

E-Memo December 12, 2025

NO PIZZA FRIDAY

Early Dismissal

As we look ahead to the winter break, we would like to advise you that all schools will dismiss students ***one hour earlier*** than usual on **Friday, December 19, 2025**. Bus schedules will be moved ahead one hour to accommodate the student dismissal time.

Winter Activity Day

December 19 is Winter Activity Morning! All students have chosen an activity and will report directly to their activity that morning. Students who have chosen skating or hockey are reminded to bring proper safety gear. Several of the activities involve an outside walk, dressing for the weather will be important. All students will have classes in the afternoon and are expected to be at school.

Basketball Team Selections

We are thrilled with the incredible turnout for basketball team selections once again. The large number of students and the overall level of play made the selection process particularly challenging.

To learn more about our tiering system, please visit [EJHMS Basketball Home Page](#)

Practices for our Grade 7/8 teams continue next week, and our Grade 6 club will start in the new year. Please refer to the calendar below for practice dates and times.

These opportunities wouldn't be possible without the dedication and support of our wonderful volunteer coaches: Mr. Holland, John Thompson & Jay Hipolito, Mme. Lang, Mme. Massey, Ms. Gardiner, Mr. Laggo, Mr. Beaudry, Mme. Glufka, & Ms. Kauk

If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Holland jholland@retsd.mb.ca

Wheelchair Basketball

At the start of the week, we were once again fortunate to welcome Joey Johnson, Manager of Wheelchair Basketball, gold medalist, and Hall of Famer, to our school. Joey led a school-wide wheelchair basketball demonstration, building on the learning from previous years.

Throughout the week, students continued to engage with wheelchair basketball during their PE classes, developing both skills and confidence. We would like to thank our students for their ongoing enthusiasm and willingness to learn. This experience further strengthened students' understanding of wheelchair sport and reinforced the importance of inclusivity, making it another meaningful and impactful opportunity for our school community.

[Joey Johnson 'humbled' by Hall of Fame induction - Wheelchair Basketball Canada](#)

Manitoba Cultural Fieldtrip Week (MCFT)

It is with great pleasure and excitement that we announce the upcoming **Manitoba Cultural Fieldtrip Week (MCFT)** for our Grade 8 students in **June 2026**. This program will run the same week as the Canadian Cultural Trip and serves as an alternative for students who are not attending that trip. An informational sheet was sent home and is also in the link. [MCFT Parent Information](#)

TIME TO BUNDLE UP!
Cold Weather Guidelines

Sometimes, severe weather requires us to make changes to busing, safety patrolling, and outdoor recess to keep your children safe. All metro Winnipeg school divisions, including River East Transcona, use the temperature reading at The Forks as our guide.

School Closures
Schools very rarely close due to winter weather.

Winter Clothing
Please ensure your child comes dressed appropriately for the weather each day. When the temperature or wind chill is between -27°C and -34°C, warm winter clothing is essential, and facial protection is recommended. When it's below -34°C, facial protection is essential, and it's recommended that children avoid going outdoors unaccompanied, because skin will freeze in less than 10 minutes.

Busing
When the temperature or wind chill is between -35°C and -45°C (or colder), buses will be cancelled for the entire day, but schools usually remain open.
We'll post a cancellation alert on the RETSD website home page if buses are cancelled, and alert the media. If we haven't posted a cancellation alert by 7:15 a.m., buses are running.

School Patrols
When the temperature or wind chill is between -27°C and -34°C, patrols will remain on post for 10 minutes. When it's -35°C to -39°C, patrols will remain on post for five minutes. When it's -40°C and below, no patrols will be on duty.

Recess
When the temperature or wind chill is between -25°C and -27°C, a shortened recess period may be warranted. When it's below -27°C, recess is usually moved indoors.* This is at the discretion of the principal. *with the exception of Polar Bear Club Recess participants.

Polar Bear Club Recess
For schools taking part in Polar Bear Club Recess:

- Student participation is voluntary.
- Parental consent is required.
- Students who have consent can participate in all or none of the recess breaks.
- Students must be dressed appropriately in a warm toque/hat, snow pants, face covering, warm insulated jacket, mittens, and snow boots.
- Students can go back inside at any time.
- Staff supervision will be provided.

All students will remain inside when the temperature or wind chill is -40°C or below. If you have any questions that haven't been addressed by these guidelines, please contact your child's school.

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Monday Dec. 15	Tuesday Dec. 16	Wednesday Dec. 17	Thursday Dec. 18	Friday Dec. 19
Day 6	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
7:30-8:30 TIER 1 GIRLS BASKETBALL	7:30-8:45 TIER 2 BOYS BASKETBALL	7:30-8:45 TIER 3 BASKETBALL	7:30-8:30 TIER 2 GIRLS BASKETBALL	8:45-11:30 WINTER ACTIVITY MORNING
3:30-4:30 DRAMA CLUB	3:30-5:00 TIER 2 GIRLS BASKETBALL	3:30-5:00 TIER 1 GIRLS BASKETBALL	8:30-9:25 TIER 2 BOYS BASKETBALL	2:20 DISMISSAL FOR WINTER BREAK
3:30-5:00 TIER 1 BOYS BASKETBALL	3:30-5:30 KITCHEN BRIGADES	3:30-5:30 SCRAP AND YAP	3:30-5:00 TIER 1 BOYS BASKETBALL	