

2025–2026School Year Calendar

St. James-Assiniboia School Division



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

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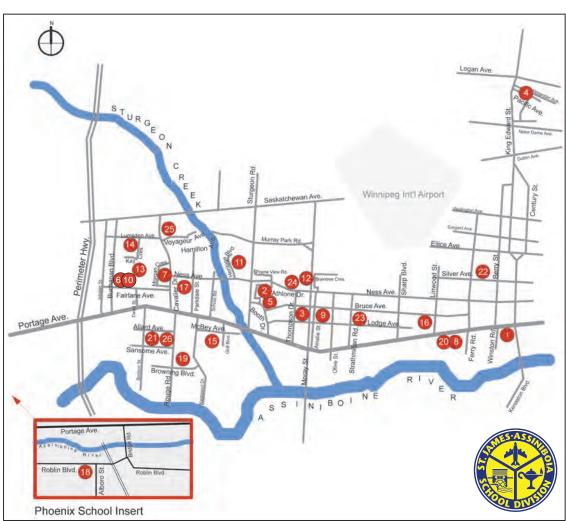
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Great Schools for Growing and Learning

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1.	ÉCOLE ASSINIBOINE,* 175 Winston Rd. R3J 1N1	
	K-5, Principal: Jean Burnett	204-885-2216
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	204 205 7742
	K-5, Principal: Connie Lowe	204-885-7710
8.	GEORGE WATERS MIDDLE SCHOOL, 190 Ferry Rd. R3J 1V7	204 000 4000
0	6-8, Principal: Ryan Miller	204-888-4898
9.	GOLDEN GATE MIDDLE SCHOOL, 330 Bruce Ave. R3J 0V8	204 027 5000
10.	6-8, Principal: Jody O'Brien	204-837-5808
10.	HEDGES MIDDLE SCHOOL, 369 Fairlane Ave. R2Y 0B6	204 027 5042
11	6-8, Principal: Rob Bell	204-837-5843
11.	HERITAGE SCHOOL, 47 Heritage Blvd. R2Y 0N9 K-5, Principal: Terri Rodriguez-Warner	204 927 1204
12.	JAMESWOOD ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL, 1 Braintree Cres. R3J	
12.	9-12, Principal: Cheri Banks	
13.	JOHN TAYLOR COLLEGIATE, 470 Hamilton Ave. R2Y 0H4	204-663-9333
13.	9-12, Principal: Adam Lister	204-888-8030
14.	LAKEWOOD SCHOOL, 55 Kay Cr. R2Y 1L1	204 000 0730
17.	K-5, Principal: Sarah James	204-889-9360
15.	LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL, 3180 McBey Ave. R3K 0T7	201 003 3300
	6-8, Principal: Dan MacNeil	204-837-8397
16.	LINWOOD SCHOOL, 266 Linwood St. R3J 2C6	20 . 007 0077
	K-5, Principal: Leslie Howard	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: Warren Nickerson	
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: Tammy Baydock	204-888-7650

^{*} French Immersion Schools



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 over 8,500 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.



Welcome back to school SJASD staff and families!

SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Labour Day NO SCHOOL	2 Day 1 INSERVICE NO SCHOOL	3 Day 2 Early & Middle Years Triad Conferences	4 Day 3 Early & Middle Years Triad Conferences Sturgeon Parent Council Advisory AGM 6:30 p.m.	5 Day 4 EARLY & MIDDLE YEARS FIRST DAY OF CLASSES Prophet Muhammad's Birthday	6 Sukkot
7	8 Day 5	9 Day 6 Annual School Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Westwood Parent Council Advisory AGM 6 p.m.	Linwood Parent Council Advisory AGM 9 a.m.	Parent Council Advisory AGMs: Brooklands 5:30 p.m. Buchanan 6:30 p.m.	12 Day 3	13
14	Parent Council Advisory AGMs: Sansome 6 p.m. Hedges 6 p.m.	Parent Council Advisory AGMs: Heritage 5:45 p.m., Voyageur 6 p.m., John Taylor 6 p.m., Crestview 6 p.m.	Parent Council Advisory AGMs: George Waters 6:30 p.m. St. James 6:30 p.m. SJAMYAA Cross Country Meet 1	Parent Council Advisory AGMs: Robert Browning 6 p.m. Lakewood 6:30 p.m.	19 Day 2	20
21 Fall Equinox	22 Day 3 SJAMYAA Cross Country Meet 2 Rosh Hashanah	Parent Council Advisory AGMs: Bannatyne 6 p.m., Stevenson- Britannia 6 p.m., Golden Gate 6 p.m., Lincoln 6:30 p.m., Strathmillan 7 p.m.	Parent Council Advisory AGMs: Athlone 5:30 p.m. Phoenix 6 p.m. Bruce 6 p.m.	25 Day 6 SJAMYAA Cross Country Meet 3	26 Day 1	27
28	29 Day 2	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation NO SCHOOL				
"Sport has the power to bring people together and get people working together, and that's all about reconciliation." – Chief Wilton Littlechild		AUGUST 2025 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	OCTOBER 2025 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	Rosh Hashana School and Board offices	Sept. 6-13 h – Sept. 22-24 closed on Labour Day and th and Reconciliation.



OCTOBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Day 3 Early Years Cross Country Yom Kippui		3 Day 5	4
5	6 Day	EARLY DISMISSAL Ness Parent Council Advisory AGM 6 p.m.	1-	9 Day 3	10 Day 4 INSERVICE NO SCHOOL	11
12	Thanksgiving Da	y School Board Meeting, 7 p.r		16 Day 1	17 Day 2	18
19	20 Day	EARLY DISMISSAL	4 22 Day 5	23 Day 6	INSERVICE NO SCHOOL	25
26	27 Da	2 28 Day	3 29 Day 4	. 30 Day 5	31 Day 6	
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NOVEMBER 2025

We remember.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 Day 1	4 Day 2 EARLY DISMISSAL	5 Day 3	6 Day 4 Divisional Choirs Fall Concert	7 Day 5	8 Indigenous Veterans Day
9	10 Day 6	11 Remembrance Day NO SCHOOL	12 Day 1 School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.	13 Day 2	14 Day 3 ADMIN DAY NO SCHOOL	15
16	17 Day 4	18 Day 5 EARLY DISMISSAL	19 Day 6	20 Day 1	21 Day 2 Senior Years Reports	22
23	24 Day 3	25 Day 4	26 Day 5 Early & Middle Years Reports	27 Day 6	28 Day 1	29
It de	o makes a difference. oes." m James	OCTOBER 2025 S M T W T F S	LEGEND Full Moon	DECEMBER 2025 S M T W T F S	School and Board offices cl	osed on Remembrance Day.



Season's greetings and happy holidays to all.

DECEMBER 2025

Sl	JNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Day 2	2 Day 3 EARLY DISMISSAL	3 Day 4	4 Day 5	5 Day 6	6
		Divisional Candlelight Choir Concert			0		
7		8 Day 1	9 Day 2	10 Day 3	Day 4	12 Day 5	13
			School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.				
14		15 Day 6	16 Day 1	17 Day 2	. 18 Day 3	19 Day 4	20
	Hannukah						
21		22	23	Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27
				WINTER BREAK			
	Winter Solstice					Kwanzaa	
28		29	30	New Year's Eve			
	"Winter is n e it's a cele – Anamik	bration."	NOVEMBER 2025 S M T W T F S 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23/30 24 25 26 27 28 29	LEGEND Full Moon	S M T W T F S 1	Kwanzaa – E Board Office closed on Chr	– Dec. 14-22 Dec. 26-Jan. 1 istmas Day and Boxing Day. proughout Winter Break.



Happy New Year students and staff!

JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
					WINTER BREAK	
_		-	_			0
4	5 Day 5	6 Day 6	7 Day 1	8 Day 2	9 Day 3	10
	FIRST DAY OF CLASSES	EARLY DISMISSAL				
			Orthodox Christmas			
11	12 Day 4	13 Day 5	14 Day 6	15 Day 1	16 Day 2	17
		School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.				
		Series Seara meeting, 7 pinn				
10	140		Orthodox New Year			
18	19 Day 3		21 Day 5	22 Day 6	23 Day 1	24
		EARLY DISMISSAL				
25	26 Day 2	27 Day 3	28 Day 4	29 Day 5	30 Day 6	31
			Shrek Divisional Musical			
	Lailat al Miraj					
Today we're goni	ute and cuddly Private. na blow this dump." nguin, Madagascar	DECEMBER 2025 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	LEGEND Full Moon	FEBRUARY 2026 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	1	Dec. 26-Jan. 1 ıj – Jan. 26-27
		21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		22 23 24 25 26 27 28		d on New Year's Day. nroughout Winter Break.



FEBRUARY 2026

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDA	Y WEDN	NESDAY THU	RSDAY FR	IDAY SATURDA	Υ
1	0	2 INSERVICE NO SCHOOL	EARLY DISMISSA Senior Years Start of Semeste		Day 3 5	Day 4 6	Day 5 7	
8		9 D	ay 6 10 School Board Meeting	Day 1 11 g, 7 p.m.	Day 2 12	Day 3 13 Senior Yo	Day 4 14 ears Reports	
15	Nirvana Day	16 Louis Riel Day NO SCHOOL	Chinese No		Day 6 19	Day 1 20	Day 2 21	
22		23 D	ay 3 24	Day 4 25 Early Years Div	Day 5 26 visional Ski Meet	Day 6 27	Day 1 28	
	•	veetest when ets a taste." nilip Poulin	1	F S 2 3 9 10 16 17 23 24	S M T 1 2 3 8 9 10 15 16 17	4 5 6 7 11 12 13 14 18 19 20 21 25 26 27 28	Ramadan – Feb. 17-March 19 and Board offices closed on Louis Riel Da	ay.



