



École John Henderson Middle School

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Welcome!

On behalf of the school staff, I would like to welcome all our students to another great school year. Research shows that strong school communities are vital for academic success for students of all ages. École John Henderson is a busy middle school and we encourage all our students to get involved. There are many clubs, sports, and committees that students can join. Students can find out about opportunities during morning announcements and through their teachers. One way for parents to get involved is through our amazing Parent Council. We encourage you to come to our first meeting on September 12th at 5:30 pm in our library. We welcome all of our families to attend our Meet the Teacher evening on September 14, details coming soon.

At any point in the year if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out. Our doors are always open, and you are welcome. You will be receiving an email from your child's homeroom teacher by September 5th. Please add their email to your contacts for future communication.

New This Year: École John Henderson Bike Cage

Thank you to our Parent Council, we now have a bike cage! Hopefully this will strengthen students riding their bike to school and decrease congestion at pick up and drop off times.

- **ALL** bikes in the bike cage must be locked to a bike rack with an effective bike lock.
- During school hours the bike cage will be locked. Students who are late or need to leave early will need to lock their bikes up to the bike rack outside of the cage.
- When the bell goes for the start of classes, the cage will be locked.
- The bike rack will be open during the lunch hour from 11:45 – 12:40.
- The bike rack will be opened at the end of the school day.

Opt-Out Policies

- The division has two policies that I would like to draw your attention to as permission is in place unless families decide to opt out. Please see these policies below and if you would like your child to opt out, please send the forms below back to our school. If you would like paper copies, please contact the school.
- **Technology Use:** [Policy IJND](#), and [Policy Form IJND-E1](#)
- **Media Release:** [Policy KDDB](#) and [Policy Form KDDB-E1](#)

First Day: September 6

Reminder that there is a staggered start on September 6th.

- Grade 6 start at 8:55 a.m. with a welcome BBQ at lunch
- Grades 7 and 8 are welcome starting at noon to join the BBQ lunch in the back field (entrance to the school will be at 12:40 p.m.)
- To view the parent letter that was sent home in June containing information about supply lists and fees please see this [link](#).



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To Report an Absence:

- If your child will be away or late, please call the school at 204.661.2503 or email the school at jh@retsd.mb.ca

Communication:

We are aiming to send out weekly e-memos on Fridays to keep families up to date. We will be following the RETSD Concern Protocol that can be found at this [link](#).

- Please find our website at: [École John Henderson Middle School \(retsd.mb.ca\)](http://retsd.mb.ca).
- Follow us on our school Twitter account [@ejhms_RETSD](#).
- Follow us on our school Facebook account [École John Henderson | Facebook](#)
- For any questions or inquiries please do not hesitate to call or email the school at jh@retsd.mb.ca

Busing:

Please check the Parent Portal for your child's bussing time and locations. Delays are to be expected for the first few days as drivers learn names and find traffic patterns. As the transportation department learns about the route's, transportation times may be altered.

Please check the Parent Portal often for updates in the first couple weeks. RETSD Transportation Twitter Page ([@RETSDtransport](#)) will be providing updates. Check there for information on when busses are late or cancelled. During the first week this site will let you know when the route is complete. We will have someone available in our office to call regarding transportation until our students' routes are complete. Any questions please don't hesitate to call. Your patience is appreciated as the year gets started.

Picture Day:

Our picture day is Friday, September 8.

Looking forward to seeing all of our students back on Wednesday!

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