

### Good afternoon families of Mitchell Middle School students!

We are excited to welcome our students back for the 2025/2026 school year! Here is some information for you to be aware of as we get ready for another great year.

### **Welcome to New Staff Members**

Mr. Durksen - Vice Principal

Ms. Megan Mowat-Beaudin - Learning Support & Resource

Ms. Elizabeth Janzen - Music/Band

Ms. Gillian Crognali - Gr 6

Ms. Natalie Edwards - Gr 7

Ms. Kristina Merk - EA (welcome back)

**Homeroom Assignments** will be posted on our <u>school website</u> August 25. **Student fee information** can also be found on our website under <u>supply</u> lists.

## Meet the Teacher BBQ on Wednesday, September 3, 4:00 - 6:00

Students and families are invited to join us for our Meet the Teacher BBQ. There will be hot dogs, chips, and pop available at no charge, while supplies last. Students are invited to bring their school supplies with them on Wednesday evening and say hello to their teachers. Parents are also encouraged to stop by the school office to complete or update volunteer paperwork, pay student fees, and update student permissions.

## First Day of School is Thursday, September 4, 2025

Thursday, September 4 is the first day of school and is a full school day for our students.

### Strong Connections Sept 12 and 15

Don't forget about Strong Connections, coming up on Sept 12 and Sept 15. Your child's Strong Connection date is available on the Parent Portal. Please be in contact with us at the office if you have questions about Strong Connections.

#### **Student Entrances**

See the diagram below for your child's designated entrance into the school.



# 25/26 Bell Schedule

Our Bell Schedule has been adjusted slightly again for the 25/26 school year. Note that the lunch break will now begin at 12:12 pm.

	8:45	Doors Open to Students
ROE's	8:53 - 9:00	
AM HR	9:00-9:03	7 min
Period 1	9:03-9:38	35 min
Period 2	9:38-10:13	35 min
AM Recess	10:13-10:27	14 min
Period 3	10:27 - 11:02	35 min
Period 4	11:02 - 11:37	35 min
Period 5	11:37 - 12:12	35 min
Lunch Break	12:12-12:37	7/8 outside. 5/6 inside.
Lunch Break	12:37 - 1:07	5/6 outside. 7/8 inside.
Period 6	1:12 - 1:47	30 min
Period 7	1:47 - 2:22	35 min
PM Recess	2:22-2:35	15 min
Period 8	2:35 - 3:10	35 min
Period 9	3:10 - 3:45	35 min
	3:45	All students Dismissed

## **Students Returning From Lunch At Home**

A reminder that students who eat lunch at home should be arriving back in their classes by 1:10 at the latest - the bell rings at 1:07. There is no longer a homeroom period after lunch and students will report directly to their Period 6 class after lunch. It is important for all students to return to class on time.

#### Dismissal

All students (town students and bus students) will be dismissed at 3:45 pm.

## **Cell Phone Policy**

As you are aware by now, Manitoba Education has determined that all K - 8 schools will be cell phone free zones. Please ensure your child does not bring their cell phone to school. <u>Attached</u> to this email is a separate document that outlines how MMS will address cell phone infractions, and other school specific information related to the cell phone free policy. Please take some time to review it with your child.

## **Change to Traffic Flow Pattern on Willow Street**

Families, please be reminded of the change to traffic flow on Willow Street from Walnut Ave to Stanway Ave S, as illustrated in the map below.



# Parent - School Partnership

Student success is greatly enhanced when teachers and parents are in regular communication in support of student learning. As MMS staff, we are thankful for the trust and support of the Mitchell community and do not take this trust for granted. We continue to encourage all parents and families to stay connected to MMS throughout the year.

Please be in contact with the school at any time if you have any questions about your child's progress.

Here's to another great year!

Mr. John Terrick Principal Mr. Gus Durksen Vice Principal