

2023-2024 School Year Calendar

St. James-Assiniboia School Division



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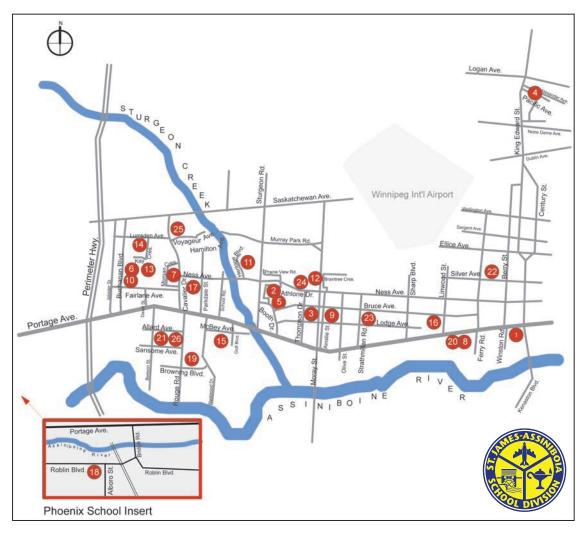
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Great Schools for Growing and Learning

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1.	ÉCOLE ASSINIBOINE,* 175 Winston Rd. R3J 1N1 K-5, Principal: Jean Burnett	204 005 2216
2.	ATHLONE SCHOOL, 110 Athlone Dr. R3J 3L4	204-005-2210
۷.	K-5, Principal: Ryan Miller	204-832-1373
3.	ÉCOLE BANNATYNE,* 363 Thompson Dr. R3J 3E5	204-032-1373
٥.	K-5, Principal: Alexandra Eyjolfson	20// 000 1101
4.	BROOKLANDS SCHOOL, 1950 Pacific Ave. R2R 0G4	204-000-1101
٦.	K-5, Principal: Samantha Amaral	204 622 0620
5.	BRUCE MIDDLE SCHOOL, 333 Booth Dr. R3J 3M8	204-033-9030
٥.	6-8, Principal: Dan MacNeil	20/1-888-1000
6.	BUCHANAN SCHOOL, 815 Buchanan Blvd. R2Y 1N1	204-000-1990
0.	K-5, Principal: Neil Moffatt	204-888-0680
7.	CRESTVIEW SCHOOL, 333 Morgan Cr. R2Y 0C9	204-000-0000
7.	K-5, Principal: Rob Bell	204-885-7710
8.	GEORGE WATERS MIDDLE SCHOOL, 190 Ferry Rd. R3J 1V7	204 003 7710
0.	6-8, Principal: Adam Lister	204-888-4898
9.	GOLDEN GATE MIDDLE SCHOOL, 330 Bruce Ave. R3J 0V8	201 000 1030
٠.	6-8, Principal: Dan Kalynchuk	204-837-5808
10.	HEDGES MIDDLE SCHOOL, 369 Fairlane Ave. R2Y 0B6	201 037 3000
	6-8, Principal: Tammy Baydock	204-837-5843
11.	HERITAGE SCHOOL, 47 Heritage Blvd. R2Y 0N9	20 . 057 50 .5
	K-5, Principal: Cheri Banks	204-837-1394
12.	JAMESWOOD ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL, 1 Braintree Cres. R3J 1	
	9-12, Principal: Stacy Kent	
13.	JOHN TAYLOR COLLEGIATE, 470 Hamilton Ave. R2Y 0H4	
	9-12, Principal: Walt Lipinski	204-888-8930
14.	LAKEWOOD SCHOOL, 55 Kay Cr. R2Y 1L1	
	K-5, Principal: Sarah James	204-889-9360
15.	LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL, 3180 McBey Ave. R3K 0T7	
	6-8, Principal: Kyle Lizotte	204-837-8397
16.	LINWOOD SCHOOL, 266 Linwood St. R3J 2C6	
	K-5, Principal: Robyn Zajac	204-889-9356
17.	ÉCOLE NESS,* 3300 Ness Ave. R2Y 0G6	
	6-8, Principal: Roné Boyko	204-837-1361
18.	PHOENIX SCHOOL, 111 Alboro St., Headingley R4J 1A3	
	K-5, Principal: Patrick Betz	204-889-5053
19.	ÉCOLE ROBERT BROWNING,* 130 Browning Blvd. R3K 0L8	
	K-5, Principal: Bonnie Neil	204-837-8381
20.	ST. JAMES COLLEGIATE, 1900 Portage Ave. R3J 0J1	
	9-12, Principal: Lorelei Steffler	204-888-4867
21.	SANSOME SCHOOL, 181 Sansome Ave. R3K 0N8	
	K-5, Principal: Henrietta Hoch	204-889-6000
22.	STEVENSON-BRITANNIA SCHOOL, 1777 Silver Ave. R3J 1B1	
	K-5, Principal: Regine Nuytten	204-832-1359
23.	STRATHMILLAN SCHOOL, 339 Strathmillan Rd. R3J 2V6	201 200 2112
	K-5, Principal: Jonathan Baker	
24.	COLLÈGE STURGEON HEIGHTS COLLEGIATE,* 2665 Ness Ave. I	
25	9-12, Principal: George Valentim	204-888-0684
25.	ÉCOLE VOYAGEUR,* 37 Voyageur Ave. R2Y 0H7	204 000 2202
26	K-5, Principal: Pam McLachlan	204-888-3390
26.	WESTWOOD COLLEGIATE, 360 Rouge Rd. R3K 1K3 9-12, Principal: Kevin Dueck	204 000 7650
	5-12, FIIICIPAL REVIII DUECK	204-000-7030



