

# ÉCOLE GEORGE V SCHOOL

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## **SCHOOL HANDBOOK / PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE**

Welcome to École George V School, we provide an inclusive environment that promotes rigorous student learning and allows children to develop a sense of community. This is intended to be a handy reference to you and your family. Up to date information will also be posted on our website [www.winnipegsd.ca/georgev](http://www.winnipegsd.ca/georgev). École George V School is an English Instruction Nursery - Grade 6, French Immersion Kindergarten – Grade 8.

### **WINNPEG SCHOOL DIVISION MISSION STATEMENT**

Providing all students with opportunities to achieve academic excellence, a healthy self-esteem, and social responsibility in a safe, supportive, and challenging environment.

We believe in setting priorities for the direction of the school. Each year we review our direction, we set our goals and focus on school improvement. We work to build academic excellence to help each student be the best that they can be.

### **PARENT COUNCIL**

We are proud to have an active parent council at École George V School. Parents/Guardian play a vital role in the school. They support their children's education by working collaboratively with the staff and volunteering in the school. The parent council provides the school with feedback on things such as school safety, policy, budget, priorities, fundraising for a variety of projects, and parent/guardian social events. Please attend our meetings to learn about your child's school and to support in any way you are able to.

The Parent Council is able to:

- Contribute to a sense of community in the local school neighbourhood.
- Communicate educational information and special events to the parents and area residents.
- Assist in creating a safe neighbourhood environment for the physical well-being of the children.
- Assist in fundraising to help support school initiatives.
- Assist in guiding the school in achieving its goals.

### **PBIS**

As a school we are proud to be PBIS, which stands for "Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support.

PBIS is a system for defining, teaching and supporting appropriate students' behaviors to create a positive school environment. The purpose of school-wide PBIS is to establish a climate in which appropriate behavior is the norm.

PBIS helps students by defining very clearly the desired behaviors in each part of the school, by training students in these behaviors, by rewarding positive behavior and by gathering data on challenging areas in order to work on targeted solutions.

**Our school motto is *Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible***

### **SCHOOL HOURS FOR GRADES 1-8**

Student Entry	8:50 a.m.
Lunch	12:00 p.m.
Afternoon Entry	12:55 p.m.
Dismissal	3:30 p.m.

### **SCHOOL HOURS FOR NURSERY/KINDERGARTEN**

Student Entry	8:50 a.m.
Dismissal	11:30 a.m.
Afternoon Entry	12:55 p.m.
Dismissal	3:30 p.m.

### **SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN**

Adult supervision is provided on the playground during the following times:

**8:45-8:50 a.m.** (daycare and school staff)

During morning and afternoon recess

**12:00 – 12:55 p.m.** (lunch program staff)

There is no staff to supervise students who go home for lunch if they return before 12:55 p.m.

### **SCHOOL PATROL**

8:40-8:55 a.m.

11:55-12:05 p.m.

12:45-12:55 p.m.

03:25-3:40 p.m.

### **SAFE ARRIVAL**

We operate a call-back system to ensure the safety of our students. Please call the school **SAFE ARRIVAL 1-855-278-4513** or visit <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> before the bell time of the current day if your child will be absent or late for class. Please note that it is important that students arrive as close to the bell as possible to coincide with our outdoor supervision.

### **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Participation is leadership, and keeps students connected to the school above and beyond participation in the classroom experience. During the school year, there are many opportunities for students to become involved in the activities of our school, including extra-curricular activities. As an Early Years school, our extracurricular activities are geared to keeping our young students as active and engaged as possible. École George V School is proud to offer a full complement of Extra Curricular activities such as: jump rope, running club, volleyball, basketball, cross country running, badminton, and Green Team. We encourage all students to participate with us in activities outside the classroom where new experiences can be found, new friendships made and new talents discovered.

### **PHONE CALLS**

During the school day we refrain from allowing students to use the telephone. Only in the event of an emergency do we deliver messages to students. Minimizing interruptions helps to optimize learning times.

## **EMAIL**

Many people find it very convenient to communicate messages by email. Please note that this email, like phone messages, may not be picked up during the day. The teachers' first responsibility is to work with students and depending on their day, they may not get to the messages before dismissal.

## **ATTENDANCE**

We know that parents have an important role in setting their child(ren) up for success. When the student(s) are on time and in attendance with the exception of illness, they are given the best opportunities. Absences have a significant effect on academic performance.

## **PLANNED ABSENCES**

To inform us of an upcoming absence, parents should contact the safe arrival by phone **1-855-278-4513** or visit <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>.

## **PARKING LOT SAFETY**

The parking lot is for staff use. In the name of safety for our children, please refrain from using the parking lot for drop off and pick up.

