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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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As we embrace the arrival of spring, it is incredible to reflect on the growth and achievements of our students, staff, and community. This time of year brings new energy, and we have been thrilled to see such strong collaboration amongst our staff as we continue to plan for the success of every student. Our school community has been deeply committed to providing engaging opportunities beyond the classroom. Whether through athletics, the arts, or other extracurriculars, their support has been invaluable in creating a well-rounded experience for all our students.

With Trimester 3 underway, there is a real sense of excitement across the school. We are focused on finishing the school year strong, with plenty of opportunities for students to showcase their learning, develop new skills, and achieve their personal bests. We are confident that the final stretch will be filled with meaningful experiences and growth for all.

Student engagement has been remarkable this year, and it is heartening to see so many students actively involved in these activities, building friendships, and developing new skills. A huge thank you to our parents for their ongoing support and collaboration, which plays such a crucial role in our school community. Together, we have seen incredible growth, and we are excited to continue working alongside you as we move forward.

With the arrival of warmer weather, we are looking forward to bringing more of our teaching outdoors. Nature provides such a rich learning environment, and we cannot wait to integrate it into our lessons in creative ways.

As we prepare for the 2025–2026 school year, we are also excited about the growth of our school population. It was a pleasure to welcome our incoming Grade 6 students from our feeder schools and see their excitement as they glimpsed their future school environment. We are already looking at staffing and expansion plans to ensure we continue providing excellent opportunities for all students.

As for myself, I will be supporting the division at the administration office from April 7 until the end of the year, and I am pleased to welcome Greg Zubricki current Vice Principal at Transcona Collegiate, who will serve as acting principal until the end of the school year. I will still be involved in planning operations for next year, and I look forward to a smooth transition. Wishing everyone a restful spring break, and all the best as we enter the final stretch of the school year!

PRINCIPALS message

Ryan Francis
Principal



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JWG Band News

from the desk of Ms. Roloff

May 27th - Spring Concert

On May 27th we will be having our spring concert! All band students as well as members of choir, drumming, and jazz band will be performing. Exact start time and more details will be sent out via email in April!

April 25th - Grade 6 and 7 Band Festival

On Friday, April 25th our grade 6 and 7 band students will be headed to the "Level 1 Band Festival" to perform! Ms. Roloff will be sending home details and permission forms after spring break!

May 12th-14th - Grade 8 Band Trip

Our grade 8 band students are travelling to participate in the Moose Jaw Band Festival! We wish them luck with their performance and hope they learn lots from the experience!

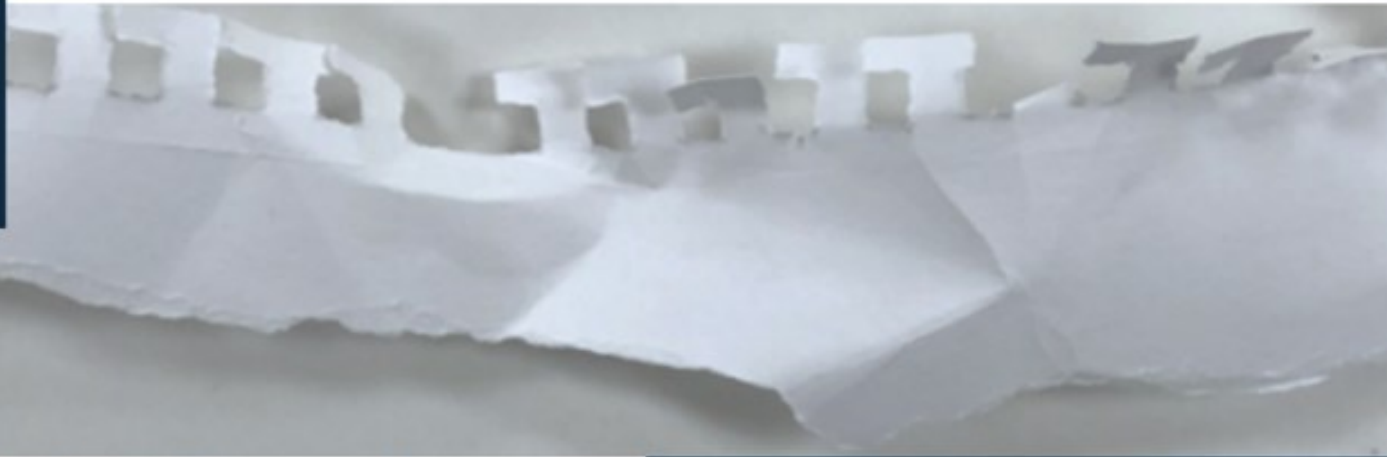
May 7th - Music Month @ TCI

Our grade 8 band and choir will be walking across the field during the day on May 7th to participate in TCI's annual Music Month concert! More details will be sent home in April by Ms. Roloff and Mr. Camuyong.



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A scrap of perforated paper became...



... the feet on a caterpillar!



...windows on a school bus!

ART

Call it what you want...happy little accidents, mistakes into masterpieces, or a beautiful oops. Artists in grade 6 have been turning trash into treasure---we call it "Oops, I arted!" Students have been learning to work together and push their creativity by transforming something that was destined for the recycling or garbage bins and instead, making it into something worth showing others!

...the scales on a sea creature!



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...a basketball net

Shoot
That ball!


... a people eating
monster!



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GRADE 7 ART

Artists in grade 7 worked with so many materials---oil pastels, acrylic paint, watercolour paint, washable markers, and foam stamps. After experimenting with different media and subject matter, they focused on one material and created a final image of their choice. Many students said they liked having so much choice and independence.



