

Sansome School Notes from the Office

Hello Sansome Families:

Welcome to the 2022-2023 School Year!

We are so happy to be opening this school year in the **Green Covid Pandemic Response level!** Information regarding our Division's response to Covid in Green was sent home to all SJASD families earlier this week. If you have any questions or concerns related to Covid please contact us at the school office (204-889-6000). We are mask friendly, and masks will be available for those wishing to wear them during the month of September. Those who wish to continue with masks are asked to bring their own cloth or disposable masks after that.

We will continue to ask families for their cooperation in self-screening for Covid symptoms. We do have some rapid test kits available at the office. Families will be contacted if children are feeling ill at school, and it is recommended they are picked up and recover at home. Hand hygiene and use of hand sanitizer will be encouraged at school.

We are excited to have classroom environments returning to normal and ready for interactive learning activities. We will resume with our regular recess times with all the usual recess equipment. Teachers will be on recess duty as well as before school from 8:45 – 8:55. Teachers will continue to meet their classes outside and bring their groups in at 8:55. Teachers will bring their groups out their respective doors at dismissal time.

We have **new staff** to introduce to our community. We have Chris Mavroudis our Vice Principal; Carol Grant our Reading Recovery Teacher; Shannon Hayward, Educational Assistant; and Sandra Tarr, Educational Assistant. We welcome back Jackie Sakalauski, Grade 4/5 and Numeracy Support; April Buscemi, Educational Assistant, and Joanna Smith, Educational Assistant. We also welcome 3 Teacher Candidates from the U of W: Carter Robinson; Shelby Yankoski; and Katrina Perez.

Another school year is upon us, and I just wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Chris Mavroudis and I am the new Vice Principal at Sansome School. I have worked in the St. James-Assiniboia School Division for over 20 years and have taught Grades K-5 during that time frame. I believe that a school is the heart of a community and open communication and support between school and family is the best way for our kids to be successful and achieve their goals. I am a huge Jets fan and I have 2 boys who are currently preparing for another season of hockey which keeps me quite busy evenings and weekends. I am looking forward to meeting all of you in the coming weeks and please feel free to call or message me throughout the school year with any questions or concerns.

Mr. M., Vice Principal

Sansome Parent Council will be holding their annual AGM on Monday, September 26th at 6 p.m. Further details to follow. The climbing wall which was a joint initiative funded through Parent Council, School, and Division funds was completed in June! Students K-5 will enjoy this added feature to their Physical Education experience.

Truth and Reconciliation Day will be recognized on September 30th. This is a Federal day of recognition and all schools will be closed in observance. Students will recognize Orange Shirt Day on September 29th with their classroom communities.

Picture Day is coming up **Wednesday, September 21st**. Individual and class photos will be taken by Lifetouch with retakes scheduled for October 28th.

The \$50.00 classroom supply fee is due. School Cash is ready to accept your payments. This is our preferred method of payment and greatly reduces the amount of cash, cheques and NSF cheques the office has to deal with. See the attached instructions.

Transportation: Please be aware that for the next few days, the buses may/will be running late. There are new drivers, new routes, and lots of students to pick up and drop off. If your bus has not arrived, please be patient and continue to wait at your stop.

As a reminder:

Sansome bus in the AM is \$17

Sansome bus in the PM is #5

If your child is not going to be on the bus **at the end of the day**, call the office to let us know. If we cannot pick up the phone, please leave us a message.

Absence Reporting: A reminder that during the school year, absences are no longer phoned in or emailed to the school/teacher. Please do not email the teacher if your child is going to be absent. If teachers are away, they are not checking their email. Information about the absence reporting system called Safe Arrival is found attached.

Our first Early Dismissal Day is **Tuesday, September 20th**. Students will be dismissed at 3:18 pm to allow for ongoing staff professional development. Early dismissals happen on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Buses run approximately 30 minutes earlier.

The **Milk Store** is open again this year. White and chocolate milk can be purchased for \$1.00 each. Tickets are available in the office. If you have tickets left from last year, they can still be used. Kernels Popcorn will again be sold in the Milk Store for \$2.00 per bag. The flavours available are Butter & Salt, Dill Pickle, Salt & Vinegar, and White Cheddar.

Beginning Monday, September 12th, all Kindergarten, Grade 1 and new students will take part in our annual hearing screening. This process helps identify students who may have a hearing problem that could interfere with their school progress. Students who are identified as 'at risk' during the hearing screening process will be referred to the audiologist at ACCESS Winnipeg West. A letter will be sent home from our school

requesting families to contact the Hearing Centre at ACCESS Winnipeg West to arrange an appointment for a complete hearing assessment.

If you wish further information, or if you are aware of any present hearing difficulties with regards to your child, please contact the resource teacher, Mrs. Pam Zaman, pamela.zaman@sjasd.ca

Please bookmark our school website for all current and future news and the upcoming events calendar: <https://www.sjasd.ca/school/sansome>

If you have any questions about this or any other school information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.