## **ACCESS TO THE BUILDING**

In accordance with Provincial regulations and for the safety of our population. All doors are opened during entrance & recess times. During any other time of the school day, entry to the school may only be gained by using the front doors. Visitors are asked to report to the office which is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

## **SHOES**

For reasons of safety, students must have shoes on at all times. Each student needs a pair of indoor runners for Phys Ed classes.

## **LUNCH PROGRAM**

We offer a user pay lunch program operated jointly by the school administration, the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and the Lunch Program Coordinator. Registration and information is available in the office or email [georgevlunchprogram@outlook.com](mailto:georgevlunchprogram@outlook.com).

Students must bring their own lunch with them to the lunch program, as well children are not allowed to leave the school grounds during lunch hour.

## **FEES**

\$30.00 per month – single child

\$45.00 per month – family of 2 or more children

\$2.00 per day – for emergency/casual up to 2 or 3x per month

## **MILK PURCHASE**

Milk cards are available through the lunch program. They are available in cards of 10 for \$2.50.

E-Transfers sent to [georgevlunchprogram@outlook.com](mailto:georgevlunchprogram@outlook.com) (in notes section write child name) and cheques are to be made payable to George V Lunch Program.

## **VOLUNTEERING AT ÉCOLE GEORGE V SCHOOL**

We welcome volunteers! When you arrive at the school, we ask that you sign in at the front office and wear a 'volunteer/guest sticker or pin' identifying you to all in our building. Your support with this practice is appreciated as it is helpful in creating a safe and secure environment for our students.

## **STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**

École George V School provides a variety of services to support student learning: Resource, Counseling, and a Speech and Language Clinician. Access to divisional services include: Psychiatry, Psychology, Social Work, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy. The process of accessing these services is a team decision beginning with the classroom teacher and support personnel.

## **REPORTING PRACTICES**

Winnipeg School Division implemented the provincial Report Card in the school year. This will consist of 3 written report cards and 2 Tri-conferences throughout the school year.

## **NUTRITION POLICY**

All schools in Manitoba have Nutrition Policies. At École George V School staff and parents have developed a nutrition policy. At all student celebrations healthy snacks are highly encouraged. Teachers teach Health and Nutrition in their classrooms.

## **ALLERGY ALERT**

George V School has a well-developed plan around allergies. We have many children with severe food allergies, thus our school is declared 'Allergy Aware'. Students and staff are asked not to bring peanut or nut products into the school. If there are additional allergies in your child's classroom, you will be notified by letter the first week of school, with all the necessary details.

## **MEDICATION**

Students who require medication to be used in emergency situations (EpiPens, inhalers, etc.) are required to have that medication on their person during the school day. URIS forms will be filled out, signed and placed in the students' file. In the event that your child requires short term meds (antibiotics) please contact the office to fill out the necessary paperwork. **NO MEDICATION can be administered without these procedures in place.**

## **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

**School Pictures** are taken each year in the fall, and orders filled in time for winter break. To complement the individual photos, students may be taken each spring.

## **VALUABLES**

Money and other valuables such as electronics should not be brought to school. The school does not assume responsibility for items which may be lost/stolen and we strongly discourage students from bringing valuables. Monies requested by the school should be immediately handed to homeroom teachers.

## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Together École George V School in conjunction with Winnipeg School Division, work to ensure that in the unfortunate event of an emergency we would be prepared. Students and staff regularly practice fire drills, hold and secure, and lock down procedures. Our evacuation plan would involve moving our population to Grey Street United Church and phoning parents and emergency contacts to pick up the children.

## **PREPARATION FOR WINTER**

With the arrival of cold weather, we ask that parents ensure that children are properly dressed. Unless windchills are in the danger range we expect that students will remain outside until the entry bell rings.

Students go outside at recess and at noon between 12:00 and 12:55 p.m. Please time your child's morning and noon arrival at school as close as possible to the entrance bell to avoid extended time outside in cold or wet weather.

Students will remain inside for **INDOOR RECESS** when weather is determined to be too inclement, --27 degrees or colder as per division guidelines.

### **BLIZZARD SENSE**

When a heavy snowfall occurs, or when "blizzard" status is granted, please listen to the radio to determine if Winnipeg School' schools will be open. Occasionally, the radio stations may announce that buses will not run, but schools will be open.

### **BICYCLE SAFETY**

**Please note the following safety rules below:**

- Riding bicycles to school is encouraged.
- Please wear helmets for your safety.
- Walk your bicycles when you are on the school grounds.
- Lock your bike with a sturdy lock.
- Record the serial number of your bicycle.
- Never ride two on a bike.
- Stay alert for cars coming out of driveways, lanes or parking spaces.
- Drive defensively.

**Please be aware that the school/school division does not assume any responsibility for bicycles that are stolen or damaged.**