

# Joseph Teres School

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December 2022

## A Message from Mrs. Kostecki

Winter is here...you might not know it with the wonderful temperatures we have had so far but the fresh snow is a definite Winter reminder. With the recent snow fall and the now colder temperatures it is a good idea to bundle up. Our first term of school has flown by, and report cards and virtual conferences have been completed. I would like to thank all of our parents who attended our conferences at the end of November 2022. It was great to connect with families in order celebrate and share in the achievements of your children. Thank you to all of our parents and guardians for navigating technology and platforms in order to conference with Teachers in person or virtually.

December is a very busy month at Joseph Teres. The holiday season is just around the corner. There are a number of special learning activities and classroom events being planned for students by staff. We feel the excitement of the holidays in the building and in our hearts...we hope you feel it too.

As we reflect on the past year, we are grateful for our wonderful students, our dedicated families, and our talented staff. Our entire school community is a special place for all of us. Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season ahead.



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## Going Away on Vacation...

If you are going away on holidays as a family, please make sure that your child's Teacher is aware as well as the office by calling (204-958-6860).

Additionally, if you are away from home and someone else is caring for your child in your absence, please make sure that we have accurate information and contact phone numbers at the school.



## Call Backs 204-958-6860

In order to minimize the calling of parents and guardians when your child/ren is ill, has an appointment or will be late, it would be greatly appreciated if you would call the school anytime before 8:50 am to advise us of this.



You can leave a message on our answering machine in the evenings, through the night or early in the morning. Messages are checked regularly during the day if the answering machine is on.

Please inform the office of any phone number or address changes to insure our records are up to date.

## Take it Slow in Ice and Snow

A Message from Curtis Basso, Director of Transportation



The snow looks like it is here to stay.

Remember roads may be slippery with ice hidden under the new snow. These conditions can make stopping or turning difficult at stops, intersections, and corners, so please be cautious when you see our school buses.

We may be stopping at any moment for children! Remember - we are carrying precious cargo.

So, please adjust your driving to suit the conditions, especially when you see one of our many buses on your commute - keep your eyes peeled for their stop signs and our students. The piles of snow that line streets can make for tempting hills to climb, so parents, please talk to your children about the danger of slipping into traffic and advise them to stay on the sidewalk.

And drivers, be especially alert when driving near schools. Student safety is all our responsibility.

Take it slow, and we will all get to where we need to be, safely.

## JT School Lunch Program Reminder

Just a reminder that all students must have a lunch program form filled out and payment must be provided, if students are staying for lunch for any reason other than fieldtrips. This includes: PAC Hot Lunch Days, Gym Intramurals, School Clubs, etc. If you are only wanting to stay for a few days you, have an option to purchase 10 days for \$10.00. Please visit the Joseph Teres School website under the documents and forms tab for a lunch program form and more information.  
[www.jt.retsd.mb.ca](http://www.jt.retsd.mb.ca)



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HOT LUNCH



We're on Twitter!

Follow us to stay up-to-date on what's happening in our school.



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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2022 - 2023

### December

- 21 Last day of classes before the break  
Early Dismissal 2:30 pm

### January

- 5 School Re-Opens - Day 3

### February

- 3 Coordinated Day - NO CLASSES  
20 Louis Riel Day - NO SCHOOL

### March

- 1 Kindergarten Registration Begins  
3 Report Card Preparation - NO CLASSES  
10 Term Two Report Cards Posted  
16 Student - Led Conferences Evening  
17 Coordinated Day - NO CLASSES  
Student Led Conferences Virtual - am  
PD - pm  
24 Last day of classes before Spring Break  
27-31 Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

### April

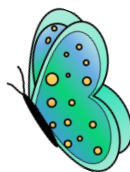
- 3 School Re-Opens Day 5  
7 Good Friday - NO SCHOOL  
14 Coordinated Day - NO CLASSES

### May

- 22 Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL  
29 Coordinated Day - NO CLASSES

### June

- 30 Last Day of School - Report Cards Posted  
Early Dismissal 2:30 pm



## PIZZA NIGHT SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

JAN 23 -29

ORDER EITHER OF THESE DEALS AND DOMINO'S WILL  
DONATE \$5.00 TO JOSEPH TERES



2 MEDIUM  
5-TOPPING PIZZAS

**\$19.99\***

Offer code: FAM1

1 MEDIUM  
5-TOPPING PIZZA  
2L POP & DOMINO'S  
CHEESY BREAD

**\$19.99\***

Offer code: FAM2



## Joseph Teres School Fundraiser

Label everything with Mabel's Labels

Help us tell the difference!

