

JOHN W. GUNN WILDCATS NEWSLETTER

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REMINDERS

Moving? Already Moved?

If your contact information has changed, don't forget to let us know!

Sick? Late? Vacation?

If your student is sick, late or going to be away please notify the office by calling (204) 958-6500. If there is no answer, please leave a voicemail on our 24 hour answering machine. Please include the students name, teacher and date.

Stay Up to Date

Remember to check out the JWG website on a regular basis for updates and important information. You can also check out our weekly update email sent to the community every Friday.

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Dear Students, Staff, and Parents of John W. Gunn
Middle School

As we bring this school year to a close, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each one of you for making it such a successful and memorable year.

To our students—thank you for your hard work, your curiosity, and your resilience. You’ve grown not only in knowledge but in character, and we are so proud of all you’ve accomplished. Your energy and enthusiasm have filled our classrooms and hallways with life.

To our parents and guardians—thank you for your unwavering support, encouragement, and partnership. Your involvement in your children’s education has made a tremendous difference, and we are grateful for the trust you place in us every day.

To our dedicated staff and teachers—thank you for your passion, creativity, and commitment to excellence. Your tireless efforts have shaped a nurturing and inspiring environment where students can thrive. You are the heart of our school, and your impact is immeasurable.

Together, we’ve navigated challenges, celebrated achievements, and built a strong, supportive community. As we look ahead to a well-deserved summer break, I hope you all find time to rest, recharge, and enjoy time with loved ones. We look forward to welcoming you back for another exciting year ahead. Until then, thank you once again for being such an essential part of our school family.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Gregg Zubricki
Acting Principal



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BAND news

It was a busy spring in the band program! Congratulations to our musicians on all of their spring performances:

- Congrats to the grade 6 and 7 bands on performing at the "Level 1 Band Festival" on April 25.
- Congrats to the grade 8 band on their performance and participation in the Moose Jaw Band Festival on May 13 (group photo attached).
- Congrats to all band, jazz band, choir, and drumming students for their performances at our Spring Concert on May 27.
- Congrats to jazz band on performing at Concordia Village on June 16 (photo attached).

We look forward to hearing all the music you'll make next year!

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Did you know JWG regularly has over seventy students that ride their bikes to school?

As part of our ongoing encouragement of active transportation, providing students space to securely lock up their bikes is important. This spring, eleven Grade Eight students had the opportunity to practice their metalworking skills, while building two new bike racks for the school. The racks are a modern, design that makes locking your bike easy and secure. The two racks have been installed in front of the school, and are already in use.

Thanks to Anya, Brooklynn, Carson, Darrell, Graham, Hameedah, Joe, Preston, Sayo, Sophia and Weston for all their hard work.



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Are you a student in Grade Six currently? In the fall, there is a hiking and camping trip that is offered to Grade Seven students. We spend three days in the Spruce Woods back country learning, hiking and camping entirely self-supported. Watch for more information in September, or talk to Mr. Miller for more details.



Grade 7
HIKING TRIP

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Phys Ed Updates

Wildcats Dominate the Track: Congratulations to Our Athletes!

The 2025 track and field season has been one to remember for the John W. Gunn Wildcats! Our athletes showed incredible determination, sportsmanship, and talent throughout the season, and their hard work paid off in a big way.

We're proud to congratulate all students who qualified for Divisional Track and Field—a true testament to their dedication and effort. The Wildcats proved to be fierce competitors, with many of our athletes finishing in the top three in their events. From sprints to long-distance races, jumps to throws, our team consistently brought energy and excellence to the field. Even more exciting, several of our standout athletes have qualified to move on and represent our school at the Provincial Championships! This is an incredible achievement, and we can't wait to see them shine at the next level.

To all our athletes—whether you ran, jumped, threw, or cheered from the sidelines—you made us proud. Thank you for representing JWG with heart, hustle, and Wildcat spirit. Job well done!

Celebrating Art, Culture, and Community Through Gaga Ball



On a sunny day this spring, John W. Gunn Middle School was proud to welcome a group of talented high school students from Murdoch MacKay Collegiate led by their teacher Christine Hay to install a truly meaningful addition to our playground: a beautifully painted set of panels for our Gaga Ball pits. After receiving the grant 'Fund the Future' from the Education student council at the University of Manitoba, these students worked diligently for several months to design and paint each panel by hand, with every piece of artwork representing one of the Seven Sacred Teachings—a set of traditional Indigenous values that include love, respect, courage, honesty, wisdom, humility, and truth. Each panel was created with thoughtful intention, showcasing vibrant artwork and powerful messages rooted in Indigenous culture.

To celebrate the completion of the project, we gathered for a pizza lunch and refreshments, where students had the opportunity to connect, reflect, and place their panels where they felt they best belonged.

With great care and teamwork, they helped install each one, transforming the Gaga Ball pit into a space that now not only promotes physical activity, but also celebrates reconciliation, creativity, and community.

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In May, artists in grade 8 explored downtown Transcona, checking out all the amazing murals and other pieces of public art that this wonderful neighborhood has to offer. Using that as inspiration, students created their own piece with the following theme in mind: celebrating community, we are all connected.

You can see students' paintings up close on the fence on Harold Avenue West between John W. Gunn Middle School and Radisson School.



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Thank you to
all artists
that
participated
in this
opportunity—
your work will
be up for
years to
come!



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UPSTANDER SHOWCASE

Emma, Maria, Greyson, and Stella represented 7CD at the Canadian Museum of Human Rights Upstander showcase. Their interactive shelter project was a temporary exhibit at the museum today!

We are so proud of their hard work and their confidence sharing their project!



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STEM FOR EVERYONE



We had an awesome and inspiring day at the STEM for Everyone conference on Friday at U of M. We got to speak with many women from different fields in STEM as well as try hands on activities in physics, psychology, entomology and coding. A highlight for the girls was learning about cockroaches (?!), and I had to make sure they didn't smuggle them out of the lab as they wanted to keep them as pets.



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A NEW MUSICAL COMEDY



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IMPORTANT DATES

June 23

June 26

June 27

September 2

September 3

September 30

**Report Cards
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**Co-ordinated Day
Last Day of School
Early Dismissal**

**School Years Eve
Co-ordinated Day
First Day of Classes
Truth &
Reconciliation**

NOTICE TO GRADE 6 AND FEE FOR SERVICE STUDENTS RE: BUSING



Grade 6 students currently being transported by a RETSD school bus will **not** be eligible for free busing in Grade 7. According to the Manitoba Education Public Schools Act Regulation (M.R. 259/2006), Grade 7 to 12 students living **within** the city limits are **not** eligible for school bus transportation. Fee-for-Service may be available. If you are considering this option, please submit a Transportation Application – **Fee-For-Service 2025-26 Form B**. Forms are available from the school office or on the Transportation section located on divisional home page at www.retsd.mb.ca. Applications are not rolled over therefore, you must (re)-apply every year.

Fee-For-Service applications must be submitted to the Transportation Department by **June 30th** of each school year and will be reviewed on an individual basis.



V🖐️lunteer

Volunteer is a week-long free summer program with the goal of providing volunteer opportunities and educational experiences for students entering grades 7-12 in RETSD!



Runs the weeks of:

Week 1: July 7th - 11th

Week 2: July 14th - 18th

Week 3: July 21st - 25th

Week 4: July 28th - 1st

Week 5: August 5th - 8th

Volunteer placements:

Siloam Mission

Winnipeg Harvest

Nursing Home

...and more

website



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