



Joseph Teres School

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Dear Joseph Teres Community,

Thank you for working with our school staff and the support you have shown as together we problem-solve through our shifting pandemic landscape and messages.

Manitoba Education, along with River East Transcona School Division, continue to work closely with public health, parents, caregivers and students. The provincial, and divisional, plans are based on policy and public health directions that have been approved by the Chief Provincial Public Health Officer.

Please reference the posters for symptoms and timelines:

- What Should I Do if my Child is Sick?
- When Can a Sick Child Return to School?

Preparations are being made to recognize **Orange Shirt Day 2020** on September 30th. All classrooms have developmentally appropriate children's literature relevant to Residential Schools in their classroom library, including the books written by Phyllis Webstad, Orange Shirt Day founder. Please have your child wear **ORANGE** on September 30th. Our hope is that students will have a deeper understanding of the effects of Residential Schools and why we as Canadians need to ensure that every child feels safe, valued, and respected.

A huge **THANK YOU** to our Parent Council for multi-year fundraising and grant writing that made our new play structure a reality!

COVID-19 has led to an unusual start to a school year. We appreciate your patience and support as we navigate this together as a school community.

-Mrs. Folkerts

Schools in our division are located on Treaty One territory, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota and Dene peoples, and the homeland of the Métis Nation.

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School Times:

School Start Time ----- 8:50 am

Lunch Begins -----11:45 am

Lunch Ends ----- 12:45 pm

Dismissal ----- 3:30 pm

When your child arrives late to school, please have your child come to the office for a late slip.

The office staff work hard to ensure student safety by monitoring adults in our building. We ask that you wear a mask if you accompany your child to the front door, or if you have an appointment.

STAFFING FOR 2020-2021

A. Folkerts	Principal	Office
P. MacDonell	Vice-Principal/School Counsellor	Office
A. Foster	Clerical	Office
P. Franks	Clerical (.5)	Office
F. Kriegl	K (1 3 5)	Room 106
C. Kucherhan	K (1 3 5 / 2 4 6)	Room 107
E. Sawa	1	Room 214
M. Watchorn	1	Room 215
M. Polakoff	1 (am) term	Room 216
M. Shawarsky	1 (pm)	Room 216
J. Aquin	2	Room 205
J. Kroetsch	2	Room 206
T. Freiter	2	Room 109
K. Sidloski	3	Room 115
A. DeRoo	3 (am) term	Room 111
M. Polakoff	3 (pm) term	Room 111
K. Schade	3	Room 113
R. Taylor	4	Room 114
J. Schlag	4	Room 112
L. Natuik	4	Room 116
L. Moyer	5/4	Room 204
C. Niblett	5	Room 202
P. Sakundiak	5	Room 203
K. Gough	Phys-Ed	Gym
N. Cabak-Ralph	Phys-Ed	Gym
K. Unrau	Phys-Ed	Gym
R. Klassen	Music	Room 110
E. Friesen	Music/Teacher Librarian	Room 110/105
L. Hepworth	Library Technician	Library (105)
P. Wiebe	Resource	Room 207
D. McRorie	Resource	Room 207
M. Shawarsky	Reading Recovery	Room 201
L. Dowbenko	Literacy Support	
T. Turner	Divisional Reading Recovery	Room 209
J. Flight	Divisional Reading Recovery	Room 209
J. Jolicoeur	Early Numeracy Facilitator	
J. Da Silva	Day Custodian	
S. Gosnell	Evening Custodian	
D. Chahal - Educational Assistant	S. Humeny - Educational Assistant	A. Paterson - Youth Care Worker
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T. Franks - Educational Assistant	S. McNeil - Educational Assistant	S. Streilein - Educational Assistant
M. Taylor - Educational Assistant		

What Should I Do if My Child is Sick?



If students have one symptom from the Column A or two from Column B, they should immediately get tested for COVID-19.