Use Mabel's Labels and support our fundraiser.



Little kids like to share  
everything, including  
germs! Labelling helps  
avoid mix-ups!

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FUNDRAISING

Visit [campaigns.mabelslabels.com](https://campaigns.mabelslabels.com)  
to support our organization.

Buy personalized labels for your child(ren) at

[campaigns.mabelslabels.com](https://campaigns.mabelslabels.com)

Enter our school name in the search bar and shop away.

Joseph Teres School earns 20%  
from sales. Your labels will ship  
directly to you for FREE!



## JT Recycles

By: Room 113 (Ms. Schade's Grade 3 class)

Did you know that we recycle a lot of things at JT School? We recycle drink tabs, old markers, dead batteries, used pens, and used mechanical pencils. If you have any of these things at home send them to school with your child. At school your child can put them in the special recycling bin in the library.



Our class helps with the recycling. We count all the markers before they are taken to Staples to be recycled. The school has already recycled 879 markers this year!

Thank you for recycling!



## Koats for Kids

Free winter gear is available to students through Koats for Kids. If your child needs warm winter clothing, please email [emurray@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:emurray@retsd.mb.ca)

Emails will be kept confidential.

Please include in the request child's name and sizes for coats/boots.

All items will be delivered to the school by Koats for Kids and the teachers will send items home with the student.



## Online Safety

Many parents have questions about their children's online behaviours.

- What are my children doing online? Are there risks?
- How do I keep up to date on online issues?
- Is my child safe online?

Information to help parents protect their children on the internet can be found at [ProtectKidsOnline.ca](http://ProtectKidsOnline.ca)

## JT Patrol Update

Even as the temperature drops, our School Safety Patrol squads have been working hard to keep students safe on the way to and from school. As a thank you, our School Safety Patrols have been provided with hot chocolate to warm up in those cold mornings. We also recognize a patrol squad of the month and display their photograph on our leadership bulletin board. They also receive a small reward for their dedication to patrolling. Patrols were also recently treated to a free ticket to the Manitoba Moose Patrol Appreciation event on Saturday, December 3, 2022.



Street patrols will be having a "thank you" field trip to Wheelies on Tuesday, December 20, 2022. Bus patrols, stay tuned for a special celebration later in the year.

We ask drivers to be mindful of slippery conditions as you are approaching crossings. Thank you for all you do for our School Patrols!

## Patrol Weather Guidelines

With the colder weather here, please note the cold weather guidelines below for patrols. Patrols are trained and reminded to be dressed for the weather as we are on post rain, snow, or shine! Patrols are only off post if there is thunder and lightning, or if the temperature with windchill is below -40C. Reduced patrol times implemented for temperatures colder than -27C. During extremely cold weather, the following guidelines for an abbreviated student patrol schedule will be followed.

### Temperature or Windchill:

-27C to -34C It is recommended that time on post not exceed 10 minutes. Warm clothing is essential. Facial protection is recommended.

-35C to -39C It is recommended that time on post not exceed five minutes. Posts located more than a five - minute walk from the school will not be patrolled. Warm clothing and facial protection are essential.

-40C and below No student patrols are on post. The school will notify the students and parents of this abbreviated patrol schedule.

**How to Dress:** Scarves, toque, mitts, snowsuit, boots, and other warm clothing. Clothing should not restrict the vision of the patrol.



