



September 9th, 2026

Dear ÉSVS Families,

It is our pleasure to welcome everyone to a new school year at École Sun Valley School. We hope the summer was enjoyable, with a variety of experiences and adventures. The full return to school is an opportunity to share, reconnect, and welcome new members to our ÉSVS family.

Thank you for taking the time to look over our Welcome Information for the 2026-27 school year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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 before 3:00 PM. If we do not hear from parents' children will be sent on the bus. We will be providing all our Grade 1 and 2 Bus students a badge indicating their name and bus number. We ask that you please keep this on your child's backpack to support everyone.

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.

School Parking Lot

We ask families not to use the staff parking lot as a drop-off / pick-up area. If students must be dropped off or picked up, we ask that you use a designated area on a neighboring street. Thank you for your cooperation in making our school grounds safe.

Technology use and Media Release

We would like to give notice that the following policies are in place. The technology use Policy IJND, and Policy Form IJND-E1 as well as media release Policy KDDB and Policy Form KDDB-E1. If you wish to opt out each school year, you have the option to do so by filling out the forms and returning them to school.

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

Personal electronic devices and cell phones are not to be used while at school, as they may disrupt the instructional program and distracts from the learning environment. This applies to the formal school day, including school sponsored events such as field trips, extracurricular activities, and intramurals. Students are required to come to the office if they wish to contact their family if feeling ill and need to be picked up. It is also encouraged that parents-guardians contact the school directly if they decide to have their children picked up early. Having every child accounted for at all times is a serious safety concern for the school. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

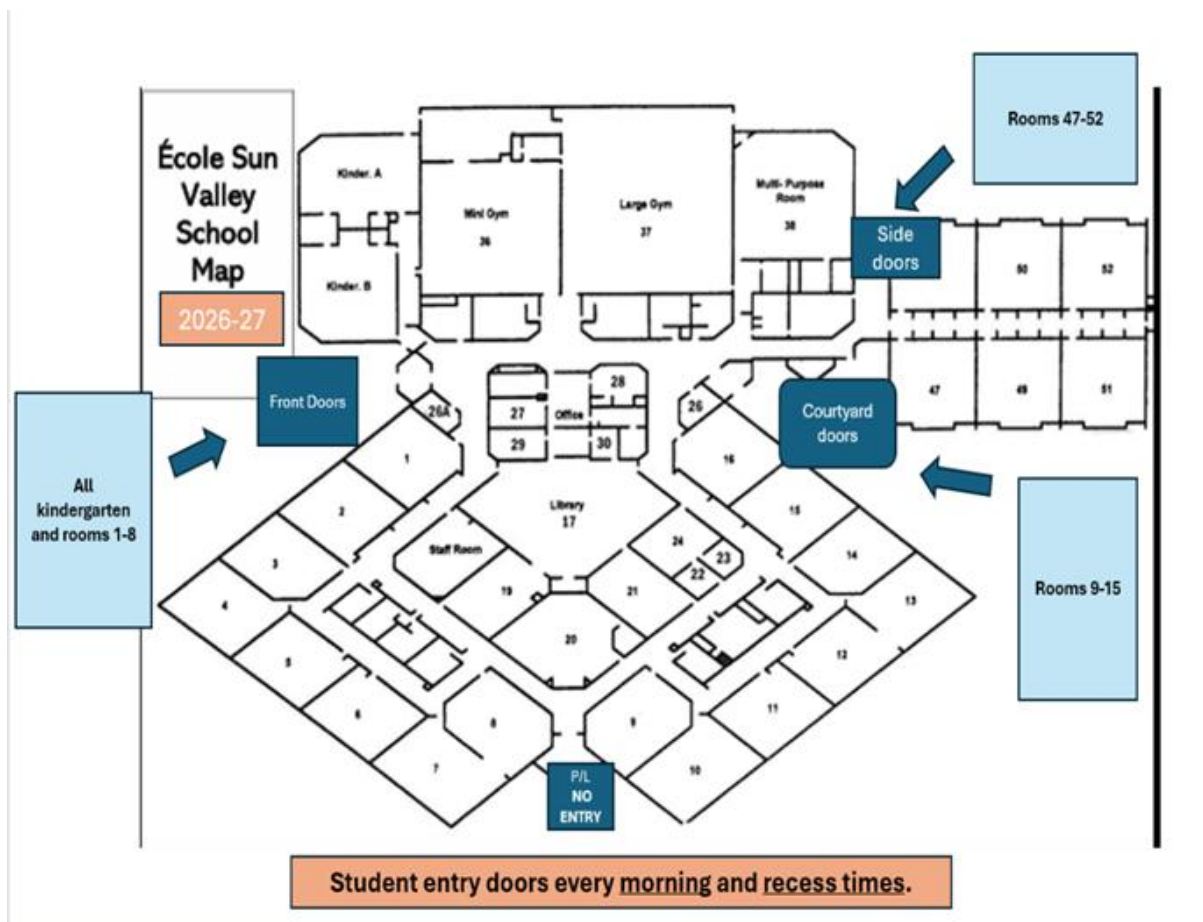
Communication

At ÉSVS, we are committed to keeping the community informed and engaged and have various methods of communication between families and school. Please make sure we have your current e-mail address in our system by completing the verification forms at the beginning of the year, or by contacting the office at any time. Families will receive weekly or biweekly electronic memos by e-mail. We encourage families to check the ÉSVS website for the most current dates and information pieces. Please visit our site at; www.retsd.mb.ca/sv

Entry and Exit Procedures

To help support student safety and improve traffic flow, we have adjusted and simplified the entrances used for student arrival and recess times (see map below). Please refer to the attached diagram for the designated entrances and corresponding room numbers.