If a student displays one Column A symptom at school or two from Column B, or a combination of one Column A and one Column B, the school will immediately contact parents to pick up their child.

Column A

Do you have a new onset, or worsening, of any ONE of the following symptoms?

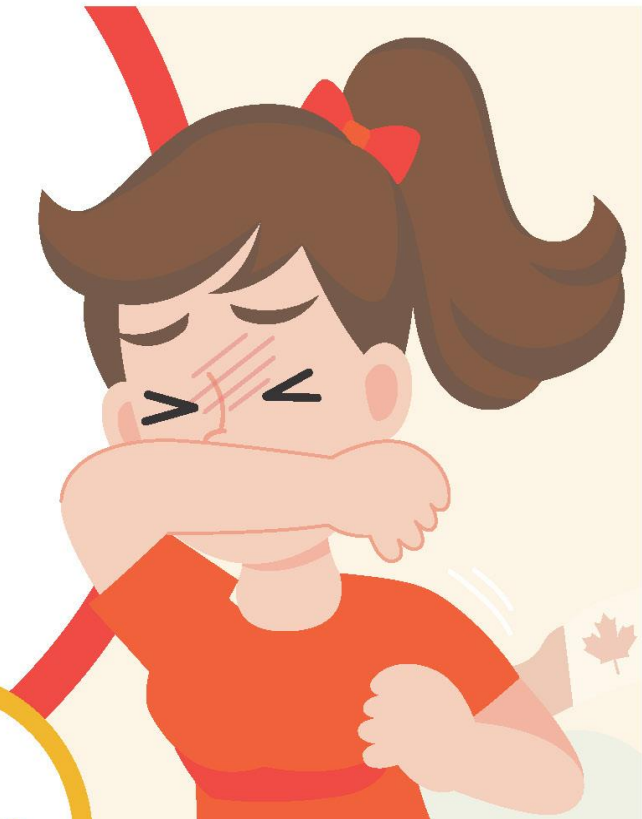
- Fever > 38°C or think you have a fever or chills
- Cough
- Sore throat/hoarse voice
- Shortness of breath/breathing difficulties
- Loss of taste or smell
- Vomiting or diarrhea for more than 24 hours

Column B

Do you have a new onset, or worsening, of any TWO of the following symptoms?

- Runny nose
- Muscle aches
- Fatigue
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- Headache
- Skin rash of unknown cause
- Nausea or loss of appetite
- Poor feeding (if an infant)

When Can a Sick Child Return to School?



COVID-19
TESTED

NOT
COVID-19
TESTED

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Your sick child is
negative—they can
return to school after
24 hours of being
symptom-free.

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Your sick child is
positive—Public Health
will provide guidance
regarding what is required
before your child can
return to school.

Your sick child must
self-isolate for 10 days
from symptom onset and
can return if symptoms
have resolved at that
time.

Music Notes

Kids, check out your class MUSIC TEAM in Teams!

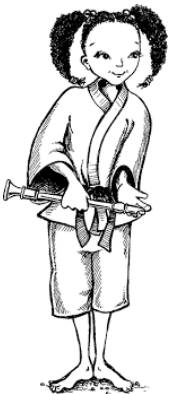
- You can chat with each other or Mrs. Klassen/Mrs. Friesen
- You can find fun lessons to do at home if you can't come to school
- You can review and explore lessons we have done together in class
- You can SING AT HOME with musicplayonline.com!!!!

Also, remember to check out Mrs. Klassen's Webpage!

Start at the Joseph Teres Website:

Click on **About Us**
Click on **Staff Directory**
Click on **R. Klassen - website**
Choose a fun website under **Links**

Students can visit [Freddie the Frog website](#) and a bunch more great music websites.



Grade 4 & 5 students can link to musicplayonline.com to practice recorder with backup tracks.



JT NEW PLAY STRUCTURE

JT students have been loving our new play structure, installed over the summer with the support and leadership of our wonderful Parent Advisory Council. With many COVID restrictions in place, it's been excellent to have a third zone so that we can spread out, stay active, play safely and have fun at recess each day.