St. James-Assiniboia School Division is a progressive school division in west Winnipeg. Our 26 schools, including one in Headingley and one in Brooklands, represent the interests of approximately 8,300 children from Kindergarten to Grade 12. We are committed to educational programs in which children can develop their natural capabilities to their fullest extent, building upon personal strengths and the richness of our area's culturally diverse population.

SJASD operates on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininew and Dakota peoples, and on the homeland of the Red River Métis nation. SJASD respects the Treaties that were made on this territory.



Welcome back to school SJASD staff and families!

SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5 Day 1	6 Day 2	7 Day 3	8 Day 4	9
	Labour Day	INSERVICE - NO SCHOOL	Early & Middle Years - Triad Conferences	Early & Middle Years - Triad Conferences	EARLY & MIDDLE YEARS - FIRST DAY OF CLASSESS	
	NO SCHOOL	Annual School Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	Westwood Parent Council Advisory AGM 6 p.m.	SJCI Parent Council Advisory AGM 5:30 p.m.		
10	11 Day 5	12 Day 6	13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 3	16
	Hedges Parent Council Advisory AGM 6 p.m.	Sturgeon Heights Parent Council Advisory AGM 6:30 p.m.	Parent Council Advisory AGMs: Linwood 9:05 a.m. Buchanan 5 p.m.		Rosh Hashanah	
17	18 Day 4	19 Day 5	20 Day 6	21 Day 1	22 Day 2	23
		Parent Council Advisory AGMs: Strathmillan 7 p.m. Lakewood 6 p.m. Lincoln 6:30 p.m. Jameswood 6 p.m. Bannatyne 6:30 p.m.	Parent Council Advisory AGMs: Phoenix 6 p.m. Robert Browning 6 p.m. Crestview 5 p.m. John Taylor 7 p.m.	SJAMYAA Cross Country Meet 1 Parent Council Advisory AGMs: Heritage 5 p.m. Athlone 7 p.m. Brooklands 5:30 p.m.		Fall Equinox
24	25 Day 3	26 Day 4	27 Day 5	28 Day 6	29 Day 1	30
Yom Kippur	SJAMYAA Cross Country Meet 2 Sansome Parent Council Advisory AGM 6 p.m.	George Waters Parent Council Advisory AGM 6:30 p.m. Prophet's Birthday	Parent Council Advisory AGMs: Golden Gate 6 p.m. Stevenson-Britannia 6 p.m.	SJAMYAA Cross Country Meet 3 Bruce Parent Council Advisory AGM 6:30 p.m.	Sukkot	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
achieve. We owe it to Canada based on a future of hea	our shared future,	AUGUST 2023 S M T W T F S 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 .	LEGEND Full Moon	OCTOBER 2023 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	Yom Kippur Prophet's Birthd Sukkot – Se	h – Sept. 15-17 – Sept. 24-25 lay – Sept. 26-27 pt. 29-Oct. 6 es closed on Labour Day.