### Upcoming Patrol Schedule:

Tuesday, Dec. 13 - Wednesday, Dec. 21

Tuesday, Jan. 5 - Monday, Jan. 16

Tuesday, Jan. 17 - Monday, Jan. 30

Tuesday, Jan. 31 - Monday, Feb. 13

Tuesday, Feb. 14 - Monday, Feb. 27

Tuesday, Feb. 28 - Monday, Mar. 13

Tuesday, Mar. 14 - Monday, Mar. 24

Monday, Apr. 3 - Monday, Apr. 10

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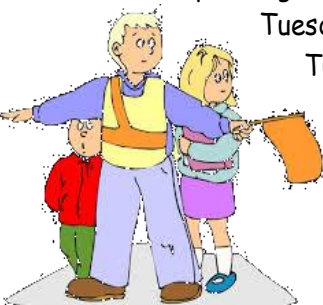
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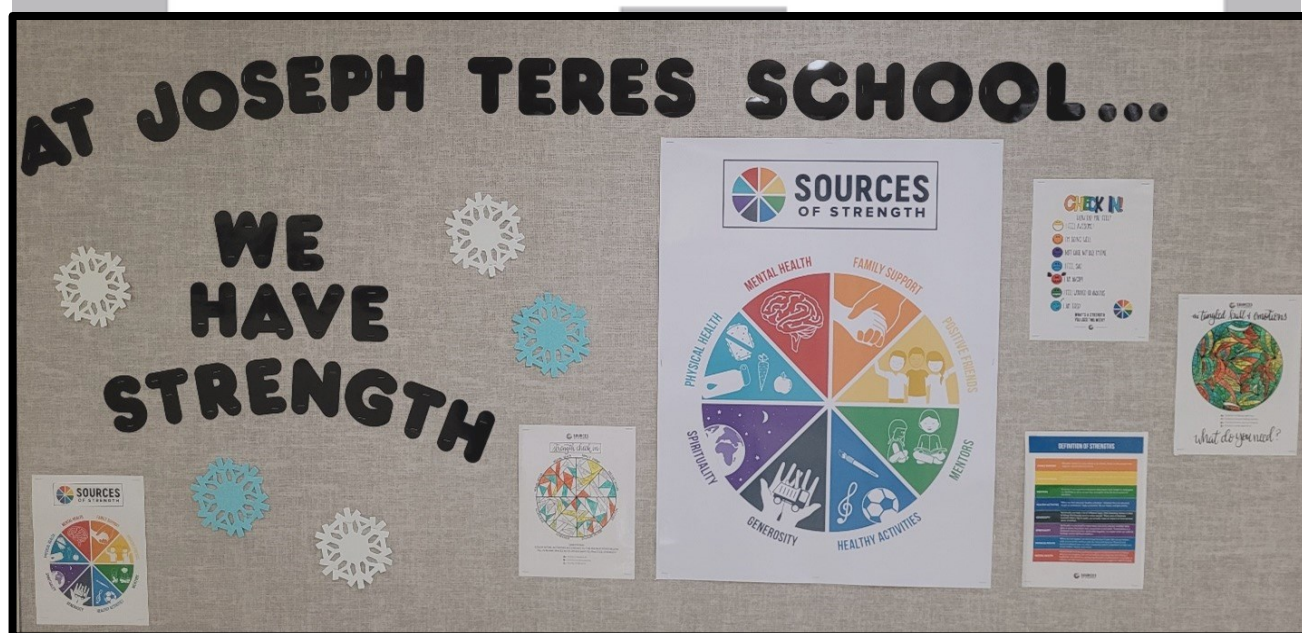


# Counsellor's Corner - Mr. Murray

Hello JT Families!

As a new face at Joseph Teres School, it has been an incredible start for me in the school community. I hope that the first few months of school this year have been great for your child(ren) as well! We have been working hard on helping students navigate all the big feelings that come with being in school. Students have been learning strategies on how to cope with a whole range of emotions, as well as learning that having both negative and positive emotions is normal. Over the course of the year they will continue to build their "tool box" of strategies to help them self-regulate, including Zones of Regulation, which is being implemented in every classroom. Soon we will be beginning a new program called Sources of Strength, which is an excellent program to help students build resiliency.

It has been wonderful being able to meet and speak with as many students as possible. I have been in every classroom multiple times to introduce myself and build connections with students. As a school Counsellor, I am available for short term support for many needs such as anxiety, family changes, grief and friendship challenges. I am also available to help connect families to outside agency support for longer term needs. I can be reached at the school by e-mail at [emurray@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:emurray@retsd.mb.ca)





# Terry Fox Kickoff



We would like to thank all our families and staff at Joseph Teres School for participating in our Coins for Terry Fox Drive.

We surpassed our goal of raising \$500 in donations for Cancer Care!

As promised a "No Hands" Spaghetti eating contest took place and it was not pretty!

We would like to thank our Judge and Head Chef Mrs. Kostecki, and our Referee Mr. Gough, for making sure our spaghetti eating contestants followed the rules. A huge shout out to the following staff members for participating Ms. Aquin, Mrs. Hepworth, Mr. Cairns, Mrs. Zagrobelny, Mrs. Moyer, Ms. Watson, Ms. Hum, Mrs. Shawarsky, Mrs. Morrison and Mr. Hildebrandt.

Unfortunately, Mr. Cairns could not keep up with the other contestants and found himself with unwanted dessert, in the form of a pie to the face.

Way to go JT, we could not be more proud!



## NO HANDS SPAGHETTI EATING CONTEST







Grade 5 classes from Joseph Teres School went for a walk to the War Memorial Cenotaph at Park Circle in Transcona. Some students painted a rock and included sayings such as: "No War", "World Peace", "Lest We Forget" and "Thank You".

