



Community Begins Here



2014 Highlights from your
Seven Oaks School Division



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Seven Oaks School Division would like to remember long-standing Trustee Ric Dela Cruz who passed away April 13, 2014. Ric was a dedicated member of our community and will be missed.

Board of Trustees

The brand new Amber Trails School is set to open its doors in January 2015, welcoming a new batch of kids into our community and marking yet another important step in our division's growth.

Here's what else we've got going on:

- We've grown to just shy of 11,000 students
- Design is underway on a K-5 Immersion school in Riverbend
- These new schools provide space for 1,000 students
- Three new daycare facilities – Victory, Amber Trails and Riverbend – will offer 200 new spaces for our youngest community members.

New Communities Are Made Here





Raising a family doesn't come cheap – that's why we work hard to ensure parents don't feel the financial weight of their kids' quality education.

The necessities don't come cheap in other divisions. Here? No fees – no stress:

- Standard locker fees: \$10
- Agenda books: \$15
- Field trips costs: \$25
- Savings to our parents: \$50 per child per year

Hefty bills for school supplies? Not here. Parents pay one low fee – we order the goods in bulk:

- Fulfilling shopping lists in other divisions: \$153
- Our flat fee: \$30
- Savings to our parents: \$123 per child per year

Peace of mind should be free – and our parents know their kids are safe at the lunch table:

- Lunch supervision in other divisions: \$1-250 per day
- Savings to our parents: \$185-462.50 per year per child per year

Savings money is music to our parents' ears:

- Instrument rentals in other division: \$22/month
- Reeds, valves and other supplies: \$30
- Savings to our parents: \$250/year per child per year

Savings are made here – and our families thank us for it.

Savings Are Made Here



Seven Oaks provides the best high school facilities in Winnipeg.

- The new West Kildonan Collegiate opened in 2008.
- Garden City received a facelift and community commons addition in 2009.
- Maples' brand new link building will open this fall.
- A new facility for the MET School opens early in 2015.

These facilities themselves combine with outstanding programming and services to play a part in a student experience that has given us one of the highest levels of student engagement in Canada.

The result?

Graduation rates are now at 90% - that's up 20% in the last 10 years - and our students are thriving, wherever their post-high school paths may lead.

(A bonus? Each of these schools offers tuition free dual credit University and College courses giving our grads a head start to their post-secondary education. See Page 14 to learn more!)

Graduates Are Made Here



Education has evolved.

Thanks to our inspired, inspiring students and inventive staff, we are now able to offer award-winning and boundary-breaking programming as unique as our community itself.

These programs – like the Seven Oaks Met School and Channel 7 Oaks, just to name a few – help our students discover their passions and pave paths towards their futures.

- The Met School is the only of its kind in Canada. It offers students an opportunity to achieve core curriculum benchmarks while at the same time acquiring skills that cater to their long-range goals and aspirations.
- Channel 7 Oaks is a student-driven, staff-led media production project that began in a single Maples Collegiate classroom and has grown to include two film studios, a broadcast control room and live-streaming website.

But it doesn't stop there.

We're constantly aiming to make waves and break ground across the academic world ... and these unique opportunities truly make the difference for our students.

The Difference Is Made Here



No child should be bullied, discriminated against or made to feel unsafe in the classroom.

Our staff and students recognize this and work tirelessly to ensure all kids have a safe place to study and grow.

We celebrate difference with:

- Inclusive education programs
- Social justice clubs
- LGBT alliances
- Anti-bullying events and fundraisers
- Effective anti-bullying policies
- Outreach and support groups

A recent WRHA study even showed our division to have the lowest incidence of homophobic bullying in Winnipeg.

Friends and allies of all kinds are welcome here – and we wouldn't have it any other way.

Friends And Allies Are Made Here



Two of every three Seven Oaks graduates go on to post-secondary study ... and we believe a strong foundation helps that success rate.

