BACK TO SCHOOL

PHOENIX SCHOOL NEWS SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

OPENING CONFERENCES

Thank you to all the families who joined us to meet our staff and kick off the school year. It was wonderful to connect with so many of you. We hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing, fun-filled summer! We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to partnering with you to make it a fantastic year of learning, growth, and success for our students! ☀️📚🎉

ASSEMBLY

Our first day of school began with a school-wide assembly, where students learned what it means to be a member of the Phoenix School community. Together, we reviewed school expectations, discussed safe play, and learned about the safety drills we practice throughout the year.

As the year unfolds, students will continue to build their knowledge while learning to work together, support one another, and encourage their peers. In our classrooms, we foster teamwork, kindness, and respect, ensuring every student feels valued, included, and connected as part of our Phoenix School family. 💙🦅📚

SAFE DROP OFF

The Phoenix School parking lot is not available for student drop-off or pick-up at any time. All parking spaces are assigned to School Division staff.

Families are also reminded that there is no parking on the west side of Alboro Street, as indicated by municipal signage.

To help keep everyone safe, parents and caregivers are asked to either:

- Walk their child across Alboro Street, or
- Use the gravel loop on the north side of the school for a quick drop-off.

Thank you for helping us keep our students safe during arrival and dismissal times. 🚸💙

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

The **School Cash Online** system is now open to Phoenix families for payment of student supply fees. Families may access the School Cash system at the following link: School Cash Online - Phoenix School (sjasd.ca)

LUNCH SUPERVISORS

Join our team! Phoenix School is looking for additional lunch supervisors to help create a safe, welcoming, and positive lunch environment for our students. Please contact the school at 204-889-5053 or email phoenix@sjasd.ca for more information about this paid position.

Please Join Us for....

PHOENIX SCHOOL'S

Welcome Back BBQ and Parent Organization AGM

Wednesday, September 23 from 4:00 to 6:00

Please bring a blanket (picnic style seating) and an umbrella in case of rain.

Hot dog combos will be provided this year (1 combo per family member). Families are also welcome to bring their own food.

RSVP by Wednesday, September 16

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/rguytVSq0j

You're still welcome to join us if you miss the RSVP deadline! However, food will only be provided for those who RSVP.

Candy Bags for sale $1.00

The Annual Meeting to establish a Parent Organization at Phoenix School for the 2026 -2027 school year will be taking place at 6:00 PM in the school gym when the Bright Beginnings School Program Finishes.

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Starting Strong

Free programming for families with children birth-4 years of age.

"Participating in the Starting Strong program has meant so much to our family. As a parent, it has given me a supportive community and trusted professionals I can turn to, which reduces isolation and builds confidence in my parenting. For my daughter, it provides a safe and consistent space to learn, socialize, and develop independence before entering school. I have seen her grow in confidence, language, and comfort around other children. Programs like this don't just support children, they strengthen families and create connection within the community. It truly makes a difference in our everyday lives." – Starting Strong Participant



Each September Starting Strong staff look forward to welcoming families with children four years and under to our programs. We work hard to ensure every child and parent/caregiver feels welcomed and to provide variety in our programming and experiences for the wide range of developmental stages and abilities that attend. We follow Best Practices Guidelines, provided by the Manitoba Child Care Association, to ensure everyone's safety (that's why we don't allow parent/caregivers to drink coffee in programs!) and we work closely with the St. James-Assiniboia School Division, and stay on top of our professional development, to ensure that we are offering experiences that match current educational standards, are developmentally appropriate, and which prepare children for success in school and life.

This past Spring we asked families to complete a participant survey to provide feedback and give us direction as we look to the 2026-2027 program year. The response was overwhelming and we cannot thank everyone enough for their kind words. The data that was collected will be shared in various ways, with community partners, potential donors and government representatives, as we continue to do our best to serve families in our community.

We are often asked to describe Starting Strong and what our programming provides. We can't come up with better responses than our participants…



"…love, laughter, happiness and confidence."

"…a place where (families feel) supported, welcomed, and connected."

"…a safe space to play, learn, and build confidence."

"…the chance to meet others, share experiences, and feel less alone in the early years of parenting."

"…opportunities for early learning, social development, and connection."

"Great programs at lots of different locations to support families and get them out of isolation due to finances, transportation or other reasons."

"Great for socializing my children and taking part in educational activities."

"Brings community together."

"A safe environment for child to grow and learn."

"Provides opportunity for learning, play, socialization and community for both children and parents."

"Starting Strong is aptly named. I think it will provide just that for my little guy: a strong start."

We look forward to opening our doors to families the week of September 14-18 as we welcome new and returning families to another year of learning and growing together.

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