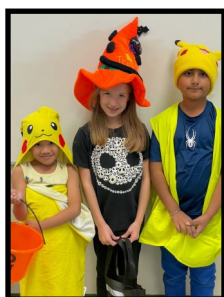


## DID YOU KNOW?

Our school sponsors a child in Zimbabwe, Africa. A great big Thank you goes out to our Joseph Teres students and their families for participating in our World Vision Wednesdays.

By dressing up and bringing in a loonie, we showed we care.

We were able to raise enough money to sponsor Thembeke for the whole year!



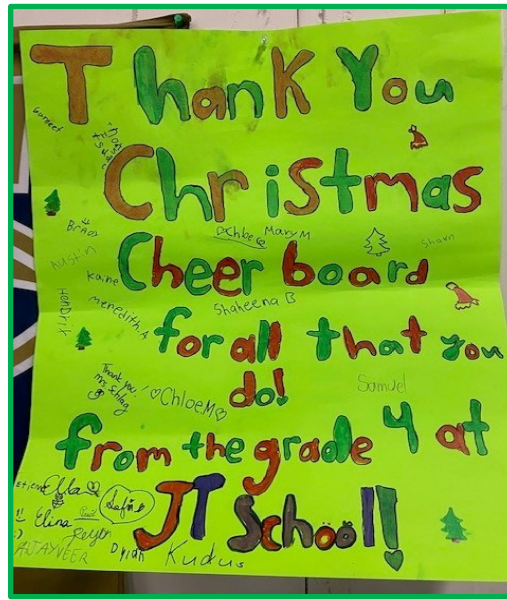
We have received a holiday greeting from Thembeke. Some of the Grade ones have recently sent her Birthday wishes for her 9 birthday. Kindergartens have also sent her a Christmas card.



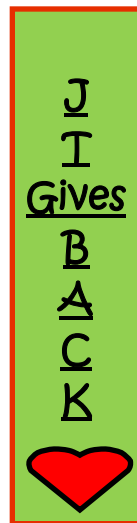
## A letter from Thembeke







The Christmas Cheer Board is a Canadian registered charitable organization providing approximately 17,500 Christmas hampers annually for families so everyone can enjoy the holiday season. The Grade Four students in Mrs. Schlag's class had the opportunity to give back to the community by packing 480 hampers.







# Music Notes

## WSO Bach to School Visit!

On November 17 a Brass Quintet from the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra came to our school. We were excited to welcome live professional musicians back into our building!

Here are some student reflections on this awesome concert.



I loved the trombone and that it could sound like a race car and make cartoon sounds too!

I liked the high and flashy sounds of the trumpet. It was interesting to hear how the different mutes would change the sound of the instrument. My favourite mute was the toilet plunger mute!

The french horn played beautifully. The best part was hearing a melody on the home depot horn!



The top 3 pieces that JT students loved were the Sea Shanty, the Tango and of course Superman!!



## Coming up on December 19

Grade 4-5 Voluntary Choir takes their music on the road with a special concert for the residents at Concordia Village.



Voluntary Choir will also sing the Canadian Anthem at the Moose Game on February 17, 2023.

**Congratulations** to all of our amazing budding musicians and writers at JT!



Our Grade 2-5 Showcases on December 14 and 15 were a hit! It was wonderful to be **TOGETHER AGAIN**. We were proud to be able to share all of our hard work with you!



Thank you for supporting your child in this performance opportunity highlighting both music and literacy.





# Joseph Teres School Parent Council

The Joseph Teres Parent Council has had a busy, but fun start to the year. We have been so thrilled to be able to be inside the school again and to have met so many new families this year. Our meetings take place on the first Tuesday evening of every month from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. The meetings are an opportunity for parents and members of the school staff to gather together to engage in discussions that enhance and promote an exceptional learning environment and opportunities for our students. This year PAC has been able to fund Women in Science and Manitoba Theatre for Young People presentations for the students. In our most recent meeting, we committed to purchasing an outdoor bluetooth speaker, 4 cold beverage carafes, and 1 large hot drink Cambro! This is all thanks to our JT families who have supported our fundraising efforts through Dielmann's, Hot Lunches, and most recently our 50/50 at the Winter Showcase Performances. Speaking of Hot Lunches, we have been so excited to be able to provide this fun lunch opportunity to our students again. We have had an overwhelming response to both dates so far and are hopeful to have 4 more in the New Year. The kids are so excited about the pizza and our volunteers have loved in-teracting with the kids. A special shout out to Dylan Balzer who has taken on the unofficial title of Hot Lunch Coordinator for all the time and energy he has put into making these fun lunches happen!