Students are especially loving the wheelchair accessible Sway & Fun swing, which has been nicknamed "The Ship".

A **BIG JT THANKS** to our PAC and our community partners for their support!
We are so grateful!



SHOW YOUR JT SCHOOL SPIRIT!



Want to show your school spirit and look cool at school? You can achieve both of these with a Joseph Teres Jets t-shirt! They are available for \$10 while quantities last.

Please see Mr. Gough in the avm if you are interested in purchasing one!



TOONIES FOR TERRY FOX

A big thank you to our students, families & community who helped support our Terry Fox Walk/Run this year! On September 22nd & 23rd, Joseph Teres students had a chance to participate in a walk/run throughout our community to raise money for the Terry Fox Foundation! Throughout the week of September 21st-25th, students had the opportunity to learn about Terry Fox and donated money for our "Toonies for Terry Fox" fundraiser. If students reach the fundraising goal of \$600, then Mr. Gough will teach Phys. Ed. in a tutu! Please stay tuned for the fundraising results!"

RECYCLING

If you have any dead batteries, pop can tabs, or dried out markers laying around your house, send them to school with your child because we recycle them here at JT!

Batteries can be brought to the school office. Pop can tabs can go in the container in the meeting area. Markers can be dropped off in the office or the library.

Thank you for recycling!



JOSEPH TERES PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

Hello JT Families,

Welcome back to the 2020-2021 school year! The school year looks different due to the pandemic but our goal to help support our students is still the same.

JT Parent Council Annual General Meeting will be held virtually on **Tuesday, October 6th @ 6 pm** online using TEAMS. The Annual General Meeting is an opportunity to review the work and activities undertaken by parent council in the 2019-2020 school year. Elections for the committee will also occur at this time. Please consider joining us to work together to support our children's health, wellness and educational needs!

If you have any questions and or would like to join the meeting please message jtpcchair@gmail.com for further details.

On the JT school website the **Parent & Guardian Guide to Microsoft Teams** is posted for reference.

Joseph Teres Parent Council



SCHOOL SAFETY PATROLS

We are so proud of the commitment and dedication that we have already seen from our Grade 5 School Safety Patrols at JT. They have been responsibly attending to their posts each day and helping our students get to and from school safely. Thank you to Constable Chapko, our School Resource Officer from the Winnipeg Police Service who came out twice and helped to train our Patrols.

Patrols are on post from 8:35- 8:50 in the morning, and 3:25 - 3:40 after school.

The JT Squad won 3rd place in our division last year so the bar has been set high. Can we beat it for 2021?



RETSD PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

VIRTUAL PRESENTATION - Learn about the new Government Measures Related to COVID-19 - Canada Emergency Response Benefits (CERB), Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB), Enhanced Canada Child Benefit, Special GSTC, Special Disability Tax Credit payment; we will discuss eligibility requirements, how to apply and where to find the most up to date information.

Monday, October 26 from 1-2:30 PM

VIRTUAL PRESENTATION - Learn more about Benefits and Credits for All - Canada Child Benefit, Disability Tax Credit, GSTC, Climate Action Incentive, Canada Workers Benefit, Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP); we will discuss eligibility requirements, how and where to apply, as well as where you can go to get free tax help. We will also spend time discussing how and when to contact the CRA, what to do if you have received a letter from the CRA, and how and why it is important to keep your personal information up to date with CRA.

Kinder Links in the Park - https://www.retsd.mb.ca/Lists/Publications/kin_fall20.pdf

REMINDERS FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE



It is always a good idea to have an extra pair of pants, shirt, socks and even a pair of underwear in your child's school bag. Accidents happen on the school ground or during lunch. Tucking them into a small pocket of the school bag and letting your child know where they are is a great way to avoid any embarrassment.



You can call at anytime of the day or night to leave a message regarding an absence.

