



George Waters Middle School

Notes from the Office

September 2026

Dear Shark Families,

We hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready for another exciting school year ahead. In February of last year, I experienced an unexpected health situation and ended up having multiple eye surgeries which kept me away from school as I recovered. Now, I am excited to return and continue the great progress our school has made. We consider our families and parents as integral partners in the development, behaviour and accountability of our students and we look forward to collaborating with you and to benefit from your anticipated and ongoing support when conflicts and challenges arise. We are also welcoming many new staff members to our team this year to support our students with school rules and routines.

This year, we have seen a considerable increase in our enrollment. Our class placement process is determined by many factors that interconnect with our programming and schedules, so we will not be able to accommodate any class change requests at this time – thank you for your understanding.

Our cross-country programming starts almost immediately, and we look forward to our team showcasing their skills at divisional meets throughout September. Our volleyball season will follow right behind, and we look forward to our upcoming games and tournaments. Our band and arts programming, as well as multiple clubs will be up and running and we anticipate and encourage our students to get involved and share their interests and talents in our school. We will also be running our Terry Fox program and participating in many activities to raise money for a very worthy cause. Our *Truth and Reconciliation* week is planned for the end of the month with many meaningful learning experiences in active observation of the *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*.

Our provincial cell phone policy will continue to be in place, and we strongly encourage that phones stay at home or in lockers during school hours and that all parents/guardians closely monitor their child's social media accounts.

Student Safety and Professional Boundaries

St. James-Assiniboia School Division is committed to providing safe, caring, and inclusive schools. [Policy GBEB](#) establishes expectations for appropriate interactions between students and adults working within the Division. Students who experience, witness, or become aware of conduct that may be inappropriate are encouraged to report concerns to a teacher, counsellor, principal, vice-principal, parent/caregiver, or another trusted adult. All concerns will be taken seriously and addressed appropriately.

Child Protection and Professional Boundaries

The Division maintains Policy [GBEB: Code of Conduct for Child Protection](#) to support safe, respectful, and professional relationships between students and adults who work or volunteer in our schools. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to review the full policy on the Division website and report any concerns regarding student safety or professional boundaries to their school principal or the Superintendent's Office.

Important Dates

September 8– Inservice no school for students
September 9/10- Triad Conferences
September 11 – First Day of School
September 16 – Picture Day (HS Gym)
September 21-25 - Shark Week Gym BLAST
September 16-17 – Bus Ridership
September 19 – Terry Fox Kick Off Assembly
September 22 – Early dismissal
September 21- Cross country meet 4:15 (at CSHC/ Living Prairie)
September 23- Cross country meet 4:15 (at CSHC/ Living Prairie)
September 23 – 29 – TRC Week
September 29-- Cross country meet 1:00 (at Beaudry Park)
September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No School

Each month, we will send home notes from the office where we will outline some activities that our school has taken part in during the month. We will also highlight some upcoming important dates. Please ensure that you are following our Instagram page for snapshots of the learning happening in our classrooms. (**@georgewatersms**)

As always, please reach out to us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mr. R. Miller

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Miller', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Principal

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