

2020 Report to Community



Orange Shirt Day 2019,
pre-COVID-19

Keeping Kids Safe
& Keeping Kids Learning.



SEVEN OAKS
SCHOOL DIVISION
community begins here



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Message from the Chair

We are living in interesting and challenging times (to say the least). Like the rest of the world, we in Seven Oaks are doing everything we can to make the best of it for our students and our community.

Last spring, when the province suspended classes in public schools due to COVID-19, our staff pivoted to remote learning and showed incredible resolve, creativity and perseverance as they did. Teachers learned to use new technologies in new ways. Our IT staff put tablet devices in the hands of those who needed them. Our Educational Assistants brought hampers to homes and personally connected with students who have additional needs.

When we brought students back in June, we offered more summer programming than before to give kids the opportunities they'd been missing.

This fall, we've opened our schools again - and we've done it as safely as possible. We are so happy to be back, and we will continue to make the best of a challenging situation. Our staff are - and will continue to be - careful and caring. Our schools will continue to be places of joy, laughter and discovery.

Thanks to our staff for their hard work and dedication and thanks to our parents and students for your cooperation.

Have a great year.

Greg McFarlane
Chair

We're keeping kids safe



We're working hard to keep students safe and to keep them learning.

- 🌿 We require all students in Grade 4 and above to wear masks when they cannot socially distance.
- 🌿 We provide reusable masks to all students free of charge and provide disposable masks on buses and to students who forget to bring their own to school.
- 🌿 High School classes are reduced by half, with students attending alternate days and learning remotely on the days they aren't on-site.
- 🌿 Kindergarten to Grade 8 schools physical distance to the best extent possible, using not just classes but alternative spaces like multi-purpose rooms and the outdoors to maintain a reasonable class size.
- 🌿 We are using cohorts at schools where social distancing in classrooms can't be done. Cohorts are basically dedicated groups, distanced from other groups with limited movement of people.
- 🌿 In Seven Oaks School Division cohorts, there must be at least 1 meter between students as they sit at their desks (2 meters at high schools).
- 🌿 Schools provide hand sanitizer, hand soap and necessary cleaning supplies for staff, students and visitors.
- 🌿 Masks are mandatory on school buses.
- 🌿 There is increased cleaning and sanitization (especially of high-contact areas).
- 🌿 Schools are staggering lunch and recess times.
- 🌿 We are supporting remote learning where students or a household member are immunocompromised.
- 🌿 We respond quickly and effectively where students or staff contract COVID-19.





Keeping kids succeeding

Put simply, our approach to education in Seven Oaks School Division is all about removing the barriers that get in the way of student success.

In 2019-2020, our class sizes averaged around 19 students per Kindergraten to Grade 3 class, and 21 students per Grade 4 class. Smaller class sizes allow teachers to get to know the learning styles of individual students better. And we put more of our budget into the direct support of students than any other Winnipeg school division, including having learning support teachers work in the classroom to provide extra help in a timely fashion.

Our support also continues outside the classroom. There is no charge for going on a field trip, joining a band, or learning to swim or skate. Lunch supervision is provided at no charge. Our Wayfinders program provides mentorship, tutoring and bursary assistance to high school students in need of that opportunity.

And our approach works. We know because our students consistently outperform provincial results by graduation. They participate in enriching activities like debate, the high altitude balloon challenge and our outstanding arts programs. We streamline pathways to careers and post-secondary opportunities with internships, cooperative vocational programs and advanced credit courses.

As we deal with COVID-19, it is harder to offer the same rich programming we are used to providing. But its not impossible. This is where the perseverance, creativity and determination of our staff shines through, be it over the internet or in the classroom, socially distanced and wearing a mask.

Because no matter where or how they learn, student success is still about engaging, encouraging and inspiring.

VICTORY SCHOOL
Thank you
Front line workers.

STAY STRONG

Please wait
outside until the
Teacher greets you.
Thank you 😊

Cohort Door
for:
-Teacher Kohs
-Ms. Torosiuk (K)
-Mr. Karl (Ks)

SEVEN OAKS
SCHOOL DIVISION
THIS BUILDING
AND GROUNDS
ARE
**SMOKE
FREE**
THANK YOU FOR RESPECTING
THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS.










