



ÉSVS Weekly News

September 29th, 2026



Mark the Calendar

Sept 30th - Truth & Reconciliation – No Classes

Oct 6th & 7th – Bus Evacuations

Oct 7th – ÉSVS PAC Meeting 6 pm in Library

Oct 12th – Thanksgiving – No classes

Oct 16th – Hot Lunch

Oct 22nd – Picture Day for Ladybug Kinders

Oct 22nd – Picture Day Retakes

Oct 22nd – Celebration of Learning Conferences (evening)

Oct 23rd – Provincial in-service – No Classes

Oct 28th – Municipal Election Day – No Classes

Oct 30th – Gift-a-Palooza Day (more info to come)

School Hours

School Starts – 8:50 AM

Morning Recess - 10:20 - 10:35 AM

Lunch Hour - 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

Afternoon Recess - 1:55 - 2:10 PM

Dismissal – 3:25 PM

Reporting Absences

As a reminder, if your child is going to be absent or late, we ask that you email the school at sv@retsd.mb.ca and their teacher or call us at 204-663-7664.

Please include your child's first and last name, and the reason for their absence.

Bussed Students

If your child is a bussed student and their pickup plans change for the end of the day, parents need to notify the office by phone or email. **If we do not hear from parents' children will be sent on the bus.**

Early Pickups

If you need to pick up your child(ren) early from school, please report to the office to sign them out and we will call them down for you.



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Verification Forms

Verification forms are online this year in our Parent Portal. Please have all forms submitted for review by Monday, October 5, 2026, at the latest. If you have any questions or are unable to log in, please contact the school office @ 204-663-7664 or sv@retsd.mb.ca

- Log into the Parent Portal
- Click on Forms
- Under General Forms click on Student Data Verification Form
- Please review the information. If everything is correct, please check the box "No Changes". If there are changes, please make the appropriate corrections.

Extra Clothes for Backpack

We are asking that all students (Gr K-5) have a complete set of clothing in their backpack; that is underwear, socks, pants and shirt. This will help avoid phone calls to parents when clothes get wet.

Celebration of Learning

École Sun Valley School will be hosting the Fall Celebration of Learning Conferences on Thursday, October 22nd for all Kindergarten to Grade 5 classes. At these conferences your student will share their learning through centers and activities. The time slots are set for 15 minutes; we invite you to stay longer in your students' classroom if you would like. For families with more than 1 student, please give some extra time when you choose your appointment times, this will allow you to truly experience the learning that is happening. If after this time, you feel you need more info/clarification, it is encouraged to reach out to your child's teacher to set up an agreeable time to continue the conversation.

Conference Manager will open, Tuesday, October 13th please book your appointment with your child's teacher. Our specialist teachers (Resource, Phys. Ed., Music and Teacher Librarian) are also available to meet with you. The link for CONFERENCE MANAGER is on the school website as well as a guide for how to navigate the website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mme Joëlle (jguillou@retsd.mb.ca) or call the school (204-663-7664) or email the school sv@retsd.mb.ca



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Early / Middle Years Update

Families may be feeling the same way that we are feeling in schools. One moment we are enjoying the summer, and the next we are several weeks into the school year with all of its routines.

This letter is a reminder of the cell phone guidelines established by the Manitoba Government. These guidelines refer to any personal devices that can be used to connect to the internet (e.g., smartwatches, tablets, cell phones, laptops, smart glasses).

Appropriate use of technology is also outlined in the RETSD Code of Conduct [RETSD - Code of Conduct](#) and RETSD Policies:

[IJND - Instructional Technology Use](#)

[IJND-E1 - Instructional Technology Use Form](#)

[JICJ - Student Use of Student Supplied Personal Electronic Devices](#)

[JICJ-R Student Use of Student Supplied Personal Electronic Devices Procedure](#)

As a reminder:

- Schools with Kindergarten to Grade 8 students are personal electronic device-free zones.
- Students in Grades 9-12 are able to use their personal electronic devices for instructional purposes in class when directed by a teacher, and during breaks and lunch.
- Staff model responsible personal electronic device use for students by thoughtfully limiting personal electronic device use in the learning environment to school-related matters.

Manitoba Education and Training has published Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) regarding the Cell Phone Guidelines. The link can be found [here](#).

Teaching and learning about being a responsible digital citizen continue in all grades and classes. Our schools have access to a variety of technology that supports students in being creators, designers, and critical thinkers.

As partners in your children's education, the conversations that you have at home are crucial in that teaching and learning. Here are some resources that may be helpful:

[MediaSmarts: Helping Kids Get a Healthy Start with Phones](#)

[MediaSmarts: Helping Young Kids Get a Healthy Start with Devices](#)

[RETSD TV Healthy Cellphone Use](#)

Please contact the school if you have any questions about the guidelines.