OCTOBER 2023

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1		2 Day 2	3 Day 3 INSERVICE - NO SCHOOL School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.	Assiniboine Parent Council Advisory AGM 6 p.m.	Early Years Cross Country Ness Parent Council Advisory AGM 6 p.m.	6 Day 6	7
8		9 Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL	10 Day 1	11 Day 2 MHSAA Provincial Cross Country		13 Day 4	14
15	Navratri	16 Day 5	17 Day 6 EARLY DISMISSAL	18 Day 1	19 Day 2	20 Day 3 INSERVICE - NO SCHOOL	21
22		23 Day 4	24 Day 5	25 Day 6	26 Day 1	27 Day 2	28
29		30 Day 3	31 Day 4				
	"Knowledge will but charact – Brud	er respect."	SEPTEMBER 2023 S M T W T F S 1 2	LEGEND Full Moon	NOVEMBER 2023 S M T W T F S S 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 . .	Navratri –	pt. 29-Oct. 6 Oct. 15-24 losed on Thanksgiving Day.



NOVEMBER 2023

We remember.

SUNDAY	MONDA	ΑY	TUESDAY	WEDI	NESDAY	TH	JRSDAY	FRI	DAY	SATURDAY
				1	Day 5	2	Day 6	3	Day 1	4
5	6	Day 2	7 Day 3 EARLY DISMISSAL School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.		Day 4	9 Fall Division	Day 5	10	Day 6	11 Remembrance Day
12	13	Day 1	14 Day 2	1		16	Day 4		Day 5 SERVICE DAY CHOOL	18
19	20	Day 6	21 Day 1 EARLY DISMISSAL	22	Day 2	23	Day 3	24 Senior Yea	Day 4 ars Reports	25
26	27	Day 5	28 Day 6	Early & N	Day 1 Niddle Years ports	30	Day 2			
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DECEMBER 2023

Season's greetings and happy holidays to all.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Day 3	2
3	4 Day 4 Candlelight Concert	5 Day 5 EARLY DISMISSAL School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.	6 Day 6	7 Day 1	8 Day 2	9
10	11 Day 3	12 Day 4	13 Day 5	14 Day 6	15 Day 1	16
17	18 Day 2	19 Day 3 EARLY DISMISSAL	20 Day 4	21 Day 5 Winter Solstice	22 Day 6 LAST DAY OF CLASSES	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27 WINTER BREAK	28	29	30
New Year's Eve 31		Kwanzaa 🔘	VIIVIEN BREAK			
others ha	appy will make appy too." e Frank	NOVEMBER 2023 S M T W T F S	LEGEND Full Moon	S M T W T F S	Kwanzaa – [Board Office closed on Chr	– Dec. 7-15 Dec. 26-Jan. 1 istmas Day and Boxing Day. proughout Winter Break.



Happy New Year students and staff!

JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6
			WINTER BREAK			
7	8 Day 1	9 Day 2 EARLY DISMISSAL	10 Day 3	11 Day 4	12 Day 5	13
Orthodox Christmas		School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.				
14	15 Day 6	16 Day 1	17 Day 2	18 Day 3	19 Day 4	20
Orthodox New Year 21	22 Day 5	23 Day 6 EARLY DISMISSAL	24 Day 1	25 Day 2	26 Day 3	27
				0		
28	29 Day 4	30 Day 5	31 Day 6			
Early Years Divisional Ski Meet	Finding Nemo	Divisional Musical				
we are ther	we are; and since refore I am." S. Mbiti	DECEMBER 2023 S M T W T F S 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 31 25 26 27 28 29 30	LEGEND Full Moon	FEBRUARY 2024 S M T W T F S I <th></th> <th>Dec. 26-Jan. 1 I on New Year's Day. nroughout Winter Break.</th>		Dec. 26-Jan. 1 I on New Year's Day. nroughout Winter Break.



FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Day 1 Finding Nemo	2 Day 2 INSERVICE - NO SCHOOL Divisional Musical	3
4	5 Day 3 Senior Years Start of Semester 2	6 Day 4 EARLY DISMISSAL School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.	7 Day 5	8 Day 6	9 Day 1	10 Chinese New Year
11	12 Day 2 Divisional Ice Fishing Derby	13 Day 3	14 Day 4	15 Day 5	16 Day 6 Senior Years Reports	17
18	Louis Riel Day NO SCHOOL	20 Day 1 EARLY DISMISSAL	21 Day 2	22 Day 3	23 Day 4	24
25	26 Day 5	27 Day 6	28 Day 1	29 Day 2		
to seek and find a yourself that you	eek for love, but merely all the barriers within have built against it." Rumi	S M T W T F S	LEGEND Full Moon	MARCH 2024 S M T W T F S 0 0 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24/31 25 26 27 28 29 30	School and Board offices	closed on Louis Riel Day.



MARCH 2024

Enjoy a restful Spring Break.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Day 3	2
3	4 Day 4	5 Day 5 EARLY DISMISSAL School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.	6 Day 6	7 Day 1	8 Day 2	9
10	11 Day 3	12 Day 4	13 Day 5	14 Day 6	15 Day 1 ADMIN/INSERVICE DAY NO SCHOOL	16
17	18 Day 2	19 Day 3 EARLY DISMISSAL Spring Equinox	20 Day 4	21 Day 5	22 Day 6 LAST DAY OF CLASSES	23 Purim
24	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday	30
	Hola Mohalla Holi O		SPRING BREAK			
limited im	d by other people's aginations."	FEBRUARY 2024 S M T W T F S	LEGEND Full Moon	S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	Hola Mohalla Ramadan – M Board Office close	arch 23-24 – March 25-27 arch 11-April 9 ed on Good Friday. nroughout Spring Break.



APRIL 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Day 1 FIRST DAY OF CLASSES	2 Day 2 EARLY DISMISSAL School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.	Barly & Middle Years Reports	4 Day 4	5 Day 5	6
7	8 Day 6	9 Day 1	10 Day 2	11 Day 3	12 Day 4 ADMIN/INSERVICE DAY NO SCHOOL	13
14	15 Day 5	16 Day 6 EARLY DISMISSAL	17 Day 1	18 Day 2	19 Day 3 Senior Years Reports	20
21	22 Day 4	23 Day 5	24 Day 6 Early Years Divisional Cup Stacking	25 Day 1	26 Day 2	27
28	29 Day 3	30 Day 4				
know you can bre	ialogue starting, you eak down prejudice." rvey Milk	MARCH 2024 S M T W T F S 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 31 25 26 27 28 29 30	LEGEND Full Moon	MAY 2024 S M T W T F S I 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		arch 11-April 9 April 22-30



