

# report

## to the community



St. James Collegiate

2019-2020



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*The Senior Years in the St. James- Assiniboia School Division provide a varied curriculum to meet the needs, interests, and abilities of students. The programs provide a sound basis for further education or immediate employment setting. Hands-on, active participation is encouraged in all subject areas and especially in courses such as: Performing and Fine Arts, physical education, career exploration and independent studies.*

### Last Year's School Accomplishments (2018-2019)

**St. James Collegiate's professional staff continued to focus on the area of improving literacy across all curricular areas.**

- ✓ St. James Collegiate students encourages ALL of our students to see themselves as capable readers and writers. Visible learning instructional strategies were utilized across the content areas. Those who are unable to attain this goal were supported with differentiated instruction and interventions to track and encourage growth in their literacy skills across the content areas.

**St. James Collegiate's professional staff continued to focus on improving numeracy across all curricular areas.**

- ✓ St. James Collegiate students continue to be more confident in their ability to learn and use mathematics. Math & science departments continue to utilize common vocabulary and implement visible learning instructional strategies that foster the pedagogy of building thinking classrooms.

**St. James Collegiate's professional staff continued to focus on providing students with increased awareness of personal wellness and resiliency strategies.**

- ✓ The Sources of Strength program continued, and all students were invited to participate in mindfulness-based stress reduction activities throughout the school year. As well, student services staff built partnerships with mental health and personal wellness agencies, such as Spirit Fusion and Clinic, to further support the wellness and mental health of students.

#### Our Vision Statement

At St. James Collegiate, we aim to develop **JIMMIES**.

**JIMMIES are:**

- Open Minded
- Respectful
- Hard Working
- Caring
- Knowledgeable

#### Our Mission Statement

Our mission at St. James Collegiate is to provide students with practical, academic, and citizenship skills to succeed with creativity, compassion, and knowledge in the global community.

#### School Profile

Number of teachers: 32  
Number of students: 458  
Grade levels: 9-12

#### School Highlights

These include:

- Partnerships with Manitoba School Improvement Program as a new school site for the Peaceful Village Program and the UNESCO schools network
- Female Fitness Classes
- Advanced Placement in English Literature and Psychology
- Art, Drama, Guitar and Musical Theatre Programs
- Practical Arts, Human Ecology and Business Ed.
- Hockey Programming
- Technology Programing
- Vocational Programing in Hairstyling and Autobody
- Concert and Jazz Band

## **A Quick Snapshot of the Classroom**

**Mathematics:** The math department at St James is constantly trying to improve the delivery and assessment of our content striving for instructional excellence. All classes continue to improve both numeracy and literacy with glossaries and a vocabulary focus. The math department is also committed to providing students challenges outside the regular classroom. Students are given the opportunity to compete at a national level in math competitions like the Fermat and Cayley math competitions in grade ten and eleven and our grade twelve students participate in the University of Manitoba Math Contest.

**Arts:** St. James Collegiate offers Grade 9-12 Visual Art, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Guitar (Rock), Drama, Musical Theatre and offers many enrichment opportunities in the arts through technology, digital photography and the school musical.

**Humanities:** The Humanities Department's goal is to develop our students' passion for life-long learning. Students are engaged with a variety of literary and media texts to assist them in building their critical thinking and essential writing skills. Our students are also encouraged to explore many of the problems and conflicts affecting Canada and the World as we to expose them to complex issues, while empowering them to get involved. New reading materials and resources also consistently being introduced and developed to engage students, motivate learning and assist at-risk and EAL students.

**Science:** The Science Department at St. James Collegiate believes that success in science is the result of building a strong skills base, providing authentic experiences and relating concepts to the everyday lives of students. We continue to develop and implement a variety of assessment and technology-based instructional strategies to enhance student learning and success. Enrichment opportunities are provided through extra-curricular activities such as Envirothon, Science Fairs, Science Olympics, not to mention the various field-trips, conferences, and contests that take place throughout the year. We continue to provide option courses in Horticulture, Environmental Science and Lab Skills to help further develop our students' knowledge, understanding and skills in Science as it relates to the world around them.

**Phys-Ed:** The community and students are enjoying the benefits of having a renovated gym floor with new lighting, completed track, outdoor basketball and beach volleyball court. All grade 9's taking physical education this semester have completed our new Dimensions of Wellness Survey. The survey results will help guide instruction in health and physical education in our school. The 5 areas of wellness studied in the survey are physical, emotional, social, spiritual and psychological health and wellness. This year, we are excited to offer a Female Fitness option for all grade levels.

**Technology:** Students are regularly implementing BYOD in the classroom by using their devices to assess information, videos and other course materials to demonstrate knowledge and connect it to the real world. Graphic Technology is a popular course at the Collegiate. Emphasis is on digital photo manipulation through a variety of programs and encourages students to explore their creative talents. Students work with CNC (Computer Numerically Controlled) computers and are instructed on the use of state of the art graphic technologies including, thermal, vinyl and large format printers fostering a large variety of product diversity.

## **Planning & Goal Setting**

School goals are created using the Divisional Strategic Plan as the guideline ([www.sjsd.net/planning](http://www.sjsd.net/planning)). The goal setting process begins in early spring and includes input from students, teachers, parents and the community. Goals are developed around the needs and direction of the various departments with student progress, achievement and our mission/vision statements as our focus.

### **Extra-curricular Activities**

Large variety of activities and opportunities:

- Grade 9 Jimmie Jamboree
- Peaceful Village - MSIP
- Volleyball, Cross Country, Basketball, Hockey, Track, Soccer, Badminton, Rugby, Handball & Floorball
- Space Jimmies High Altitude Balloon Launch Club
- Spring Musical Production
- Student Advisory Council
- Stevenson Homework Club
- Brooklands Literacy Project
- Youth in Philanthropy Student Advisory Group
- Volunteering at Siloam Mission and Winnipeg Harvest
- Gender Student Equality Group
- Indigenous Student Group
- UNESCO/Social Justice Projects
- Envirothon Student Challenge

## **This Year's School Goals and Priorities (2019-2020)**

- 1. By June 2020, St. James Collegiate students will improve their literacy skills through deep learning pedagogy, visible learning strategies and critical thinking opportunities throughout the content areas.**
- 2. By June 2020, all students will become more confident in their ability to learn and use mathematics. They will view themselves as capable of using their growing mathematical understanding to make sense of new problems and connect ideas to real-world situations as well as improving their ability to communicate their understanding, thinking and reasoning.**
- 3. By June 2020, all St. James Collegiate students will have increased awareness in recognizing the benefits of developing personal wellness, citizenship and character.**
- 4. To help all students achieve the academic preparation and success in numeracy required for their chosen path towards an immediate career or post-secondary education.**
- 5. To help all students and staff recognize the benefits of personal wellness, physical literacy and proactive interventions towards positive mental health. Meeting the basic needs of our student while promoting personal connectedness and involvement at the school level.**
- 6. To develop a school wide culture that encourages reading and writing while identifying common strategies for use in all courses to help students become more effective readers and writers.**
- 7. To emphasize comprehension skills, critical thinking skills, and reflection strategies across the curriculum.**
- 8. To strengthen numeracy across the curriculum, particularly in science and math; working towards "thinking classrooms" with problem solving rich tasks.**