École Templeton, our newest school opened on time and on budget.

Keeping opportunities growing



As important as it is to support today's students, it is equally important for us to keep creating opportunities, improvements and environments that will continue to make them places that foster life-long learning.

-  This September, we opened our newest school, École Templeton - a Kindergarten to Grade 5 French Immersion School - on time and on budget.
-  We're planning for new schools to serve new residential growth in Aurora at North Point, Highland Pointe and West St. Paul.
-  Parking has been expanded at the thriving Seven Oaks Performing Arts Centre and the track is being upgraded with a rubberized surface thanks to City Councillors Devi Sharma and Brian Mayes.

-  We've replaced roofs and added skylights at A.E. Wright and O.V. Jewitt schools.
-  Playscapes have been enhanced at Elwick School and Governor Semple School
-  We have built a first-of-its-kind cycling adventure trail at A.E. Wright School with support from Councillor Devi Sharma, the Province of Manitoba and The Winnipeg Foundation.
-  We're continuing to develop the Aki Centre; our innovative agriculture and land-based education centre in West St. Paul.
-  In response to COVID-19, we revamped our summer program to provide even more opportunities for engaging activities.



Thanks to the support of Councillors Devi Sharma and Brian Mayes for their help in upgrading the Garden City Collegiate track.



Thanks to our building construction students who completed this huge all season passive solar green house at the Aki Center in West St. Paul.

Community Begins Here

Early Years: K-5

École Belmont
French K-5
525 Belmont Avenue
204-338-7893

Collicutt School
English K-5
75 Cottingham Street
204-338-7937

École Constable
Edward Finney School
Dual Track K-5
25 Anglia Avenue
204-694-8688

Forest Park School
English K-5
130 Forest Park Drive
204-338-9341

Governor Semple School
English K-5
150 Hartford Avenue
204-339-7112

James Nisbet
Community School
English K-5
70 Doubleday Drive
204-633-8870

Margaret Park School
English K-5
385 Cork Avenue
204-338-9384

R.F. Morrison School
English K-5
Ukrainian Bilingual K-6
25 Morrison Street
204-338-7804

Riverbend Community School
English K-5
Ojibwe Bilingual K-4
123 Red River Boulevard W
204-334-8417

École Rivière-Rouge
French K-5
55 Swinford Way
204-697-5962

École Templeton
French K-5
1310 Templeton Ave
204-589-9853

Victory School
English K-5
395 Jefferson Avenue
204-586-9716

**Early Years/
Middle Years: K-8**
A.E. Wright Community
School
English K-8
1520 Jefferson Avenue
204-632-6314

Amber Trails
Community School
English K-8
1575 Templeton Avenue
204-697-5965

Elwick Community School
English K-8
30 Maberley Road
204-633-5641

O.V. Jewitt Community School
English K-8
66 Neville Street
204-633-1714

West St. Paul School
English K-8
3740 Main Street
204-339-1964

Middle Years: Grades 6-8
Edmund Partridge
Community School
English 6-8
1874 Main Street
204-339-9889

H.C. Avery Middle School
English 6-8
10 Marigold Bay
204-334-4391

École Leila North
Community School
Dual Track 6-8
20 Allan Blye Drive
204-694-8071

École Seven Oaks
Middle School
Dual Track 6-8
800 Salter Street
204-586-0327

Senior Years: Grades 9-12

Collège Garden
City Collegiate
Dual Track 9-12
711 Jefferson Avenue
204-339-2058

Maples Collegiate
English 9-12
1330 Jefferson Avenue
204-632-6641

Maples Met School
English 9-12
1300 Jefferson Avenue
204-632-6641

Seven Oaks Met School
English 9-12
640 Jefferson Avenue
204-336-5050

West Kildonan Collegiate
English 9-12
101 Ridgecrest Avenue
204-339-6959

Additional Education Opportunities:

Seven Oaks Adult
Learning Centre
950 Jefferson Avenue
204-632-1716

Adult Education Centre
1747 Main Street
204-953-0818

Wayfinders
950 Jefferson Avenue
204-631-5849