.

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning has published the following Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) regarding the cellphone guidelines: [Guidelines for Cell Phone Use—FAQ](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

Please check the website for important school events. Here are some events for the month of September:

- **School Picture Day** – Monday, September 14th (Grades 9 & 10) and Tuesday September 15th (Grades 11 & 12)
- **Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting** – Monday September 14th, 2026 (6:00 – 7:00 PM) - Library
- **RECMAPA Annual General Meeting** – Wednesday, September 16th, 2026 (6:00 – 6:30 PM) – Library
- **Meet the Teacher** – Thursday, September 17th (5:30 – 7:00 PM)

REC SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULES

Regular School Schedule

Welcome Bell	8:18
Period 1	8:23 – 9:30
Period 2	9:35 – 10:40
Period 3	10:45 – 11:45
Lunch/Period 4	11:50 – 12:50
Period 5	12:55 – 1:55
Period 6	2:00 – 3:02

***As a Kodiak I will BE
ON TIME AND
READY!***

Den Meeting Schedule

Welcome Bell	8:18
Period 1	8:23 – 9:15
Period 2	9:20 – 10:15
Den	10:20 – 10:50
Period 3	10:55 – 11:45
Lunch/Period 4	11:50 – 12:50
Period 5	12:55 – 1:55
Period 6	2:00 – 3:02

Kindness
Optimism
Determination
Integrity
Ambition
Knowledge



What would a
KODIAK *do?*

Respect yourself, others, and the community.
Own your actions.
Accept everyone.
Ready to learn!



River East Collegiate–IMPORTANT DATES 2026-2027

(August 26, 2026)

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE, PLEASE CHECK THE REC WEBSITE CALENDAR)

September	
7	Labour Day – No School
8	Divisional Coordinated Day – No Classes
9	First Day of Classes – Day 2
14	Lifetouch School Photos (Grades 9 & 10)
15	Lifetouch School Photos (Grades 11 & 12)
17	Meet The Teacher Evening – 5:30 p.m. - 7:00
14	Parent Advisory Meeting (PAC) – 6:00 p.m. - Library
16	RECMAPA Meeting – 6:00 pm – REC Library
30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No School
October	
9	School PD – No Classes
12	Thanksgiving Day – No School
14	RECMAPA Meeting – 6:00 pm – REC Library
19	Parent Advisory Meeting (PAC) – 6:00 p.m. - Library
22	Undergrad Awards evening – 7:00 p.m. *subject to change
23	Coordinated Divisional Day (MyMTS Day) - No Classes
28	Coordinated Day – No Classes
November	
5	Lifetouch School Picture Retakes
8	End of Quarter 1
9	Quarter 2 begins
11	Remembrance Day – No School
13	Semester I –(Q1) First Report Cards available on Portal
16	Parent Advisory Meeting (PAC) – 6:00 pm – REC Library
18	RECMAPA Meeting – 6:00 pm REC Library
26	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences: 4:30 – 8:00 pm
27	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences: 8:30-11:30am
26 – Dec. 4	Lifetouch Grad Photos
27	Coordinated Day – No Classes
December	
4	Winter Concert
7	Parent Advisory Meeting (PAC) – 6:00 p.m. – REC Library
11	LAST DAY – Voluntary Course Withdrawal Date for Semester One
18	Last Day of Classes – Early Dismissal – 2:02 pm
21 – Jan 1	Winter Break
January	
4	School Re-Opens – School Day 2
12-15	Grade 12 Provincial ELA Standards Test

18	Parent Advisory Meeting (PAC) – 6:00 pm – REC Library
20	RECMAPA Meeting – 6:00pm REC Library
26	Grade 12 Provincial Applied Mathematics Test
27	Grade 12 Provincial Essential Mathematics Test
28	Grade 12 Provincial Pre-Calculus Mathematics Test
28-Feb 4	Adjusted Schedule Assessment Week
February	
5	Divisional Coordinated Day – No Classes
7	End of Semester 1
8	Semester 2 begins
17	RECMAPA Meeting – REC Library
12	Open House at REC – 6:00 pm
12	Semester I – (Q2) FINAL Report Cards available on Portal
15	Louis Riel Day – No School
22	Parent Advisory Meeting (PAC) – 6:00 – REC Library
March	
12 - 14	Brandon University Jazz Festival
15	Parent Advisory Meeting (PAC) – 6:00 – REC Library
17	RECMAPA Meeting – 6:00pm REC Library
19	Divisional Coordinated Day – No Classes
25	Last Day of classes before Spring Break
22-25	Lifetouch Grad Retake Photos
29 – April 2	Spring Break
April	
4	School Re-Opens – School Day 2
16	Divisional Coordinated Day – No Classes
12	Parent Advisory Meeting (PAC) – 6:00 pm REC Library
14	RECMAPA Meeting – 6:00 pm REC Library
18	End of Quarter 3
19	Start of Quarter 4
23	Semester II – (Q3) First Report Cards available on Portal
29	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences: 4:30 – 8:00 pm
30	School PD – No Classes
May	
3	AP Biology Exam 12 PM
	AP English Literature and Composition Exam 8 AM
5	AP Physics Exam 12PM
6	AP Chemistry Exam 12PM
7	AP German Language and Culture 8AM
7	Coordinated Day – No Classes
10	AP Calculus AB Exam 8 a.m.
10	Parent Advisory Council Meeting (PAC) - 6:30 pm – REC Library
12	RECMAPA Meeting – 6:00 pm REC Library

