



**2024-2025**  
School Year Calendar

St. James-Assiniboia School Division





# SJASD Board of Trustees

The School Board plays a **vital role** in guiding educational practices and learning experiences in SJASD. Nine elected Trustees **collaborate** with three members of Senior Administration to make informed decisions on programming, resources, staffing, budgets and more to **best meet the needs of all students**. *The public is welcome to attend regular Board Meetings in-person or online.*

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# Senior Administration

Senior Administration is composed of professional staff that oversee the **operational requirements** of the School Division. The **Superintendent/CEO, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO and Assistant Superintendent** sit on the School Board as non-voting members of the School Board.



**Jenness Moffatt**  
Superintendent/Chief  
Executive Officer



**Carrie Melville**  
Secretary-Treasurer/  
Chief Financial Officer



**Jordana Buckwold**  
Assistant Superintendent  
Education (K-12) and  
Administration

**BRUCE BROWN**, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

**POTOULA LOCKEN**, Director, Inclusion Support Services and Accessibility

**SANDRA MELO**, Director, Curriculum, Assessment and Professional Learning

**AL STECHISHIN**, Director, Information Technology

**CARROL HARVEY**, Director, Human Resources

**MARI AGUIRRE**, Director, Facilities and Operations

**PAUL DEACON**, Manager, Maintenance and Safety

## ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR SJASD FAMILIES

**CONTINUING EDUCATION** Manager, Wanda Taylor, 204-832-9637

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM** Manager, Alexandra Humphries,  
204-837-1331

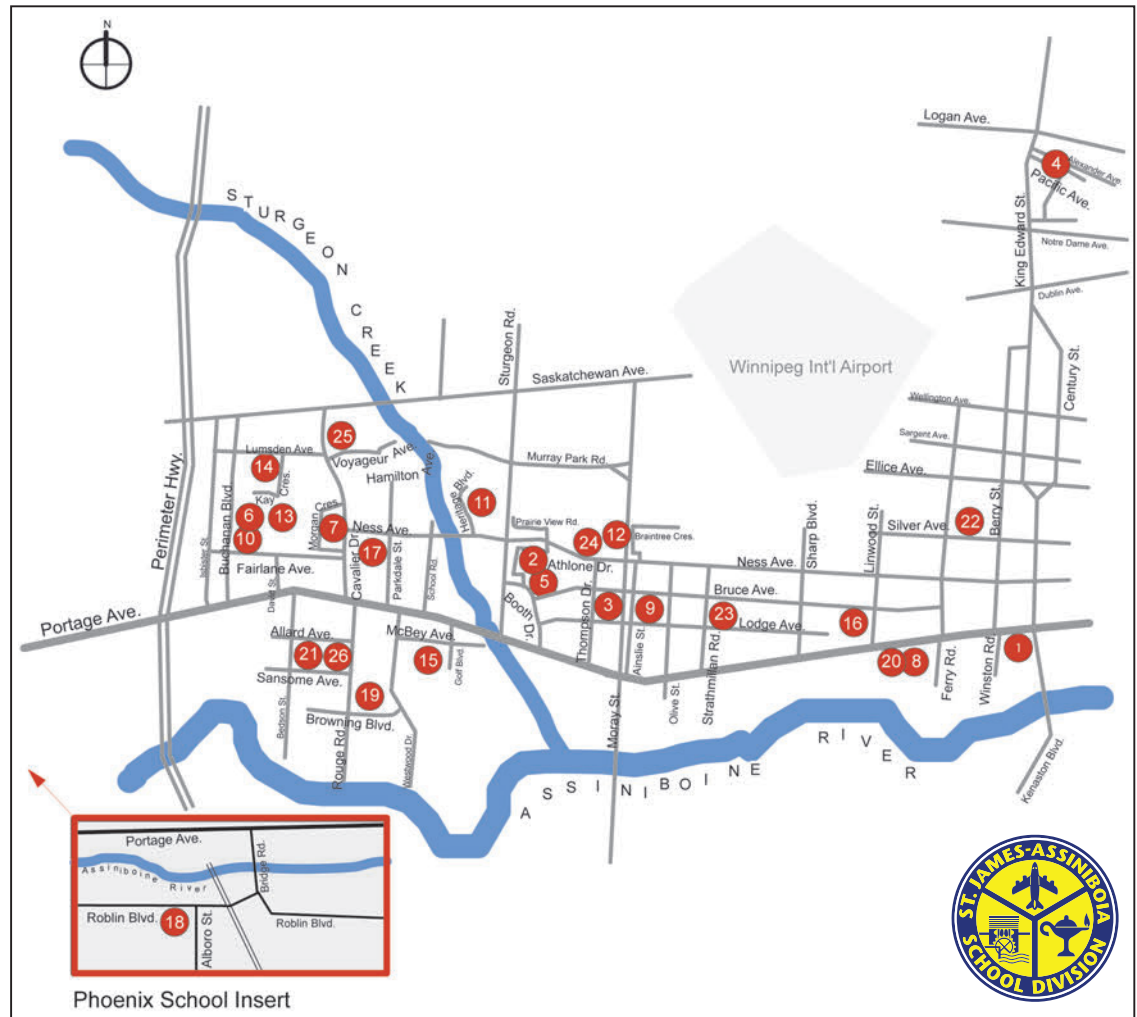
**EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES** Director, Potoula Locken, 204-885-1334