MARCH 2026

Enjoy a restful Spring Break.

SUNDAY	MONI	DAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDA	AY	THU	JRSDAY	FRI	DAY	SA	TURDAY
1	2	Day 2	3 Day 3 EARLY DISMISSAL	4	Day 4	5	Day 5	6	Day 6	7	
		Purim	0	Hola M	Holi Iohalla						
8	9	Day 1	10 Day 2	11	Day 3	12	Day 4	13	Day 5	14	
			School Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Provincial HS Ice Fishing Derby								
15	16	Day 6	17 Day 1	18	Day 2	19	Day 3	20	Day 4	21	
			EARLY DISMISSAL						SERVICE DAY CHOOL		
							Navratri		Eid al-Fitr		Spring Equinox
22	23	Day 5	24 Day 6	25	Day 1	26	Day 2	LAST DAY	Day 3 OF CLASSES	28	
29	30		31								
	SPRING I	BREAK									
"Drawing is not what one sees but what one can make others see." – Edgar Degas		FEBRUARY 2026 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	LEGEND Full Moon		S M T 5 6 7 12 13 14 19 20 21	RIL 2026 W T F S 1 2 3 4 8 9 10 11 4 15 16 17 18 1 22 23 24 25 3 29 30		lamadan – Fe Purim – I Hola Mohalli Navratri – N	March 2- a – Marcl March 19	3 n 4-6 -27	



APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			Passover		Good Friday	
				SPRING BREAK	No school	
			0		NO SCHOOL	
5	6 Day 4	7 Day 5	8 Day 6	9 Day 1	10 Day 2	11
	FIRST DAY OF CLASSES	EARLY DISMISSAL	Early & Middle Years Reports		ADMIN/INSERVICE DAY NO SCHOOL	
Easter					Orthodox Good Friday	
12	13 Day 3	14 Day 4	15 Day 5	16 Day 6	17 Day 1	18
		School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.				
Orthodox Easter						
19	20 Day 2	21 Day 3	22 Day 4	23 Day 5	24 Day 6	25
		EARLY DISMISSAL			Senior Years Reports	
				Early Years Divisional Cup Stacking		
26	27 Day 1	28 Day 2	29 Day 3	30 Day 4		
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– Summer	r McIntosh	15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		s closed on Good Friday. nroughout Spring Break.



MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					ADMIN/INSERVICE DAY (EARLY & MIDDLE YRS) NO SCHOOL	2
3	4 Day 6	5 Day 1 EARLY DISMISSAL	6 Day 2	7 Day 3 Divisional Choirs Spring Concert	8 Day 4	9
10	11 Day 5	12 Day 6 School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.	13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 3	16
17	18 Victoria Day NO SCHOOL	19 Day 4 EARLY DISMISSAL	20 Day 5 Early Years East Track Meet	21 Day 6 Early Years West Track Meet	22 Day 1	23
24 O 31	25 Day 2	26 Day 3 Early Years East Track Meet (Rain Date) Eid al-Adha	27 Day 4 Early Years West Track Meet (Rain Date)	28 Day 5	29 Day 6	30
when you	ows you, even u are lost." ıll Kimmerer	S M T W T F S	LEGEND Full Moon	S M T W T F S		– May 26-30 s closed on Victoria Day.



JUNE 2026

Congratulations SJASD grads and their families!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Day 1	2 Day 2 EARLY DISMISSAL	3 Day 3	4 Day 4	5 Day 5	6
7	Middle Years Track	9 Day 1 School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.	Early Years Music Celebration 10 Day 2		12 Day 4 ADMIN DAY (EARLY & MIDDLE YRS) NO SCHOOL Track & Field Championsh	13
14	15 Day 5	16 Day 6	17 Day 1	18 Day 2	19 Day 3	20
21	22 Day 4		SJCI Convocation	25 Day 1	26 Day 2 ADMIN DAY (SENIOR YRS) NO SCHOOL	27
Summer Solstice 28	29 Day 3 ADMIN DAY (SENIOR YRS) NO SCHOOL Early/Middle Years Reports Westwood Convocation Sturgeon H. Convocation	30 Day 4 ADMIN DAY NO SCHOOL Senior Years Reports	John Taylor Convocation			
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JULY 2026

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 SUMMER BREAK BEGINS	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	
"Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August." – Jenny Han		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 S S S S S S S S S	LEGEND Full Moon	AUGUST 2026 S M T W T F S 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 30 24 31 25 26 27 28 29		ed on Canada Day. ed until mid-August.

AUGUST 2026

School offices reopen in mid-August. Check sjasd.ca for details.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 Terry Fox Day	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
"The earth has its music for those who will listen." – Reginald Vincent Holmes		S M T W T F S	LEGEND Full Moon	SEPTEMBER 2026 S M T W T F S 0 1 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 - - - -	Board Office close School offices reo	d on Terry Fox Day. pen 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.

*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).

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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