

E-Memo September 29, 2023

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Thank you to all our staff and students who wore orange today to help observe National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We wear orange to remember the Indigenous children who were sent to residential schools, many who never returned, and to honour survivors, their families and their communities. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation provides an important learning opportunity for all of us to take time to pause and reflect; and have important conversations about Canada's history of residential schools. The heartbreaking tragedy of residential schools reminds us of the systemic efforts to eliminate language, culture and values of Indigenous peoples. It is imperative we work together to understand the truth and continue the path of Reconciliation through Treaty Education. At École John Henderson Middle School we are committed to teaching about treaties, relationships, culture, ways of knowing and reconciliation. These teachings are woven into the curriculum of every grade level throughout the school year, not just this week. While many activities took place this week, we understand that this is an ongoing focus that is important for all our students and our school community.

School Clothing

Anyone interested in purchasing school clothing (and adding a little school spirit to their wardrobe) [École John Henderson Middle School Spirit Wear \(promoplace.com\)](https://www.promoplace.com)

Orders are due: September 30. Proceeds go to supporting our Physical Education staff with the purchase of new equipment. Orders will be delivered mid November.

ÉJHMS Spirit Week (October 2-6)

Monday – Pyjama Day

Tuesday – NO SCHOOL (sleep in day)

Wednesday – Hawaiian Day

Thursday – Decades Day

Friday – House Team Day

Interactive Start (October 2-27)

See attached for the list of Interactive Start activities being offered to students for the month of October.

[October Interactive Start Schedule](#)

Terry Fox Walk

On Friday, October 6, École John Henderson Middle School is participating in the Annual Terry Fox Walk to support cancer research. This is a great initiative to remember those affected by cancer and contribute to a noble cause. We will have a designated route that runs approximately 1km. The goal is to match Terry Fox's daily marathon count as a contribution to the cause. Each year we ask for those willing to donate a \$1.00, along with the contributions from pizza sales. Our goal is to surpass last year's total donation of \$880.00, as a contribution to the Terry Fox Foundation's cancer research fund. For any questions about the walk/run, you can contact the school or Mr. Holland at jholland@retsd.mb.ca.

Jazz Band

Auditions are being held next week for the Jazz Band. Audition music has been handed out to interested students in Grades 7 and 8. Students should listen to the recording of the audition piece posted in Teams to better prepare their audition.

Fundraising

Fundraising forms were sent home with students last week. Should you require a copy please contact the school.

Pizza Day

École John Henderson students are able to buy a pizza lunch every Friday (Thursdays if Friday is a Co-ordinated Day). Students bring in \$5.00 and get 2 slices of pizza and a juice box.

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Monday Oct. 2	Tuesday Oct. 3	Wednesday Oct. 4	Thursday Oct. 5	Friday Oct. 6
Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
Pyjama Day	Co-ordinated Day	Hawaiian Day	Decades Day	House Team Day
7:30-8:45 Tier 1 boys volleyball	NO SCHOOL	7:15-8:45 Tier 1 girls volleyball	7:30-8:30 Grade 6 boys volleyball	PIZZA DAY
8:30-9:30 Tier 2 girls (Teams RED and BLACK) volleyball		8:00-8:40 Cross Country	8:30-9:30 Grade 6 girls volleyball	7:30-8:45 Tier 2 boys volleyball
3:30-4:30 Cross Country		8:30-9:30 Tier 2 girls (Teams RED and BLACK) volleyball	9:30-2:30 Cross Country Meet @ Bird's Hill	8:30-9:30 Tier 3 girls and boys volleyball
3:30-5:00 Tier 2 boys volleyball		3:30-5:00 Tier 1 boys volleyball	3:30-5:00 Tier 1 girls volleyball	Terry Fox Walk Morning
				1:45-3:15 Gym Riots