**TRANSPORTATION** Supervisor, Trina Cimino

*(Please contact your child's school with transportation-related queries).*

# Great Schools for Growing and Learning

1. ÉCOLE ASSINIBOINE,\* 175 Winston Rd. R3J 1N1  
K-5, Principal: Jean Burnett.....204-885-2216
2. ATHLONE SCHOOL, 110 Athlone Dr. R3J 3L4  
K-5, Principal: Jane Couch.....204-832-1373
3. ÉCOLE BANNATYNE,\* 363 Thompson Dr. R3J 3E5  
K-5, Principal: Alexandra Eyjolfson.....204-888-1101
4. BROOKLANDS SCHOOL, 1950 Pacific Ave. R2R 0G4  
K-5, Principal: Samantha Amaral.....204-633-9630
5. BRUCE MIDDLE SCHOOL, 333 Booth Dr. R3J 3M8  
6-8, Principal: Stacy Kent.....204-888-1990
6. BUCHANAN SCHOOL, 815 Buchanan Blvd. R2Y 1N1  
K-5, Principal: Neil Moffatt.....204-888-0680
7. CRESTVIEW SCHOOL, 333 Morgan Cr. R2Y 0C9  
K-5, Principal: Rob Bell.....204-885-7710
8. GEORGE WATERS MIDDLE SCHOOL, 190 Ferry Rd. R3J 1V7  
6-8, Principal: Ryan Miller.....204-888-4898
9. GOLDEN GATE MIDDLE SCHOOL, 330 Bruce Ave. R3J 0V8  
6-8, Principal: Dan Kalynchuk.....204-837-5808
10. HEDGES MIDDLE SCHOOL, 369 Fairlane Ave. R2Y 0B6  
6-8, Principal: Tammy Baydock.....204-837-5843
11. HERITAGE SCHOOL, 47 Heritage Blvd. R2Y 0N9  
K-5, Principal: Cheri Banks.....204-837-1394
12. JAMESWOOD ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL, 1 Braintree Cres. R3J 1C7  
9-12, Principal: Walt Lipinski.....204-885-9555
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: Dan MacNeil.....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: Kyle Lizotte.....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  
K-5, Principal: Jonathan Baker.....204-888-0148
24. COLLÈGE STURGEON HEIGHTS COLLEGIATE,\* 2665 Ness Ave. R3J 1A5  
9-12, Principal: George Valentim.....204-888-0684
25. ÉCOLE VOYAGEUR,\* 37 Voyageur Ave. R2Y 0H7  
K-5, Principal: Pam McLachlan.....204-888-3390
26. WESTWOOD COLLEGIATE, 360 Rouge Rd. R3K 1K3  
9-12, Principal: Kevin Dueck.....204-888-7650



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.

The community of St. James-Assiniboia has deep Indigenous roots. These lands and waters are the traditional territories of the Anishinaabeg, the Ininewak, and the Dakota Oyate peoples. It is the birthplace and national homeland of the Red River Métis. It is also home to members of the Denesuline, the Anisininewuk, and Inuit nations. Our community is bound by Treaty One.

Our water flows from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation in Treaty Three, and our buildings are powered by Northern Manitoba in Treaty Five. We are all tied together through the treaties that were signed across these lands. These treaties come with a responsibility—to the land, the waters, the animals, and each other. We are committed to honour and learn about the true history of this place, and to do our parts to move our community forward in a true spirit of justice and reconciliation.