Peyton H. -
Acrylic paint



Kate K. - Oil Pastels



Kaylee B. - Foam stamp
and acrylic paint



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Turtle, volleyball,
and tree by
Caitie T.



Cinnamon roll
by Elias T.



Pizza by Olivia T.

MINI ART

Make it mini! Artists in grade 8 had the opportunity to make anything---as long as it fit inside the palm of a hand. As you can see, some of the pieces are as small as a fingernail! This project took patience, dedication, and an eye for detail.



Clay vessel by Dominic C.

Clay Objects



Clay vessel by Samara F.



Clay vessel by Sarah B.

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GRADE 6 UPDATES

We've had a busy second term at the grade 6 level. Students have had many wonderful opportunities to both showcase their learning and design skills throughout many different curricular areas, as well as demonstrate their athletic skills in a variety of sports and competitions. In social studies, students have been creating display museums as well as tanks of WWII. Science classes have been sharing their knowledge of the different forms of electricity, as well as building Rovers and creating newscasts and commercials sharing their knowledge of the planets. In ELA, students have been engaging in literature circles, close reads and creating aphorisms to share their learning. We have just finished basketball season with a very successful mini tournament and are now heading into floor hockey and the much-anticipated grade 6 dance competition. A spirit week is being planned for the final week before spring break, and then students can have a chance to replenish their energy for the final months ahead. Go Wildcats!



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Grade 7 Updates

The grade 7 team has had a busy second term. Since returning to school after the winter break, they have visited Siloam Mission, gone to a Moose Game, attended a career fair, and seen Robb Nash live at the Centennial Concert Hall.

Not to mention or forget that many of our grade 7 students are involved in school activities, clubs and sports including drumming, floor hockey, basketball, choir, Makerspace, and the Adam's Family production. Our students are making the most of their school year by getting involved and keeping active. We are proud of their commitment to learning and growing as individuals as well as the way they represent our school when they are out in the community.



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Grade 8 HEART DISSECTIONS

BASKETBALL

NEWS

**An
Incredible
Basketball
Season at
John W
Gunn!**

This year's basketball season at John W Gunn was nothing short of amazing! With four boys' teams and three girls' teams hitting the court, our athletes showcased incredible skill, dedication, and teamwork. From the first practice to the final buzzer, our players worked hard, improved their game, and made us all proud.

Each team saw tremendous growth, with athletes developing their skills, building strong team connections, and showing resilience through every challenge. Their hard work and determination paid off in a season full of exciting games, thrilling moments, and plenty of success!

A huge thank you goes out to our dedicated coaches, whose leadership and guidance helped shape such a strong program. To our parents and families—your support in the stands, at practices, and behind the scenes made all the difference. And, of course, to our incredible players, who gave their all and represented our school with pride—congratulations on an outstanding season!

Here's to another great year of basketball at JWG!



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YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE

JOHN W. GUNN COMMUNITY CAFE

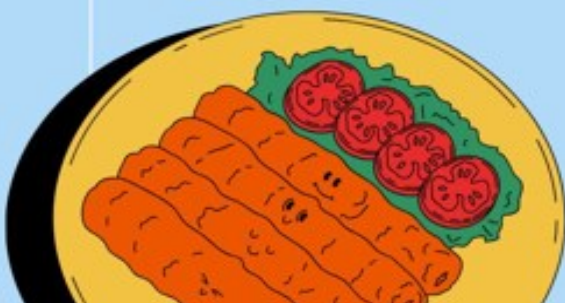
ENJOY FOOD FROM AROUND THE WORLD
& GAMES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

THURSDAY, FROM 5PM-7PM
COME & GO!

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MAY

JOHN W. GUNN MIDDLE SCHOOL
351 HAROLD AVENUE WEST

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be
purchased
in the
school
office!

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IT CAST

APRIL 30 @ 8:00 P

MAY 1 @ 8:00 P

MAY 2 @ 6:00 P

THING CAST

APRIL 29 @ 6:00 P

MAY 1 @ 6:00 P

MAY 2 @ 8:00 P



RETLIFE SPRING PROGRAMMING **OPEN FOR IN-PERSON** **REGISTRATION** **MONDAY TO FRIDAY AND** **TUESDAY EVENINGS**

RETLIFE IS WORKING TO IMPROVE ITS ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM. AS A RESULT, WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT REGISTRATIONS AND PAYMENTS IN-PERSON AT 530 MCLEOD AVE. OUR REGULAR OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY TO FRIDAY, BETWEEN 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM. STARTING ON FEBRUARY 25, WE ARE ALSO OPEN ON TUESDAY EVENINGS FROM 4:30 PM – 8:00 PM. WE CAN ACCEPT CASH, DEBIT, OR CREDIT CARD.

RETLife's Spring Programming lineup for Youth includes:

NEW! Rising Voices: Choral Singing for Youth (ages 9 – 16).

NEW! FPV Drones for Youth (ages 12 – 16).

NEW! Basketball for Youth (11-12).

NEW! Absolute Beginner Hip Hop (ages 12 and up).

NEW! Exploration of Freestyle Hip Hop (Youth).

NEW! Basketball for Boys (11-12).

NEW! Basketball for Girls (11-12).

NEW! Dungeons and Dragons – Parent and Child Learning Together

NEW! Parent and Child Cooking Together: Simple Meals

Learn to Juggle with Sleepy the Clown

Volleyball Skills Camp for Girls 11 – 12, 12 -13, 13 – 14, and 14-15

Babysitting (CPET) OR (College Miles Macdonell Collegiate).

**• AND MUCH MORE – INCLUDING CLASSES FOR GROWN-UPS!
REGISTER IN-PERSON SOON TO AVOID
DISAPPOINTMENT! CALL RETLIFE WITH
ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE AT 204 667 6193.**

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.

