



# General Byng School

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Hello General Byng families,

We are in full swing putting the finishing touches on the school and preparing for the year ahead. And, we couldn't be more excited!

The following pages provide an overview of important information including:

- Important Dates
- School Fees / Lunch Fees
- Year-long Permission Forms (Walking Field Trips and Smudging)
- Morning Procedures / Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up / Walking Student Bus / Eligible Grade 6 Bussing
- Supplies
- Additional Procedures

**The following permission/registration and payment links are in this document:**

1. **School Fees** – payment form (if you are paying online, or paying cash/cheque, you must complete this form and then send the cash/cheque to the school)
2. **Lunch Program Registration and Fees** - (if you are paying online, or paying cash/cheque, you must complete this form and then send the cash/cheque to the school)
3. Walking Field Trip Year-long Permission
4. Smudging Consent
5. Walking School Bus – see information below to see if you are eligible.

Please send all grade 1-8 students to school on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kindergarten students have been contacted by Ms. Reena Pal for their assigned staggered entry information. If you have not received your Welcome to Kindergarten package, please contact the main office.

We are looking forward to welcoming our students back to school on September 3<sup>rd</sup>! Thank you for your time and attention to reading this information. Please do not hesitate to contact us with feedback, questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Tracey Groening  
Principal

Sarah Hampton  
Vice-Principal

# OVERVIEW OF INFORMATION

## Important Dates:

September 2	Metro Common Day NO CLASSES
September 3	Grade 1-8 First Day of Classes
September 3	Kindergarten assigned 15-minute individual meetings
September 4 or 5	Kindergarten Staggered Entry
September 11	Meet the Staff Event 5:00-6:00 PM
September 18	Strong Beginnings NO CLASSES – except by appointment
September 19	Strong Beginnings NO CLASSES – except by appointment
September 30	National Day of Truth & Reconciliation NO SCHOOL
October 6	Picture Day
October 13	Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL
October 16	Tri-Conferences 4:30-7 PM
October 21	Tri-Conferences 4:30-7 PM
October 24	Metro Common Day: MTS PD NO CLASSES
November 5	Grade 6 Immunizations
November 10	Divisional Common Day NO CLASSES
November 11	Remembrance Day NO CLASSES
December 5	Admin Day NO CLASSES
Dec. 22 – Jan. 2	Winter Break NO SCHOOL
January 30	Divisional Common Day NO CLASSES
February 6	Mobile Vision Clinic
February 13	Metro Common Day NO CLASSES
February 16	Louis Riel Day NO SCHOOL
March 20	Metro Common Day NO CLASSES
March 30 – April 3	Spring Break NO SCHOOL
April 10	Metro Common Day NO CLASSES
May 18	Victoria Day NO SCHOOL
June 12	Metro Common Day NO CLASSES
June 29	Last Day of Classes
June 30	Admin Day NO CLASSES

## School Fees

Collection of school fees will take place via this Permission Click link: [School Fees](#)

Fieldtrips will be paid for as they arise via Permission Click.

### **Student Fee** **\$35.00 (for grades K-8)**

Covers the cost of lock, agenda book, and supplies.

### **Program Fee** **\$15.00 (for grades 6-8)**

Covers additional costs in Art, Band, and Technical Education courses.

\*Band instrument rentals are an additional cost.

## **Total School Fees by Grade:**

**Grades K-5 \$35.00**

**Grades 6-8 \$50.00**

**DUE BY: September 15, 2025**

[School Fees](#)

## **Nutrition Break / Lunch Program**

### **Nutrition Break:**

- Grades K-5 Nutrition Break will occur directly before or after the morning recess. Please send a healthy snack for this break.
- Grade 6-8 students are encouraged to have a healthy snack during locker break at 10:45. Please send a healthy snack for this break.
- Our nutrition program will offer snacks to students in need.