\* French Immersion Schools









(Pictured above): Grade 7 students from Hedges Middle School enjoy fall camp.

Welcome back to school  
SJASD staff and families!

# SEPTEMBER 2024

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(Pictured above): Collège Sturgeon Heights Collegiate student **Yuliia O.** won second place with this photograph in SJASD's 2024 Photography Contest.

# OCTOBER 2024

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# NOVEMBER 2024

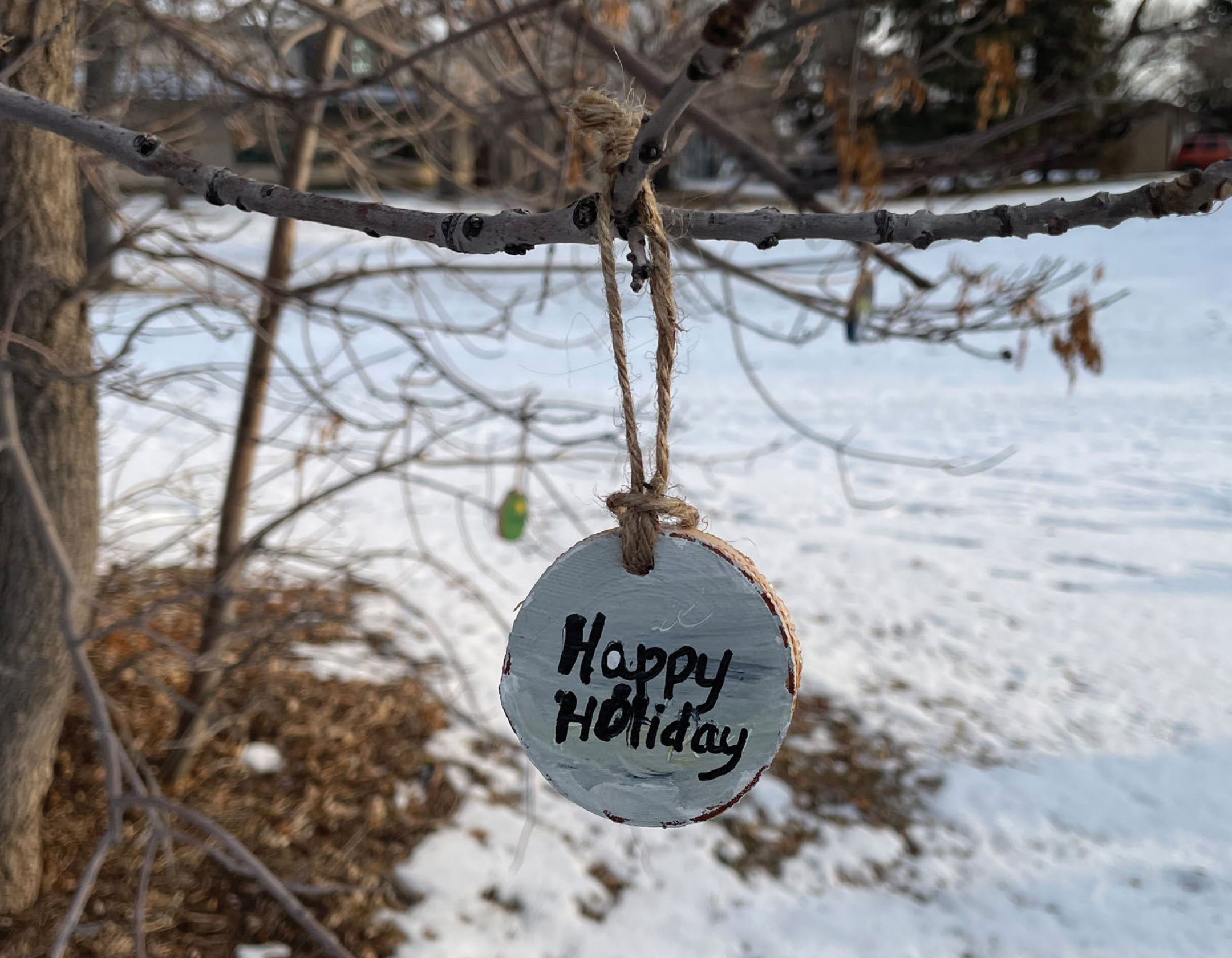
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(Pictured above): Students at **Bruce Middle School** create beautiful ornaments for the community.