We are thrilled to this year launch the brand new Beyond Grade 12 program. It offers:

- A full complement of post-secondary courses within the high school timetable
- Course selection designed to give our kids a jump on jumpstarting their career paths
- Red River College, Universite de Saint-Boniface and University of Winnipeg directed classes
- Courses that count directly towards students' degrees of choice and – in some cases – give our kids advanced entry into programs with lengthy wait lists

Our kids get a leg up on their future and experience a taste of post-secondary studies, all while still within the supportive high school environment and at no cost to students or parents.

Steps forward are made here – and we're right here to help if the path gets rocky along the way.

Steps Forward Are Made Here



The Seven Oaks community is one of the most diverse in the city – and we work hard to ensure our staff and programming reflect that diversity.

Our cultural initiatives and language programs are designed to support our community help educate our students and staff on cultures other than their own and help our many new Canadian families preserve their rich cultural traditions.

We offer:

- French and Ukrainian immersion programs
- Free after school instruction in a dozen heritage languages
- Traditional Aboriginal teachings, workshops and dance programs
- Many-nation community celebrations
- A two-branch Settlement Services Centre that helps new members of our community adapt to life in Canada while maintaining links to their cultures and traditions
- Staff who reflect our community's diversity

Cultural connections are made here – and they'll continue to be as our community grows.

Cultural Connections Are Made Here

We're Here With You



Arthur E. Wright Community School
1520 Jefferson Avenue • 204-632-6314

École Belmont School
525 Belmont Avenue • 204-338-7893

Collicutt School
75 Cottingham Street • 204-338-7937

École Constable Edward Finney School
25 Anglia Avenue • 204-694-8688

Edmund Partridge Community School
1874 Main Street • 204-339-9889

Elwick Community School
30 Maberley Road • 204-633-5641

Forest Park School
130 Forest Park Drive • 204-338-9341

Garden City Collegiate
711 Jefferson Avenue • 204-339-2058

Governor Semple School
150 Hartford Avenue • 204-339-7112

H.C. Avery Middle School
10 Marigold Bay • 204-334-4391

École James Nisbet Community School
70 Doubleday Drive • 204-633-8870

École Leila North Community School
20 Allan Blye Drive • 204-694-8071

Maples Collegiate
1330 Jefferson Avenue • 204-632-6641

Margaret Park School
385 Cork Avenue • 204-338-9384

O.V. Jewitt Community School
66 Neville Street • 204-633-1714

R.F. Morrison School
25 Morrison Street • 204-338-7804

École Riverbend Community School
123 Red River Boulevard W • 204-334-8417

École Seven Oaks Middle School
800 Salter Street • 204-586-0327

Victory School
395 Jefferson Avenue • 204-586-9716

West Kildonan Collegiate
101 Ridgecrest Avenue • 204-339-6959

West St. Paul School
3740 Main Street • 204-339-1964

Seven Oaks School Division MET School
711 Jefferson Avenue • 204-336-5050

Seven Oaks Adult Learning Centre
950 Jefferson Ave. • 204-632-1716

Seven Oaks by the Numbers

This is us, at a glance:

- 22 schools with plans to open two more in the next five years
- Some 11,000 students with an estimated growth to 11,550 by 2016
- 1,311 staff positions increasing by ## next year
- To accommodate this growth, our budget will increase by 4.26% in 2014-15 – that breaks down to 2% operating costs, 1% enrollment, 1.9% for the new Amber Trails school.
- 2.3% of the increase is covered by an increase in provincial funding
- Community members will see a 3.62% increase on their property taxes (approximately \$63.50 on a house valued at \$270,400)

The budget will:

- Maintain low class sizes
- Keep our programs strong and intact
- Open a new school
- Extend no cost musical instruments to Grade 8
- Keep costs to parents down
- Add one additional summer enrichment site
- Expand breakfast programs
- Provide a new facility for the MET School

Questions?

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At Seven Oaks, we are teachers, bus drivers, librarians, educational assistants, administrators, IT professionals, clerical staff and custodians.

We are the people who make our schools great for your Seven Oaks community – and we thrive here.

Want to be a part of our team? Visit www.7oaks.org for employment opportunities and information.

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