



École John Henderson Middle School

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Welcome!

On behalf of our school staff, I'm delighted to welcome all students and their families to another exciting school year. To help ease those first-day nerves, we'll be hosting our Meet the Teacher on the evening before school begins. We look forward to connecting with you and starting the year off together on a positive note.

Please join us on September 2 for Meet the Teacher

- Drop in between 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to meet your teachers and see your classes
- Bring your supplies and leave them in your classroom
- Clerks will be available to receive fees and give receipts (**exact cash or cheque only as there is no online payment option**)
- Meet some members of our Parent Council (first meeting is September 10 at 5:30 pm in the library)

École John Henderson is a vibrant and active middle school, and we encourage all students to get involved in the life of our school. There are a wide variety of clubs, sports teams, and committees available, offering something for everyone. Students can learn about these opportunities through morning announcements and by speaking with their teachers.

If you ever have questions or concerns throughout the year, please don't hesitate to reach out. Our doors are always open, and you are welcome here. By August 29, you will receive an email from your child's homeroom teacher. We recommend adding their contact information to your address book to ensure smooth communication throughout the year.

First Day: September 3

Reminder that there is a staggered start on Wednesday, September 3.

- Grade 6 will meet their teachers in the front of the school and will enter the building as a class starting at 8:45 a.m. They will have a welcome BBQ at lunch.
- Grades 7 and 8 are welcome in the back field starting at 12:30 p.m. They will meet their teachers in the back field and come in as a class at 12:40 p.m.
- To view the parent letter that was sent home in June containing information about supply lists and fees please click this [link](#).

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



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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://École John Henderson Middle School (retsd.mb.ca)).
- For any questions or inquiries please do not hesitate to call or email the school at jh@retsd.mb.ca

Bussing:

Please check the StopFinder app for your child's bussing time and locations (if you require more information, please see the transportation webpage). 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 routes, transportation times may be altered, and updates will be sent via StopFinder. Our transportation department also uses X (formerly Twitter) to notify of delays. The school phone will stay open to answer calls until all our buses have arrived home for the first couple weeks.

Pick up and Drop Off:

Please help keep our students safe and minimize the congestion before and after school. If your student cannot walk, bike or take the bus, please arrange a spot for pick up away from the school. Please avoid Brazier and Leighton as there is no stopping due to school bus loading. The parking lot next door does have security and does not allow for pick up and drop offs.

We do have a bike cage to help keep all our bikes safe!

- **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.

Technology Expectations:

Our school is a personal-electronic—device-free zone during school hours and on school property. These guidelines established by the Government of Manitoba refer to any personal devices that can be used to connect to the internet (e.g., smartwatches, tablets, cellphones, laptops). If possible, we recommend that students leave all personal electronic devices at home, if they must come to school then they need to remain locked in the student's locker.

We are pleased to provide students with access to a computer network and equipment. Unless parents contact us to opt out, access to our computer network and equipment will be granted to all students. Please see policy IJND-E1: [Instructional Technology Use Form K to Gr 12](#).



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Picture Day:

Our picture day is Wednesday, September 10.

Your Student's Resource Team:

We have a great team to help support our students. Below is the contact information for our Guidance Counsellors and Resource Teachers.

Amy Arsenault	Tyler Bargaen	Devyn Degagne	Corinne Lothian
Resource	Guidance Counsellor	Guidance Counsellor	Resource
aarsenault@retsd.mb.ca	tbargaen@retsd.mb.ca	ddegagne@retsd.mb.ca	clothian@retsd.mb.ca
Grade 7 English and all grade 8 students.	All grade 6 and grade 7 French Immersion students.	Grade 7 English and all grade 8 students.	All grade 6 and grade 7 French Immersion students.

Looking forward to seeing all of our families at our open house on Tuesday!

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