MAY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Day 5	2 Day 6	3 Day 1	4
					EARLY & MIDDLE YEARS ADMIN/INSERVICE DAY NO SCHOOL	
5	6 Day 2	7 Day 3	8 Day 4	9 Day 5	10 Day 6	11
		EARLY DISMISSAL				
		School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.		Spring Divisional Choirs Concert		
12	13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 3	16 Day 4	17 Day 5	18
				Music Celebration, Lyric Theatre		
19	20	21 Day 6	22 Day 1	23 Day 2	24 Day 3	25
	Victoria Day	EARLY DISMISSAL		Early Years West Track Meet		
	NO SCHOOL		Early Years East Track Meet	Carry rears west mack meet		
26	27 Day 4	28 Day 5	1	30 Day 1	31 Day 2	
				Early Years West Track Meet		
			Early Years East Track Meet (Rain Date)	(Rain Date) Divisional Graduation Powwow		
		APRIL 2024	LEGEND	JUNE 2024		
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JUNE 2024

Congratulations SJASD grads and their families!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 Day 3	4 Day 4 EARLY DISMISSAL	5 Day 5	·	7 Day 1	8
	Middle Years Track	School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.		Willian	A Hack & Field Champio	ПЗПІРЗ
9	10 Day 2	11 Day 3	12 Day 4	13 Day 5	14 Day 6 EARLY & MIDDLE YEARS ADMIN/INSERVICE DAY NO SCHOOL	15
16 Eid al-Adha	17 Day 1	18 Day 2	19 Day 3	20 Day 4 Summer Solstice	21 Day 5	22
23	24 Day 6	25 Day 1	26 Day 2 ADMIN DAY (SENIOR YRS) NO SCHOOL Westwood Convocation SJCI Convocation John Taylor Convocation	27 Day 3 ADMIN DAY (SENIOR YRS) NO SCHOOL Early/Middle Years Reports Sturgeon Heights Convocation	28 Day 4 ADMIN DAY NO SCHOOL Senior Years Reports	29
are up to big things h accomplish the se if we believe	nns to realize, hey, we here in Canada and can emingly impossible in ourselves." y Hansen	MAY 2024 S M T W T F S	LEGEND Full Moon	S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		

JULY 2024

Have a wonderful summer.

School offices closed. Check sjasd.ca for Board Office summer office hours.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Canada Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			
"The world is full of magical things patiently waiting for our wits to grow sharper." – Burtrand Russell		S M T W T F S 1	LEGEND Full Moon	AUGUST 2024 S M T W T F S 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		ed on Canada Day. d until mid-August.

AUGUST 2024

School offices reopen in late August. Check sjasd.ca for details.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 Terry Fox Day	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Tish'a B'Av	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 O	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Sri Krishna Jayanti	27	28	29	30	31
"I was wise enough to never grow up while fooling most people into believing I had." – Margaret Mead		JULY 2024 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	LEGEND Full Moon	SEPTEMBER 2024 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 0	Board Office clos School offices rec	ed on Terry Fox Day. open in mid-August.

ST. JAMES-ASSINIBOIA SCHOOL DIVISION STRATEGIC PLAN 2023–2027

The following **Strategic Plan** was developed over a year-long process that included extensive community consultations with approximately 157 members of the public in the spring of 2023. These areas of focus formalize key priorities for teaching and learning in the Division and will guide decisions and resources for school improvement over the next four years. *Thank you to community members who took part in this important project.*

SUCCESS FOR EACH LEARNER



We recognize the importance of each child and their own unique learning needs. Programming and opportunities need to be **engaging and relevant** to the student. Success is a broad term, and it means different things to different students. At the end of their education journey, we want students to have a sense of dignity, courage, and capability in addition to feeling that they have the **skills and abilities** to lead them to a future of possibilities. We believe that a strong foundation in **literacy and numeracy** is critical for future success.

PRIORITIES

- Relevant and meaningful literacy and numeracy instruction across the curriculum.
- **Equitable and inclusive** academic, social, and emotional programming for learners.
- The development of lifelong skills: Citizenship, Creativity, Critical Thinking, Connection to Self, Collaboration, and Communication.

