

Welcome to Chief Peguis Middle School!

We are excited that you are joining the Chief Peguis Wolf Pack for classes that begin on Wednesday, September 9th for the 2026-27 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 information for start-up, the supply list, and school fee explanation for all grade levels.

Verification forms

These are 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

Attendance is done every morning and afternoon. Please call or email the school at cp@retsd.mb.ca to let us know if your child is going to be absent. If a child is marked absent by their teacher and you have not notified the school, we will call home about their attendance for the day.

Supply List and School Fees

Supply list:

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

- Backpack large enough to carry supplies
- Water bottle – labelled
- Package of coloured pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Pencil case
- Eraser
- 2 tissue boxes
- Students registered in the following 3 classrooms will need a zippered, 3-ring binder.
 - Mrs. Sovinska
 - Mrs. Uzat
 - Mr. Tessmer

Physical Education:

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

School Fee: 80.00

Expressive arts, events consumables \$30.00
Classroom consumables/materials \$50.00
TOTAL: \$80.00

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.

Yearbook:

All students will receive a yearbook. Yearbooks arrive in the fall of the next school year and families will be notified before they are sent home.

Please join us for

“The Night Before School”

On Tuesday, September 8th between 4:00pm and 5:30pm

Families of students at all grade levels, 6, 7 and 8, are invited to school with the supplies they have purchased.

Specialist teachers will welcome you and help direct you to your child’s homeroom. Teachers will be in their classrooms ready to greet you. This is not a formal open house, and there will be no formal program in the gym or theatre. Specialist teachers will be assisting with fee payment, PowerSchool, and the opportunity to purchase Chief Peguis Clothing. Your child’s locker and locks will be assigned the next morning with the help of additional support 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!

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:

By provincial mandate, cell phones are banned from middle schools. If your child carries a cell phone, please help them learn the expectations. Cell phones should be powered off during the instructional day. Phones remain in student lockers during the length of the day. Phones are not allowed to be used during lunch hours. Should your child need to call home, they are welcome to come into the office and we will help them! If you need to contact your child, please do so through the office so we can support them and help them follow school expectations. Calling or texting your child at school can cause a disturbance to the learning environment and increase anxious feelings for your child.

Divisional policies regarding cell phones and technology can be found by clicking the links below.

[2011-03-15](#)

[Cell Phone Faqs - EN](#)

Instructional use of Technology policy can be found by clicking the link below.

[2006-06-20](#)

Parent Permission Form for Media Coverage and Copyright permission. Here is the Link. If you would like to opt out, please contact the school and submit the form.

[2008-05-20](#)

Regular School Day:

Start time - 8:30 am:

Students should arrive about 8:20 am. They will remain outside until the bell rings at 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. All backpacks, cell phones and jackets are placed in lockers. Students should always memorize their combination and not give it out to anyone. Please reinforce this with your child.

Lunch time - 11:18 am to 12:13 pm:

Students who walk home for lunch are dismissed at 11:18. Students who want to stay over the lunch hour need to bring their lunch. We have 6 microwaves. If you want your child to have a hot lunch, we encourage you to use a thermos to keep their food warm as there can be line-ups at the microwaves. Students will eat in their homerooms over a 20-minute period and then dismiss outside, to intramurals or to clubs that may be offered. During inclement weather, there are indoor activities and classrooms also have games to play.

Grade 6 students stay on the property for lunch for the entire year. Grade 7 and 8 students are highly encouraged to stay on the property. The school and surrounding grounds are always the most supported area for your child.

Pizza Tuesdays

We have Pizza for sale on Tuesdays. We will let the community know when this is set up and ready to go! Pizza is \$2.00 a slice.

End Time:

At 3:02 the final bell for the day rings and all students are dismissed. Families are expected to have a plan as to how their students will go home: walk, ride, or you can pick them up. If it is pick-up, then please use the River East Arena parking lot and follow our parking plan outlined below.

Nutrition Program:

Our school is supported by the Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba healthy snack program. Every morning, students are greeted by helpers who have baskets filled with a variety of snack/breakfast support options. There are vegan and halal choices. Any student can choose any snack to help them have a healthy start to the day. Fruit is always also available in the front office. During class changes, students are welcome to come in, pick up and enjoy an apple, banana, orange and sometimes bags of veggies or whatever else may be available!

While this support is great, children still need to bring a lunch as it is not a full meal replacement.

As part of a healthy and safe approach to school, students are welcome and encouraged to bring a labelled water bottle. We don't allow Slurpees, open canned drinks, coffee, tea etc. as spills with these liquids can cause disruption to the learning environment, damage to technology and to student work.

Drop off and pick up process:

We use the River East Arena parking lot as our designated drop-off and turnaround area. This approach has proven effective in keeping traffic moving smoothly and allows us to help students cross safely from the city park area on the north side of the entrance onto school property with the support of a crossing guard.

All parking spaces at the rear of the building are reserved and paid for by staff. Please do not use this area for student drop-off or pick-up. Many students walk through the roadway and parking lot to get to River East Collegiate, and students arriving by school bus also cross the rear parking lot to access the Grade 7 and 8 entrance doors. To help keep all students safe, we ask that you avoid the rear parking area and use the River East Arena lot instead.

The driveway at the front of the school is blocked by cones. This is intentional and is designed to restrict access to all vehicles except visiting support staff and families whose children have specific drop-off or pick-up arrangements that require adult assistance. We also do not use the front parking lot and loop for general traffic, as the tight turning radius can be challenging,

particularly for larger vehicles and for drivers entering or exiting parking stalls. Please do not drive over the cones and be polite to our crossing guard. Please do not park on the side of the school.

If your child is able, you may also wish to consider dropping them off a block away and allowing them to walk to school with their friends.

We understand that some families may find this plan inconvenient or disagree with it. We respectfully ask that you follow the plan and support our efforts to keep traffic moving efficiently and minimize the number of vehicles on school property during peak times.

Our crossing guard is outside every day, in all kinds of weather, helping students cross safely. We are counting on your cooperation to support their efforts and to help keep all children safe. Thank you in advance for your understanding, support, and kindness toward our crossing guard.

Bikes and Scooters:

If your child chooses to ride their bike to school, we have a bike cage at the front of the building. We open and close it as students arrive and after they enter 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.

We have noticed that students riding electric scooters are often doing so at high speeds and not crossing intersections safely. The school population is growing and as a result we also have no space to store these inside the building. Please encourage your child to walk or use a regular scooter. We are working toward a second bike and scooter cage thanks to help from our parent council!

Instructions for the First Day of Classes Tuesday, September 8th

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 am.

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.

Chief Peguis Parent Advisory Council

Our PAC meets on the second Monday of the month and helps with things like fundraising for specific projects, staff appreciation day, review of the school plan, supporting the purchase of items that enhance the school and the sharing of ideas to build a community that welcomes all. Our first PAC meeting will be held on Monday, September 14th at 5:30 pm.

Mrs. Nazeravich Principal
Ms. Gillis Vice Principal