Letting the teacher know that a student will be away is good but calling the absence into the school office also helps. Teachers can be away as well and may not get the email, or the information may not make it down to the office.

If the office does not hear from the family of a missing student, the office will call you to make sure the student is safe. **Working together to keep students safe.**

Please remember to send correct change when sending money for school activities, hot lunches and student fees and lunch program. We do not keep change on hand in the office.

JOSEPH TERES SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please visit the J.T. website often for new items and to check dates as they can change.

<https://www.retsd.mb.ca/school/jt/Pages/default.aspx>





Please be aware that information is subject to change based on Manitoba government / RETSD health & education directives. Thank you for your understanding in these times of uncertainty.

Wednesday, September 2	Co-ordinated Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS, school day 1
Thursday, September 3	MEET THE TEACHER online & outside Grade 1 to Grade 5 only, details to follow. NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS, school day 2
Friday, September 4	Co-ordinated Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS, school day 3
Monday, September 7	Labour day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS & STAFF
Tuesday, September 8	Opening Day for students Grade 1-5, school day 4
Tuesday, September 8 & Thursday, September 10 - CATERPILLAR	Staggered Entrance Days for Kindergarten students (see schedule mailed home) ODD DAYS - CATERPILLAR
Wednesday, September 9 & Friday, September 11 - LADYBUG	Staggered Entrance Days for Kindergarten students (see schedule mailed home) EVEN DAYS - LADYBUG
Monday, Sept.14 & Tuesday, Sept. 15	ALL Kindergarten students attend school, full days
Tuesday, September 29 OR Wednesday, September 30	Cross-Country at Birds Hill - cancelled
Wednesday, September 30	Orange Shirt Day - Remembering Residential Schools
Monday, October 12	Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS & STAFF
Tuesday, October 13 OR Wednesday, October 14	Flag Football Tournament - cancelled
Friday, October 23	Co-ordinated Day (SAGE) NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Wed, October 28 & Thurs, October 29	Halloween Gym
Friday, October 30	Halloween Assembly & Parade
Monday, November 2	Co-ordinated Day (Report Card preparation) NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Thursday, November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 11	Remembrance Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS & STAFF
Tuesday, November 17	Picture Re-Takes, 9 a.m. (morning only)
Thursday, November 19	Student-led Conferences, 3:45 - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, November 20	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS Student-led Conferences a.m./PD p.m.
Tuesday, December 15	Christmas Concert Kindergarten - Grade 2, 2:00 & 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 16	Christmas Concert Grades 3-5, 2:00 & 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 18	Last day of school before Christmas Break Early Dismissal 2:30 p.m.
December 21 - January 1	Winter Break NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS & STAFF
Monday, January 4	First day of 2021 - school day 4
Monday, February 8	Co-ordinated Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Monday, February 15	Louis Riel Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS & STAFF
Friday, March 5	Report Card preparation NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Monday, March 15	Grades 2 & 3 @ WSO
Thursday, March 18	Student-led Conferences, 3:45 - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, March 19	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS Student-led Conferences a.m./PD p.m.
March 29 - April 2	SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS & STAFF
Monday, April 5	First Day back after Spring Break School Day 3
Friday, April 23	Co-ordinated Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Thursday, April 29	Divisional Grade 4 Zone Handball
Friday, April 30	Divisional Grade 5 Mini Handball
Monday, May 3	Music Monday Celebrations
Wednesday, May 19 OR Thursday, May 20	Folkdance Festival at McIvor Park, Grades 1 - 3 (rain dates May 26 or 27)
Thursday, May 20	Grade 4/3, 4 - 5 @ WSO
Monday, May 24	Victoria Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS & STAFF
Thursday, June 3	Divisional Track & Field - Grade 5 (rain date June 8)
Friday, June 11	JT Field Day, K - 5 (rain date June 15)
Thursday, June 24	Farewell Assembly (Grade 5 farewell/staff & student farewell)
Wednesday, June 30	Last Day of School - Early Dismissal 2:30 p.m.

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