12	AP English Language and Composition Exam 8 AM
24	Victoria Day – No School
31-3	Grade 12 Provincial ELA Standards Test (May 31-June 3)
June	
7	Parent Advisory Meeting (PAC) – 6:00 p.m. REC Library
15	Grade 12 Provincial Pre-Calculus Mathematics Test
16	Grade 12 Provincial Essential Mathematics Test
17	Grade 12 Provincial Applied Mathematics Test
11 – 18	Semester 2 Adjusted Schedule *subject to change
24	Graduation Dinner and Dance
28	Convocation
30	Final report cards posted to Portal
30	Last Day of School – Early Dismissal 2:02 p.m.



RIVER EAST COLLEGIATE
River East Transcona School Division

RECMAPA
River East Collegiate Musical Arts
Parent Association

Welcome Music Parents 2026-27

The River East Collegiate Musical Arts Parent Association's (RECMAPA) purpose is to support and enhance both the choir and band music program. This renowned music program benefits our children, our school and our community.

RECMAPA works to support our music instructors and to establish a fund to supplement music equipment and instrument repairs, endow scholarships and offer opportunities for students to participate in clinics and workshops. RECMAPA also supports the staff and students by coordinating all concerts, applying for grants, and promoting the program in the community.

Our collective effort helps strengthen our children's musical education and enrich their learning opportunities. RECMAPA requests all parents to show their support by:

- **Paying an annual Music Fee of \$25 per family.** Please make out your cheque to **River East Collegiate (with a memo line indicating "RECMAPA")**. Send the cheque, along with the completed portion of the form below, with your child to give to their **music teacher** before the end of September. This Music Fee is **required** for students participating in the music program and will be **added to a student's account as an outstanding fee if not received before the end of September**.
- **Providing us with your email address(es).** All communications will be **via email**. This will include **newsletter communications, concert ticket requests and all other music communications**. This will allow us to provide you with timely information and reduce our paper and printing costs. We will have the ability to communicate with you if there are weather or other challenges prior to a concert or band trip.
- **Volunteering** to support the RECMAPA committee and assisting to organize the music concerts.

Join us at our RECMAPA meetings in the RIVER EAST COLLEGIATE Library. Our first meeting of the school year will take place on **Wednesday, September 16, at 6:00 PM.** This will also be our AGM and when we vote in our new executive. Subsequent meetings dates and times will be identified at this initial meeting. Visit us on the web at:

<https://www.retsd.mb.ca/rec/recmapa>

Volunteer With Us!

Here are some ways you can help...

- **Volunteer your time and talents on the RECMAPA Board**
 - Attend monthly RECMAPA meetings
- **Prepare Concert Tickets for Distribution**
 - Winter Concerts & Spring Concerts
- **Assist at Concerts (door hosts, programs, ticket sales)**





- **Assist with Fundraising Activities and Preparations**
 - Collect & Distribute Funds for Sobeyes & Other Gift Cards
 - Assist with Other Fundraisers as needed
 - Manage Student Accounts
- **Support Teachers**
 - Identify and Prepare Grant Submissions
 - Other Activities as Defined

Thank you for supporting River East Collegiate's musical program!

****PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION****

Contact information is requested from all parents.

Please complete this form and return it to the school with the music fee of \$25 per family. Your contact information will make it possible for RECMAPA to contact you to provide timely and important information.

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Email _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Email _____

All Student Name(s)	Grade(s)	Phone
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

_____ \$25 music fee is attached (cheque made payable to River East Collegiate – Memo: RECMAPA Fee)

Please note that music fees are due by September 29, 2026

_____ Please contact me to volunteer.