### **Lunch Program:**

- To stay at the school for the lunch hour, students must be **enrolled and have paid for** our lunch program. The fees allow us to hire outside staff to supervise students as school teaching staff, by contract, have a duty-free lunch hour.
- Lunch Program registration and fees will take place via Permission Click:

[Lunch Program Registration and Fees](#)

- Students not registered for General Byng's Lunch Program **must be off school grounds from 12:15-1:15.**

#### **General Lunch Hour Information:**

- The sharing of food/snacks is prohibited.
- General Byng is a peanut and nut aware school. Please attempt to provide lunches and snacks that are nut free.

***Reminder: Students not registered for General Byng's Lunch Program must be off school grounds from 12:15-1:15.***

## **Walking Field Trips – Year-long Permission**

Given the impromptu nature of walking field trips, General Byng is seeking, in advance, informed consent for your child to participate. Rather than sending home a separate permission form for each walking field trip, please complete the linked consent form which will cover your child's walking field trips for the entire school year.

[Year-Long Permission Form Walking Field Trip](#)

## **Smudging**

Smudging is a tradition, common to many First Nations, which involves the burning of one or more medicines gathered from the earth. The four sacred medicines used in First Nations' ceremonies are tobacco, sage, cedar, and sweetgrass. The most common medicines used in a

smudge are sweetgrass, sage, and cedar. Smudging has been passed down from generation to generation. Smudging allows people to stop, slow down, and become mindful and centered. This allows people to remember, connect, and be grounded in the event, task, or purpose at hand. Smudging also allows people to let go of negative feelings and thoughts. Letting go of things that inhibit a person from being balanced and focused comes from the feeling of being calm and safe while smudging.

The Pembina Trails School Division has developed procedures which will be followed for smudging with staff and students in schools. Participation in smudging is always voluntary and requires parent/guardian permission. Smudging is done in a designated area(s) at the school and any school sanctioned events.

**Students must have signed consent to participate in smudging at school. By signing the Permission Click form below, students will have permission to participate in smudging in a designated area of the school and any school sanctioned events.**

[Smudging Permission Form](#)

### **Building Access, Entrance and Exit Information**

- All school doors will be locked during the day.
- Visitors must enter through the front door. Please ring the doorbell located on the wall to the right of the main doors to be granted access.
- Before and After School: Please drop off your child between 9:00 and 9:10 AM to ensure your child is in their class for 9:20 AM. Dismissal pick-up is 3:55 PM daily. There is no before or after school supervision.
- Students can enter the school at the 9:10 AM bell and should enter through the following doors:
  - **Daycare Entrance (back doors by the parking lot):**      **Kindergarten – Gr. 4**
  - **Garden Doors (by the play structure):**      **Grade 5 and 6**
  - **Front Doors (main door off Beaumont Street):**      **Grade 7 and 8**
- Parents and guardians must wait outside when dropping off or picking up their child.

**If you are driving your child/ren to school, we ask that you follow our procedures:**

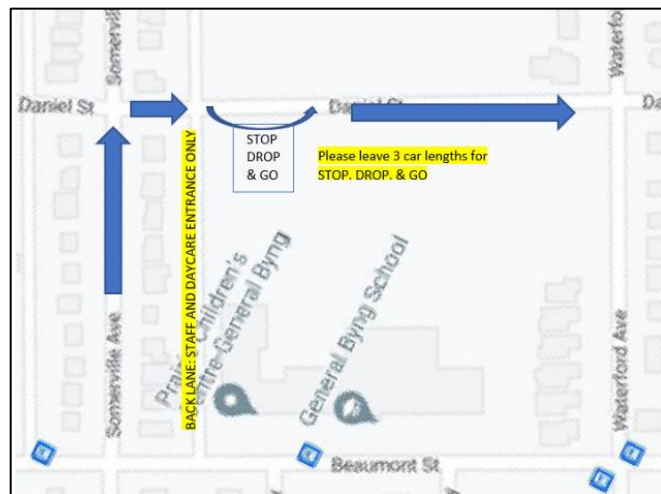
Please use Daniel Street and NOT Beaumont Street. Beaumont is extremely busy and hosts both Winnipeg Transit and Divisional Buses. We want to be courteous of our neighbours.