Season's greetings and happy holidays to all.

# DECEMBER 2024

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(Pictured above): Students at Lakewood School enjoy the benefits of the circus arts at an inclusive school PE demonstration.

# JANUARY 2025

Happy New Year students and staff!

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(Pictured above): Students from **École Voyageur** enjoy le Festival du Voyageur.

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# MARCH 2025

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– Christine Sinclair







(Pictured above): Lincoln Middle School students wow audiences with their performance of Newsies Jr. this past spring.

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# MAY 2025

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(Pictured above): Dancers honour graduates at SJASD's 2024 Graduation Powwow.

# JUNE 2025

Congratulations SJASD grads and their families!

Event details are subject to change. Confirm dates and times with school, Board Office or online at [sjasd.ca](http://sjasd.ca).


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# JULY 2025

Have a wonderful summer.

School offices closed. Check [sjasd.ca](http://sjasd.ca) for Board Office summer office hours.

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<p><b>“Do what you feel in your heart to be right —for you'll be criticized anyway.”</b> – Eleanor Roosevelt</p>	<b>JUNE 2025</b>							<p><b>LEGEND</b></p>  Full Moon	<b>AUGUST 2025</b>							<p>Board Office closed on Canada Day. School offices closed until mid-August.</p>
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# AUGUST 2025

School offices reopen in late August.  
Check [sjasd.ca](http://sjasd.ca) for details.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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**"You can't stay in your corner of the Forest waiting for others to come to you. You have to go to them sometimes."**  
– A. A. Milne (*Winnie-the-Pooh*)

**JULY 2025**

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**LEGEND**  
 Full Moon


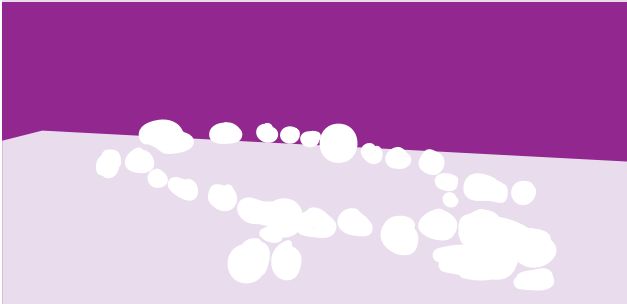

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Board Office closed on Terry Fox Day.  
School offices reopen in mid-August.

# 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.*

<h2>SUCCESS FOR EACH LEARNER</h2>  <p>We recognize the importance of each child and their own unique learning needs. Programming and opportunities need to be <b>engaging and relevant</b> 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 <b>skills and abilities</b> to lead them to a future of possibilities. We believe that a strong foundation in <b>literacy and numeracy</b> is critical for future success.</p>	<h2>MA MAWI ANOKITAW MIINAWAA WE WILL WORK TOGETHER AGAIN</h2>  <p>We believe in creating <b>safe and inclusive environments</b> that are not only representative of Indigenous cultures, languages, and histories, but also demonstrate the commitment to <b>Truth and Reconciliation</b>. It is a priority to build partnerships that recognize the importance of <b>Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and other Indigenous peoples</b> playing a prominent role in the teachings that we bring to schools.</p>	<h2>MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING</h2>  <p>There is a growing need to support the <b>mental health and well-being</b> 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 <b>culture of care</b>. 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 <b>focus on relationships</b> which will strengthen our sense of well-being as a healthy community.</p>
<h3>PRIORITIES</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Relevant and meaningful <b>literacy and numeracy</b> instruction across the curriculum.</li><li>• <b>Equitable and inclusive</b> academic, social, and emotional programming for learners.</li><li>• The development of <b>lifelong skills</b>: Citizenship, Creativity, Critical Thinking, Connection to Self, Collaboration, and Communication.</li></ul>	<h3>PRIORITIES</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Culturally safe environments</b> where Indigenous students, families, and community feel welcomed and connected.</li><li>• <b>Authentic learning opportunities</b> with students and staff to learn and value Indigenous cultures, languages, knowledges, and true history.</li><li>• <b>Holistic growth</b> for living in a Good Way.*</li></ul>	<h3>PRIORITIES</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Positive mental health</b> for students through defined learning and proactive programming.</li><li>• <b>Strong connections</b> that nourish the well-being of students, staff, and families.</li><li>• Culture and climate of <b>inclusivity</b> in all schools.</li></ul>

\*A 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](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 ever-changing world.

# Vision

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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