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Dear Murdoch Families,

As we enter the final month of the first semester, we'd like to inform you of the semester end adjusted schedule. Senior years schools in River East Transcona School Division will continue programming until January 29 to ensure students in all courses have as much instructional time as possible. Recognizing that teachers may need different time blocks to complete end-of-semester learning and assessment, the regular schedule is being adjusted for this final week of the first semester so that each course has longer periods. This change in instructional time can be used by teachers for:

- In-class exams/tests
- Small group/individual assessment
- Additional work time to complete assignments
- Special projects
- Field trips

At Murdoch the adjusted schedule will be as follows:

Friday, January 23 – Period 1 Classes

Monday, January 26 – Period 2 Classes

Tuesday, January 27 – Period 3 Classes

Wednesday, January 28 – Period 5 Classes

Thursday, January 29 – Period 6 Classes

Each teacher will communicate the specific plans for each course to students and families. Please note that attendance is required during this time. For students in Grade 10, 11 and 12, if you do not have a course in the Period indicated for the school day, you are not required to attend that day. (eg. If a student does not have a Period 2 class, they would not attend on Monday, January 26)

The goal of this adjusted schedule is to provide appropriate programming to ensure student success in every course and provide time for learning experiences that may not fit within the regular schedule.

The first day of classes for the second semester will be Tuesday, February 3, 2026.

If you have any questions regarding the expectations or plans for this week, please contact the teacher and/or the school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B' followed by a stylized flourish.

Brian Straub