We are looking forward to what the New Year has in store, and we would love to have you join us at our next meeting on January 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. This a small reminder to parents that students that come along to our meetings are required to remain in the Library during the duration of the meeting.

If you have any questions related to Parent Council, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Chair by email at [jarowe2108@gmail.com](mailto:jarowe2108@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Parent Council Meetings

January 10, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, and June 6.

More information regarding meeting detail will come closer to the date.

## Upcoming Hot Lunch and Fundraising

Our next pizza hot lunch date will be on February 10, 2023.

Our next Parent Council fundraiser will also be in February, more information to follow.

## The JTPC is made up of the following parents and positions:

- Aryssa Rowe
- Natalie Giesbrecht
- Jen Warren
- Chloe DeVries
- Dylan Balzer
- Christy Capner
- Vacant
- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Member at Large
- Member at Large
- Member at Large



# Library News...

## New Sofa and Loveseat

We are incredibly thankful to Palliser Furniture for a donation of a new sofa and loveseat to our school Library. The new sofa and loveseat are a beautiful leather charcoal grey and compliment our Library environment very well. There were so many "ooohs" and "awwws" when the furniture arrived and students saw it for the first time. Students have already been enjoying cozying up on the new furniture with their favorite book. The reading area by the sofa is a favorite spot for so many students.

We are so appreciative to have this addition to our Library and for the generosity of Palliser Furniture. Thank you for making a difference in our school community.



Our **Scholastic Book Fair** was a success! Thank you to all families, Teachers, and students who participated, supporting our school while enhancing home libraries.

Your investment in your reader helped our school to earn valuable rewards that can be redeemed for new books for our school and classroom libraries, as well as supplies and education resources to benefit our students.

We can not wait to hear all about the new stories you have added to your home libraries!

Thank you for participating in our **Scholastic Book Fair**!

Happy reading!

Mrs. Hepworth and Mrs. Friesen








Its December,  
all the lights are out,  
and Christmas spirit has arrived,  
everybody's caroling  
and waiting for Santa to fly by,  
We are wishing you all a magical,  
exciting, and most of all joyful Christmas.  
Everybody is smiling,  
we can see it in your eyes,  
and thank you all for coming,  
hope you have a good time!

By Tiana Y.  
Grade 5



*May the peace and  
joy of the holidays be  
with you today and  
throughout the new  
year.*

*From the Staff  
of Joseph Teres*

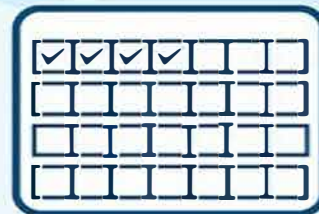
# What To Do When You're Sick

If you test positive OR are ill with COVID-19 symptoms, it is recommended that you:

- **Isolate for five days** either from symptom onset, or from receiving a positive test result
- Return to school after the isolation period when you have **no fever** and your **symptoms are improving**
- **Wear a mask** for the remaining 5 days in public



**Stay Home  
When Sick**



**Monitor Symptoms  
Daily**



**Cough or Sneeze  
into Your Elbow**



**Wash Your Hands  
Frequently**





# TIME TO BUNDLE UP!

## *RETSD Cold Weather Guidelines*

Sometimes, severe weather requires us to make changes to busing, outdoor recess, and safety patrolling to keep your children safe.

### **School Closures**

Schools very rarely close due to winter weather.

### **Winter Clothing**

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

### **Busing**

When the temperature is  $-35^{\circ}\text{C}$  and/or wind chill is  $-45^{\circ}\text{C}$  or colder at The Forks, metro Winnipeg school divisions (RETSD included) cancel buses for the entire day—but schools usually remain open.

We will post a cancellation alert on the RETSD website home page if buses are cancelled, and alert the media. If we have not posted a cancellation alert by 6:45 a.m., buses are running.


### **School Patrols**

When the temperature or wind chill is between  $-27^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $-34^{\circ}\text{C}$ , patrols will remain on post for 10 minutes. When it is  $-35^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $-39^{\circ}\text{C}$ , patrols will remain on post for five minutes. When it is  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  and below, no patrols will be on duty.

### **Recess**

When the temperature or wind chill is between  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $-27^{\circ}\text{C}$ , a shortened recess period may be warranted. When it is below  $-27^{\circ}\text{C}$ , recess is usually moved indoors. This is at the discretion of the principal. *\*with the exception of Polar Bear Club students*



 **All students will remain inside when the temperature/ windchill is  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  or below. If you have any questions not addressed by these guidelines, please contact your child's school.**