Dismissal procedures remain the same. Bussed students will continue to use the parking lot doors, Kindergarten students will exit the front doors, and students attending KinderWorld will exit the front doors. All remaining students will exit via their assigned doors.



ÉSVS School Community Council Meeting (PAC)

Every First Wednesday of the Month at 6:00 p.m. (see important dates/check school website)

Please check the school website to know if the meeting is in person or online.

We invite all parents to join us for this meeting as we launch a new school year and an exciting program of activities for our students and their families. Our first meeting will be on Sept. 16th, in the school library. Some members of the executive will be at our OPEN HOUSE on Sept. 8th.

ÉSVS is Introducing a Staggered Start Lunch

This year, the Lunch Bunch program is introducing a **staggered lunch hour schedule** to support student belonging, enhance safety, and strengthen supervision of both our lunch program and playground areas.

By having fewer students on the playground and play structure at the same time, we can create a more positive environment where students have greater opportunities to connect, play safely, and enjoy their lunch break.

Kindergarten to Grade 3

- Lunch: **11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**
- Outdoor play: **12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.**

For our Kindergarten to Grade 3 students, the schedule remains the same as in previous years.

Grades 4 and 5

- Outdoor play: **11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**
- Lunch: **12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.**

Grade 4 and 5 students will enjoy outdoor play first and then come inside to eat. During their outdoor time, students may access all designated play areas as usual.

Please note that **morning and afternoon recesses will remain unchanged**. All students will continue to go outside together during these times, with ÉSVS teachers supervising as part of their regular duty schedule.

We are excited about this adjustment and believe it will help create a safer, more enjoyable, and more inclusive playground experience for all students.

Important Dates 206-2027 (as of September 8th)

Please note that these dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances, and other events may be added throughout the year. Please consult the ÉSVS website for current information.

Sept. 8 Admin Day (no classes) OPEN HOUSE visit between 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Sept. 9 First day of school (Day 2)

Sept. 16 ÉSVS PAC 6:00 pm in library

Sept. 21 Welcome Back Assemble and Terry Fox Run

Sept. 23 Picture Day

Sept. 25 Hot Lunch

Sept. 29 Orange Shirt Day Assembly

Sept. 30 Truth and Reconciliation Day (No classes)

Oct. 6 and 7 – Bus Evacuation

Oct 7 – ESVS PAC General Meeting 6 pm in library

Oct. 12 Thanksgiving Day (no classes)

Oct. 16 Hot Lunch

Oct. 22 Celebration of Learning Conferences (evening)

Oct. 23 Provincial in-service (no classes)

Oct 28 Municipal Election Day (no classes for students)

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

Nov. 3 Picture Day for Odd K and RETAKES for Even K and Grades 1 to 5

Nov. 4 ESVS PAC – 6 pm online

Nov. 6 Hot Lunch

Nov. 9 ESVS Professional Learning Day – (no classes for ESVS students)

Nov. 10 Remembrance Day assembly

Nov. 11 Remembrance Day – No School

Nov. 19 First Report Cards published online

Dec. 2 ESVS PAC meeting – 6:00 pm in the library

Dec. 4 Hot Lunch

Dec. 14, 15, 16 Winter Concert (more info to come)

Dec. 18 Last Day of school before Winter Break - Dismissal 2:25

Jan. 4 First day BACK

Jan. 13 ESVS PAC – 6pm online

Jan. 22 Hot Lunch

Feb. 3 ESVS PAC – 6pm in the library

Feb 4 Celebration of Learning Conferences (evening)

Feb. 5 Coordinated Day- Professional Learning (no classes)

Feb. 15 Louis Riel Day (no classes)

Feb. 19 Hot Lunch

Feb. 12 Festival du Voyageur Assembly

Feb 24 Pink Shirt Day Assembly

March 3 ESVS PAC – 6 pm online

March 12 Hot Lunch
March 18 Second term reports available online
March 19 Coordinated Day (no classes)
March 26 Good Friday (no classes)
March 29 –April 2 Spring Break (no school)
April 5 First day of school
April 7 ESVS PAC – 6 pm in the library
April 16 Coordinated Day (no classes)
April 22 Earth Day Assembly
April 23 Hot Lunch
May 5 ESVS PAC – 6 pm online
May 7 Coordinated Day (no classes)
May 14 Hot Lunch
May 24 Victoria Day (no classes)
June 2 ESVS PAC – 6 pm in person
June 4 Hot Lunch
June 7 ESVS Professional Learning Day (no classes for ESVS students)
June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples Day Assembly
June 24 Third term reports available online
June 25 Grade 5 Farewell (more info to come)
June 30 Last Day of school Dismissal 2:25 pm