MA MAWI ANOKIITAW MIINAWAA WE WILL WORK TOGETHER AGAIN



We believe in creating **safe and inclusive environments** that are not only representative of Indigenous cultures, languages, and histories, but also demonstrate the commitment to **Truth and Reconciliation**. It is a priority to build partnerships that recognize the importance of **Elders**, **Knowledge Keepers**, **and other Indigenous peoples** playing a prominent role in the teachings that we bring to schools.

PRIORITIES

- Culturally safe environments where Indigenous students, families, and community feel welcomed and connected.
- Authentic learning opportunities with students and staff to learn and value Indigenous cultures, languages, knowledges, and true history.
- Holistic growth for living in a Good Way.*

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING



There is a growing need to support the **mental health and well-being** of all students and staff. The first step in this journey is reaffirming the necessity that our schools are inclusive, represent the diversity of our community, and continuously model a **culture of care**. Our programming includes intentional strategies to promote strong personal mental and physical health to build resilience. Throughout these priorities, there is a constant thread of connections, partnerships, and a **focus on relationships** which will strengthen our sense of well-being as a healthy community.

PRIORITIES

- **Positive mental health** for students through defined learning and proactive programming.
- **Strong connections** that nourish the well-being of students, staff, and families.
- Culture and climate of **inclusivity** in all schools.

*Ă Good Way is a way to live your life day to day. It is respecting others, being mindful of the guidance we are given, taking care of yourself, others, the land and water. It means walking with respect and humility, learning and listening so we are doing good for ourselves, our families and our community. (Source: Elders and Knowledge Keepers in Schools Initiative Advisory Council, Manitoba Education, https://www.edugov.mb.ca/iid/docs/elders_knowledge_keepers_guidelines.pdf).

Mission



We are a leading and innovative learning community that will enable students to succeed as life-long learners in our everchanging world.

We aim to provide a meaningful, inclusive, and caring educational environment so that students are prepared to be responsible citizens in a democratic society.

SUPPORTING AND CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS



Our schools are welcoming, caring, and safe for all children, staff, and families. Students are supported and their successes are continuously celebrated.

Opportunities allow for students to explore their own individual areas of passion and interest to promote engagement and learning. Our Division is comprised of **staff and students from diverse communities** and we are committed to honouring and **celebrating all of our diversity**, visible or invisible.

PRIORITIES

- Diverse programming and learning experiences which enable students to grow and explore their interests.
- School environments that represent the diversity of our community.
- Celebration of student success in reaching their personal learning goals.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Effective communication is essential in supporting and connecting students and families to schools. Communication references a series of ongoing and connected interactions throughout a student's school year and their educational journey.

Parents and caregivers actively participate and feel involved in school experiences with their children. **Community partners** create a network of support that enriches the learning for all children.

PRIORITIES

- **Ongoing communication** and collaboration with families and caregivers.
- Family and caregiver participation in the school lives of their children.
- Relationships with **community partners**.

THIS DOCUMENT has been developed through a year-long process of analysis, dialogue, and collaboration, led by our Board of Trustees. Our Division's data, Manitoba Education priorities, and consultation with the Indigenous Advisory Council, school administrators, staff, students, parents/caregivers, and community members shaped the creation of a set of **five Focus Areas**, each with **three Priorities**.

These will:

- Focus direction and action in areas that will make a difference for students, parents, staff, and communities,
- Support Continuous Improvement planning to shape system goals and metrics for success.
- Frame the reporting of results to students, parents, communities, and other partners,
- Support the Division with the allocation of resources in a fiscally responsible manner, and
- Promote and support community partnerships.

The Strategic Plan is a living document and must be responsive to factors that may change in our educational, political, and financial environment. We are committed to renewing our focus each year to ensure our direction and planning are serving our school communities.



St. James-Assiniboia School Division

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