



E-Memo for Wayoata School Families – September 16-20, 2024

Sept 16th

- **Even-Day Kindergarten (Caterpillar) Bus Evacuation Drill**

Sept 17th

- **Wayoata School Bus Evacuation Drills**

Sept 19th

- **Wayoata School Picture Day (Grades 1-5 & Odd-Day Kindergartens)**

Sept 20th

- **Even-Day Kindergarten (Caterpillar) Picture Day**
- **Terry Fox Walk**
- **Leighton's Lemonade Stand (for those who preordered)**

Coming Up:

Sept 23-27 – Truth & Reconciliation Week

Sept 27 – Daycare Closed Today

Sept 30 – Truth & Reconciliation Day – No School for Students

We will have 2 Bus Evacuation drills during the school year. The Public Schools Act, P250-R.M. 465/88 R - Pupil Instruction, states the following:

"The school board shall ensure that at least twice in each school year each pupil is instructed in safe school bus riding practices and participates in emergency school bus evacuation drills which shall be conducted at least once during the Fall term and at least once during the Spring term of each school year."

The River East Transcona Transportation Department has an excellent safety record. In maintaining this record, we carry out Bus Evacuation programs in all of our schools in the early Fall and late Spring of each school year. These practice drills are carried out so that in the event of an emergency, our students can evacuate the bus as quickly and safely as possible.



Please be aware that there is no parking and no student pick up/drop off in the lane behind the school from 7:45am-8:45am and 3:00pm-3:45pm. Students should also not be let out on directly in front of the school on Wayoata Street, as this is a safety concern with the high traffic in the mornings and after school. We would ask that drop-offs occur at the designated drop-off zone. See information and map below.

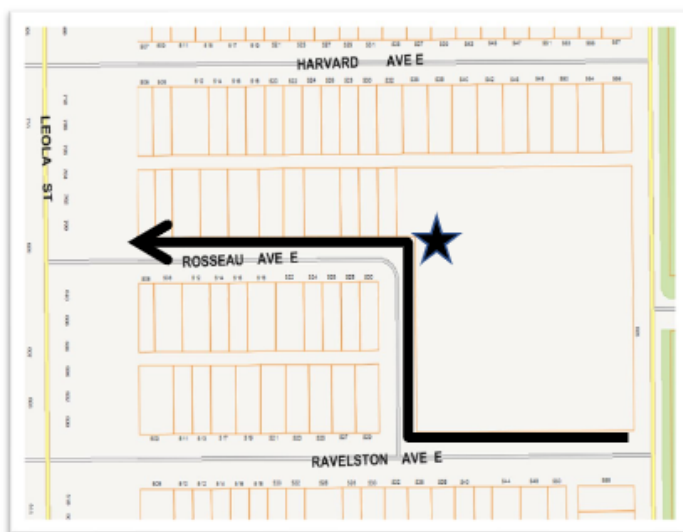
Thank you in advance!



For Parents Driving Students To and From School – DROP OFF and PICK UP ZONE

Wayoata School has a drop off and pick up zone on Rosseau Avenue along the west side of the playground to allow for the safe drop off and pick up of students. While in the zone, stop, but do not exit your vehicle. At least one staff member will be on duty in this zone from 8:20-8:30 before school and at 3:15 after school to help students make their way safely to and from the vehicles. As soon as your child exits the vehicle, please leave the zone to reduce traffic congestion. You can be assured that the staff on duty will ensure the children get into the school safely.

To meet the traffic bylaws, parents who are using the zone, MUST stay in their vehicle. The traffic bylaws allow for parents to stop to drop off or pick up students but not to get out of their vehicle.

The following is a map of the zone. To make this a safe zone, parents should come from Wayoata Street and turn on Ravelston Ave., follow Ravelston Ave. and turn right onto Rosseau Ave as shown by the arrow below.




-  Student drop off/pick up point and playground entrance.
-  Staff will be on duty.

Important Information & Opportunities for Families:

- *As of Monday September 16th our street patrol leadership job will change to better reflect the needs of the children going home for lunch. Children without a caregiver to cross them will be met in the lobby of the school and walked across by our school safety patrols. This will ensure*

children cross safely to go home for lunch, but also limit the amount of time patrols miss from lunch and recess.

- Parents of students returning to Wayoata, please update the Student Verification forms that were send home and send back in your child's bag as soon as possible (students new to Wayoata do not receive these forms).
- Wayoata's School Website is in the process of being updated and now displays the most recent student fee/supply forms, which reflect the same information as the forms sent home in June. We thank you for your patience and understanding during the divisional student information system changeover, and as we continue to update our system, site, and information.



WSSC invites you to a

HALLOWEEN DANCE

**FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 25**

6:00PM-8:00PM
WAYOATA SCHOOL GYM

**\$1 ADMISSION
\$1 CHIPS AND \$1 DRINKS
PLEASE BRING CHANGE!**

PLEASE BRING NON-PERISHABLE
FOOD ITEMS TO DONTATE TO
"WE SCARE HUNGER"

**ALL CHILDREN MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT!**

Class Is In Session

Practical Learning for Parents

Throughout the 2024–25 school year, River East Transcona will be providing a variety of FREE learning sessions and resources for parents, some virtual and some in person. Topics will include:



Online Safety



safeTALK: Suicide Alertness & Safety Connection



Parenting for Prevention: A Crash Course in Substance Use



Overcoming Anxiety



Youth & Parent Transition Sessions: Students with Additional Needs



The Seeds of Prevention Start Now: How to Talk to Your Child About Substance Use in Early Years

Keep your eyes peeled this year for more information about these practical parent learning sessions!