- Please **travel south on Daniel Street** to drop off your child/ren.
- Please **do not park in the STOP, DROP and GO! drop zone** on Daniel Street south of the back lane. We ask that you leave 3 car lengths for cars to pull in, drop their child/ren off safely, and resume driving south on Daniel Street.
- We must remain mindful that Daniel Street is used by the entire community therefore please **do not stop on the north bound side of Daniel Street**. The north bound side of Daniel Street is a “no stopping zone” and is extremely dangerous and will become increasingly dangerous as the winter weather rolls in.

- Please **have your child exit the curb side (passenger side)** back door where our staff/student Welcome Team will welcome them and assist your child in exiting the vehicle by closing the door behind them.
- Pull back out onto south bound Daniel Street and enjoy your day!

**NOTE:**

- The back lane is one-way traffic between the hours of 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM and 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM.
- Access to the back lane is only available between 9:30 AM and 3:30 PM.
- **Only General Byng staff, Prairie Children's Daycare staff and families will be granted access to the back lane between the hours of 8:30 AM and 9:30 AM.**
- Please be mindful of the City of Winnipeg sign that restricts access via Beaumont Street into the back lane. The City is updating the sign to read between the hours of 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM and 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM to accommodate our new school hours. Reminder our neighbours also may need to exit their homes during these times.



- **Walking and Biking:** We have the good fortune for our families to live in this accessible community. We encourage families to walk or bike to and from school. Please ensure bikes are locked up on the bike rack. Let the office staff know if you need to borrow a lock or tire pump. We recommend a strong U-LOCK for your bicycle.
- If you would like to **enroll your Grade 1-6 child in our WALKING School Bus**. Staff members will meet students at a designated location and time and escort them to school in the morning and then return with them to the same location after school. Please use the following link to register your child. Registration closes on day, September 4<sup>th</sup> at midnight. If you would like to register your child after September 4<sup>th</sup>, please contact the school main office. If you would like more information, please click the link below.

DETAILED INFORMATION: [Walking School Bus Information](#)

WALKING School Bus Registration: [Registration for Walking School Bus](#)

## Eligible Grade 6 School Bus Information

General Byng School has nothing to do with the transportation registration and eligibility. Pembina Trails Transportation Department will communicate directly with families. *Finalized bus route schedules should be sent by the division before the end of the day, Friday, August 29.*

- Please visit the division's transportation website for more information: [Transportation \(pembinatrails.ca\)](http://pembinatrails.ca)
- Please download their Transportation App, MyRide K-12. This is the primary communication tool for busing families and the Transportation Department. Please click [here](#) for the instructions on downloading MyRide K-12.

## Absences and Late Arrivals

- If a student will be away from school, please use Edsby to submit their absence. Or, call the school office (204-452-3040). If you are unable to use Edsby, please email [gbattendance@pembinatrails.ca](mailto:gbattendance@pembinatrails.ca).
- If a student is late for school (arriving after 9:20 AM or in the afternoon after 1:20 PM), the student is to come to the main school doors to access the building. Please ring the doorbell as the school doors will be locked. **\*Do not use the doorbell at the parking lot door – this is for the daycare, not the school.**

## School Supplies, Lockers and Cubbies

- School supplies have been purchased and will be given to students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 during the first week of classes.

Please send the following items with your child:

- a backpack for materials from home
- a labelled water bottle
- all items listed in the supply list: [25/26 Supply List](#)

*If your family would like assistance accessing any of these items, please contact the school office.*

## Pembina Trails Guidelines on Personal Mobil Devices (PMDs)

Personal Mobile Devices (PMDs): Personal Mobile Devices may include, but are not limited to, any piece of lightweight electronically powered equipment. These devices are typically consumer electronic devices capable of communications, data processing and/or utility. Examples range from hand-held lightweight electronic devices such as tablets, e-readers and smart phones to small devices such as MP3 players, smart watches and electronic toys."

