



# General Byng School

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Hello General Byng families,

We hope all is well with you and your family. We are just over one week away from welcoming our students to the 2023-2024 school year!

The following pages provide an overview of important information including:

- Important Dates
- School Fees
- Morning Procedures / Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up
- Supplies
- Additional Procedures

Please send all grade 1-9 students to school on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten students have been contacted by Ms. Reena Pal for their assigned 15-minute conference on September 6<sup>th</sup> and staggered entry date (one of the following days: September 7 or 8). If you have not received your Welcome to Kindergarten package, please contact the main office.

Our office will be open Wednesday, August 30 – Friday, September 1 from 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM.

We are looking forward to welcoming our students back to school on September 6<sup>th</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

Darren Gerbrandt  
Vice-Principal

# OVERVIEW OF INFORMATION

## Important Dates:

September 5	Metro Common Day NO CLASSES
September 6	Grade 1-9 First Day of Classes
September 6	Kindergarten 15-minute appointments
September 7 and 8	Kindergarten Staggered Entry
September 13	Meet the Staff BBQ 4:30-6:30 PM
September 21	Strong Beginnings NO CLASSES – except by appointment
September 22	Strong Beginnings NO CLASSES – except by appointment
September 26	Grade 6 Immunizations
October 3	Metro Common Day NO CLASSES
October 9	Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL
October 10	Picture Day
October 12	Tri-Conferences 4-7 PM
October 17	Tri-Conferences 4-7 PM
October 20	MTS PD Day NO CLASSES
November 23	Picture Retakes
November 24	Divisional Common Day NO CLASSES
December 7	K-Grade 6 Winter Concert
Dec. 25 – Jan. 5	Winter Break NO SCHOOL
February 1	Admin Day NO CLASSES
February 2	Metro Common Day NO CLASSES
February 15	Tri-Conferences 4-7 PM
February 19	Louis Riel Day NO SCHOOL
February 21	Tri-Conferences 4-7 PM
March 15	Metro Common Day NO CLASSES
March 25 – 29	Spring Break NO SCHOOL
April 19	Divisional Common Day NO CLASSES
May 20	Victoria Day NO SCHOOL
June 14	Divisional Common Day NO CLASSES
June 28	Admin Day NO CLASSES

## Timetable

9:10	Entry Bell
9:20	Classes Begin
10:45 – 11:00	Grade 1-6 Nutrition Break / Class Meeting
10:45	Grade 7-9 Locker Break
11:00 – 11:30	Grade 1-6 Recess
12:10	Kindergarten Dismissal
12:50 – 1:50	Lunch
3:55	Dismissal

Collection of school fees will take place via Permission Click: [School Fees](#). Fieldtrips will be paid for as they arise via Permission Click.

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

Covers additional costs in Art, Band, Industrial Arts, and Option courses.

### Total School Fees by Grade:

**Grades 7-9     \$50.00**

**DUE BY: September 15, 2023**

- Grades K-6 Nutrition Break will occur at 10:45. Please send a healthy snack for this break.
- There will be supervised eating and outdoor times for grade K-6 classrooms.
- Grade 7-9 students are encouraged to have a light healthy snack during locker break at 10:45.

- **Lunch program registration forms will be emailed via School Messenger on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Collection of payment will take place via Permission Click.**
- Students not attending General Byng's Lunch Program must be off school grounds from 12:50-1:50.
- Lunch Program will occur as follows:
  - 12:50 - 1:20 Grade 1-9 students eat lunch in their classroom
  - 1:20 - 1:50 Grade 1-9 students outside

- 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 attending General Byng's Lunch Program must be off school grounds from 12:50-1:50.**

- 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 9:05 and 9:15 AM to ensure your child is in their class for 9:20 AM. Dismissal pick-up is 3:55 PM daily.

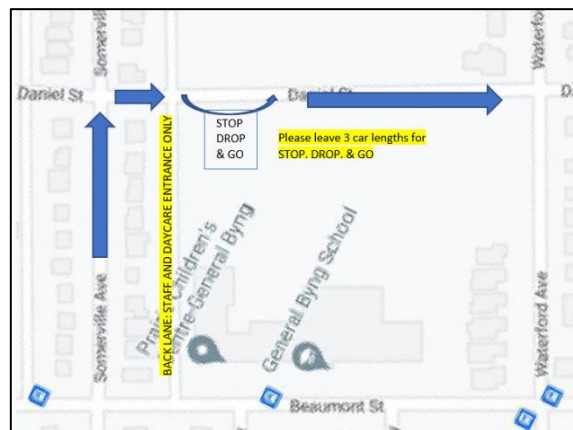
- Students can enter the school at the 9:10 AM bell and should enter through the following doors:
  - **Daycare Entrance:** Kindergarten, Gr 1/2 Palka and Gr 2/3 Curry
  - **Garden Doors:** Gr 3/4 Emmons, Gr 4/5 Kaur and Gr 5/6 McGregor
  - **Front Doors:** Grade 7 to 9
- Parents and guardians must wait 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 **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.

## **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 1:50 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.

## **School Supplies, Lockers and Cubbies**

- School supplies have been purchased and will be given to students in Kindergarten through Grade 9 during the first week of classes.

Please send the following items with your child:

- a backpack for materials from home
- a labelled water bottle
- Grades K-6 an extra set of clothing in case of accidents and weather. Labelled in a ziplock bag – this should be kept in their backpack.
- Grades K-6 a pair of indoor runners
- Grades 3-9 Physical Education: drawstring bag, one pair of gym shorts, one t-shirt, and a pair of non-marking runners

## **Cell Phone Policy**

Please review our [General Byng Cell Phone Policy](#) linked here.

## **Parent Communication**

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