

## **We are STARS!**

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### **Strathmillan School Mission Statement**

Through the shared commitments of students, caregivers, and staff, the mission of Strathmillan School is to create a nurturing environment that produces responsible citizens who are life-long learners.

We believe:

- Students are more successful when the home and school work together
- Students are responsible for their behaviour
- Respecting and appreciating individual diversity enriches life



### **Connect with US!**

We use a variety of social media platforms to connect, celebrate, and share information with our Stars community:

- School website: <https://www.sjasd.ca/school/strathmillan/Pages/default.aspx>
- You can also find us on Instagram: @strathmillanschool
- *Remind*: This secure, device-friendly app will connect with you via text and/or email. Your subscription allows you to receive *Remind* messages regarding general school and/or bussing information.

General school updates: text (647) 496-1214 and place @strathmi in the message

Bussing updates: text (647) 496-1214 and place @82c4g in the message

### **Change of Address or Phone Number**

In the event that your address, phone number or email change at any time during the school year, we would request that you submit the new information to the school office immediately. This would also include work phone numbers and your emergency contacts. It is imperative that we are able to contact you at all times in case of illness or emergencies related to your child.

### **Attendance & Pick-ups**

To ensure a safe learning environment for ALL students and staff, we require all students to be dropped off and picked up at their respective entry/exit doors in the morning, at lunch, and at the end of the day. If students need to leave for an appointment or other extenuating circumstance during the instructional school day, we ask caregivers to enter the main office doors. Our office team will call your STAR to the office and have you sign in or out in the appropriate binder (Visitor or Student). If you need to provide a lunch or other item for your STAR, please enter the main doors where we will ask you to leave the item at the office. The student will be called to collect the item at a natural break in the school day.

**Parents are asked to notify the school by 9:00 AM each day a student will be absent or excused.**

Messages may be left on our general mailbox (204.888.0148), or a note may be left in your child's agenda. To ensure ALL students arrive safely at school, a call back service is provided to all families when students are absent and have not been excused.

**If there is a change in pick-up or bussing arrangements, we ask families to communicate the change with the office or the teacher prior to 3:00 PM.**

### **Early Dismissals – 3:07 PM dismissal time on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each Month**

Professional staff development and professional learning times are scheduled regularly on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Please visit our school calendar for specific dates:

<https://www.sjasd.ca/school/strathmillan/Lists/Calendar/calendar.aspx>

### **Administrative/Inservice Days**

Please see the Divisional School Day Calendar for a list of dates when students will not have school due to Student Led Conferences and/or Professional Staff Development.

### **Active Transportation to School**

We encourage active transportation to school and remind our community that bike helmet use is mandatory. We ask caregivers to review bicycle safety with children. Racks are provided and bikes should be locked by the student prior to entering the building.

Use of rollerblades, roller shoes, skateboards, and scooters are encouraged, and the school cannot assume responsibility for loss/damage/theft. If your child does utilize any of these items to arrive at school, they will be unable to access their use during school hours. Please review safe and responsible behaviours and routes with all children.

### **STARS Patrols**

Student Safety Patrols support students at entry and departure times. You will see them at:

- Bruce and Strathmillan
- Lodge and Strathmillan
- Strathmillan crosswalk
- Bruce at Strathmillan Childcare exit

### **Conferences**

Triad Conferences are held at the beginning of each school year to provide an opportunity for students, their caregivers, and teachers to connect. This time is used to learn more about the student, their learning goals and challenges, as well as manage administrative tasks.

Student Led conferences are held in November and March to provide students with an opportunity to celebrate and share their learning with their families.

Conferences can be booked on our school's website:

<https://www.sjasd.ca/school/strathmillan/Parents/ConferenceManager/Pages/default.aspx>

Family members wishing to speak privately with the Classroom Teacher are invited to arrange individual meetings at alternate times to connect regarding individual concerns, or other needs for support. Please email the teacher to arrange a time.

### **Inclement Weather Guidelines**

In accordance with our Divisional Outdoor Recess Policy (JLIAB-R), indoor recess will be determined when the wind chill hazard is at or over -28°C. When the wind chill hazard is

between –25°C and –28°C, outdoor recess may be allowed but under no circumstances will children be allowed outside for longer than ten minutes. Please note that the policy utilizes the Environment Canada temperatures at The Forks.

### **Bus Cancellations**

A wind-chill of –45 or greater will dictate the cancellation of school buses within the St. James-Assiniboia School Division. Please listen to CJOB 680 or visit their website at [www.cjob.com](http://www.cjob.com) for this information. An automated message will also be sent out by the School Division.

### **Emergency School Closing**

In the event of severely inclement weather, the school may be closed or the starting time delayed. The same conditions may necessitate an early dismissal. In the event of inclement weather, check the Division website: <https://www.sjasd.ca/Pages/default.aspx>, or tune in to 680 CJOB (AM Radio) for announcements about closures and/or transportation services. There will also be automated messages sent from the school or school division. In the event of an emergency school closure once school has begun, we will evacuate to Golden Gate Middle School. If Golden Gate is not available, we will evacuate to Silver Heights United Church. Parents will be notified as soon as possible if this occurs.