Please review the [Pembina Trails Guidelines on Personal Mobile Devices \(PMDs\)](#)

## Parent / School Communication

- Please communicate with your child's classroom teacher, administration, or the school office through Edsby, phone or email.
- If you need to meet in person, please contact the main office to make an appointment.
- School updates, news, and information will be emailed via School Messenger and posted on our school website under: [Community / General Byng Community Updates](#)

## DAILY SCHEDULE

EY (K-5) PERIOD	MY (6-8) PERIODS
9:10-9:20 Entry (PSA)	9:10-9:20 Entry (PSA)
1. 9:20-10:05 (extra 5 minutes)	1. 9:20-10:05 (extra 5 minutes)
2. 10:05-10:45	2. 10:05-10:45
10:45-11:00 BREAK	10:45-10:55 LOCKER
3. 11:00-11:40	3. 10:55-11:35
4. 11:40- 12:15	4. 11:35-12:15
12:15-1:15 LUNCH	12:15-1:15 LUNCH
1:15-1:20 Entry (PSA)	1:15-1:20 Entry (PSA)
5. 1:20-2:00	5. 1:20-2:00
6. 2:00-2:40	6. 2:00-2:40
2:40-3:10 FLEX TIME	2:40-3:10 FLEX TIME
7. 3:10-3:55 (extra 5 minutes)	7. 3:10-3:55 (extra 5 minutes)

### Lunch Hour Breakdown:

Students will have 30 minutes for eating lunch and 30 minutes outdoors.

Students **MUST** be enrolled and fees paid to stay on school grounds for the lunch hour.

**Grade 1-6 students** must remain on property during lunch hour.

**Grade 7 and 8 students** enrolled and wanting to leave school grounds on a particular day must have permission granted by guardian when they enroll in the program (see [Lunch Program Registration and Fees](#)).

*\*\*Exception: students who are signed up for lunch hour clubs, may stay for the club even if they are NOT enrolled in the program.*

## Year-at-a-Glance 2025-2026

We have also attached the overview of the 25-26 calendar so you can begin to plan accordingly.

**Please note that Strong Beginnings (September 18 and 19) are not regular school days.**

Each child will have an individual appointment time scheduled with their homeroom teacher.

Students will only attend school on these two days during their mandatory 1-hour appointment time.

## TEACHING STAFF

Below is a list of our 25-26 teaching staff:

### Homeroom Teachers:

Kindergarten: Ms Reena Pal  
 1/2E: Ms Julia Emmons  
 1/2P: Mr. Rich Palka  
 3/4B: Mr. Faheem Bokhari  
 3/4W: Mr. Kent Whiteside  
 5K: Mrs. Gurpreet Kaur  
 6B: Ms Lindsay Baudry  
 6G: Mrs. Hannah Gussakovsky  
 6M: Mr. Reid McGregor  
 6R: Mr. Derek Riediger  
 6V: Ms. Melissa Vickar  
 7B : Ms Sunshine Bruderer



7K:	Mr. Bruce Kemp
7KL:	Ms Kristin Klyne
7P:	Mr. Ryan Parnell
8K:	Mrs. Sarah Karam
8R:	Mr. Matt Reimer
8RO:	Mr. Josh Robertson
8T:	Ms Sarah Taleb

*Specialists:*

Phys. Ed.	Ms Evelina Pescitelli
	Mr. Thomas Watt
French	Mme. Costales
Music/Band	Mr. Byron Lebois
Art	Ms Marilee Van Nice
Librarian/Art	Ms Amy Coulling

*Support Staff:*

Resource/Guidance

Grade K-5	Ms. Ali Strome
Grade 6	Ms Riley Carmichael
Grade 7	Ms Hen Daniel
Grade 8	Mr. Daniel Camaclang

Resource	Mr. Jordan Johanson
EAL	Ms Ainsley Scibak