



West St. Paul School

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Dear Families,

Welcome back to the final three months of this 2024-25 school year. We hope everyone had a busy and active spring break with their families.

Most of the snow from the storm before spring break has now melted. The school field is still a mix of mud, water, grass and snow. Families are encouraged to send children to school with an extra set of dry clothing and rubber boots so kids can play safely outside.

Tonight is the monthly West St. Paul Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting. It begins at 6:00 and will end at 7:30. Childcare is always provided at no cost so parents can attend the meeting. For families who ordered, tomorrow is the PAC hot lunch day from McDonald's and on Wednesday, April 16th is pick up day at Access Centre for families who ordered Krispy Kreme doughnuts from the PAC fundraiser.

Tomorrow is International Day of Pink. Discrimination takes many shapes, whether it's based on race, age, disabilities, gender or sexuality. The 2SLGBTQIA+ community is no stranger to the bullying and violence that stems from hateful beliefs. While progress has been made towards removing these social barriers from our society, discrimination still persists. So, every year, on the second Wednesday of April, we urge people around the world to put on a pink shirt and stand in solidarity with the 2SLGBTQIA+ community to continue fighting for equality and acceptance.

We have MANY dancers in our school and tomorrow is SPOTLIGHT (formerly Divisional Day of Dance)! Several of our dance groups will be performing on stage at SOPAC tomorrow. Families are invited to watch their children at SOPAC at the times indicated in letters from our dance teachers. Thank you to our fantastic dance club teachers who volunteer hours of their time to allow our students opportunities to explore their dance skills!

Please remember that this Friday is a school professional development day. Staff will be engaging in our second day of Treaty Education Training. Staff will be learning about treaties and looking at Treaty Relationship Agreements in the morning and then be a part of a presentation from Niigaan Sinclair in the afternoon. Treaties are foundational

agreements in Canada and a part of Canada's shared history. Infusing these teachings into our everyday lessons creates a prosperous future for us all.

Registration is now open for kindergarten and new students to West St. Paul School. Go to www.7oaks.org to register online.

Parents can now apply online for bussing for the 2025-26 school year. You can register for bussing at [Transportation](#).

Enjoy the beginning of Spring!

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Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Dear Families,

Subject: Update on School Bus Eligibility for the 2025/26 School Year

On March 25, 2025, Seven Oaks School Division informed families of a planned change to school bus eligibility for the 2025/26 school year. At that time, we shared that eligibility would be limited to students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 (K-6). This decision was made in response to significant capacity pressures, including the loss of Winnipeg Transit school charter services and increased enrolment in new residential developments where K-6 students require transportation.

Before settling on the K-6 service model, the division explored multiple alternatives. We approached City representatives in an effort to maintain current charter service, considered rerouting existing buses, and reviewed the possibility of adjusting school start and end times. Unfortunately, none of these options presented a viable solution.

We are pleased to share a positive update. As a result of a recent budget allocation, we are now able to contract charter buses through a private provider. Given this, **we can confirm that school bus transportation will be available for Kindergarten to Grade 8 students for the 2025/26 school year** under the following criteria:

Seven Oaks School Division bus service will be available at no cost for:

- **Kindergarten to Grade 6 students** whose most direct walking distance from home or a designated feeder daycare to their assigned or catchment school is **1.6 kilometres or more**.
- **Kindergarten to Grade 12 students** residing in the R.M. of West St. Paul or the R.M. of St. Andrews who live **1.6 kilometres or more** from their assigned or catchment school.

Charter Bus service will be available at a cost for:

- **Grade 7 and 8 students** whose most direct walking distance from home to their assigned catchment school is **1.6 kilometres or more**.

More details, including fees and application procedures, will be communicated in the coming days by our Director of Transportation.

We appreciate your patience and understanding throughout this process. Seven Oaks School Division is committed to advocating for the resources necessary to provide safe, equitable, and accessible transportation for students in Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Kreml". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and a stylized "K".

Tony Kreml
Superintendent
Seven Oaks School Division