



St. James-Assiniboia School Division

Great Schools for Growing and Learning

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Monday, March 16, 2020

Dear Families and Staff of SJASD,

As per the Government's directive, classes are suspended for the period of March 23 until April 10. The week of March 16th – 20th has been provided to allow for families and staff to prepare for a continuity of learning plan while regular classroom instruction is occurring. The following activities listed below are either suspended or cancelled until further notice:

- School permits that are associated with outside community groups
- ALL field trips
- Interschool sports games and tournament play, including practices
- ALL off-site programming, such as Adaptive Swim Program, Winnipeg Jets Hockey Academy, etc.
- Committee meetings such as Parent Councils, Advisory, Safe Grads, etc.
- PD events that are offsite

We realize that [COVID-19](#) is impacting our families and staff at so many levels, which is why we are making every attempt while in-class learning is suspended to continue to offer engaging and rigorous programming. We will continue to be responsive to the learning needs of our students, recognizing that their day to day routines will be disrupted during the suspension of in-class learning.

Be assured that we continue to take preventative measures to ensure that our schools are safe. As with any seasonal flu and respiratory infections, there are precautions that we can all take to stay safe and healthy. We are closely monitoring the situation and are following recommendations from the [Public Health Agency of Canada](#), Manitoba Health, and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority. Cleaning for health continues to be a top priority in all SJASD school locations. Custodial staff use disinfectants that are rated and approved in the daily cleaning of touch points and surfaces in our schools. The cleaning agents used by custodial staff are designed to disinfect within schools.

The COVID-19 situation is being evaluated on an ongoing basis and communications with families will continue to be provided through School Messenger, as well as our social media accounts that are listed below:

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/st.james_assiniboiasd/

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/St.JamesAssiniboiaSchoolDivision/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/SJASDivision>

Website: [https://www.sjasd.ca/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.sjasd.ca/Pages/default.aspx#/)

In closing I ask that we as a community continue to work together for the purpose of helping our youth navigate through this time. How we act and respond will reduce the concerns and anxieties that they may have. I know that, together, we will meet the challenge that is currently before us.

Sincerely,

Mike Wake, Acting Superintendent
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