



# General Byng School

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Good morning General Byng families,

We hope all is well with you and your family. We are one week away from welcoming our students to the 2022-2023 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
- COVID update

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

Our office opens today, August 31 from 9 AM – 4 PM daily.

We are looking forward to welcoming our students back to school on September 7! 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 6	Metro Common Day NO CLASSES
September 7	Grade 1-9 First Day of Classes
September 7 – 9	Kindergarten Staggered Entry
September 14	Meet the Staff BBQ 4:30-6:30 PM
September 22	Strong Beginnings NO CLASSES – except by appointment
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September 27	Grade 6 Immunizations
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation NO SCHOOL
October 7	Divisional Common Day NO CLASSES
October 10	Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL
October 11	Picture Day
October 13	Tri-Conferences 4-7 PM
October 18	Tri-Conferences 4-7 PM
October 21	MTS PD Day NO CLASSES
November 11	Remembrance Day NO SCHOOL
November 16	Photo Retakes
November 25	Divisional Common Day NO CLASSES
Dec. 22 – Jan. 4	Winter Break NO SCHOOL
February 2	Admin Day NO CLASSES
February 3	Metro Common Day NO CLASSES
February 16	Tri-Conferences 4-7 PM
February 20	Louis Riel Day NO SCHOOL
February 21	Tri-Conferences 4-7 PM
March 17	Metro Common Day NO CLASSES
March 27 – 31	Spring Break NO SCHOOL
April 7	Good Friday NO SCHOOL
April 14	Divisional Common Day NO CLASSES
May 22	Victoria Day NO SCHOOL
June 16	Divisional Common Day NO CLASSES
June 30	Admin Day NO CLASSES

## Timetable

8:35	Entry Bell
8:45	Opening Exercises
10:20 – 10:45	Recess / JH Nutrition Break / Class Meeting
10:45 – 11:15	Nutrition Break / Class Meeting / JH Activity Break
12:45 – 1:45	Lunch / Recess
3:20	Dismissal

Collection of school fess will take place via Permission Click. More information to come the first week of school. 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.

\*Band instrument rentals are an additional cost.

## 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 8:30 and 8:40 AM to ensure your child is in their class for 8:45 AM. Please be available to pick up your child by 3:20 PM daily.
- Students can enter the school at the 8:35 bell and should enter through the following doors:
  - **Daycare Entrance:** Kindergarten, Gr 1/2 Palka and Gr 2/3 Curry Students
  - **Garden Doors:** Gr 3/4 Lui, Gr 4/5 Kemp and Gr 6 McGregor Students
  - **Front Doors:** Grade 7 to 9 Students
- Parents and guardians must wait outside when dropping off or picking up their child.
- **Back Lane Drop-Off (Stop, Drop, and Go):** We ask parents to **stop** at the back lane entrance off Daniel Street, **drop** your child off where they will be greeted by our welcome committee who will assist them in walking across the field to their designated doors, and **go** on your way.
  - The back lane is one-way traffic between the hours of 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.
  - Access to the back lane is only available between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.
  - **Only General Byng staff, Prairie Children's Daycare staff and families will be granted access to the back lane between the hours of 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM**
  - Please be mindful of the City of Winnipeg sign that restricts access via Beaumont Street into the back lane between the hours of 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM as well as some of our neighbours who 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 call the school office (204-452-3040), email us at [gbattendance@pembinatrails.ca](mailto:gbattendance@pembinatrails.ca), or leave a message in Edsby.
- If a student is late for school (arriving after 8:45 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 water bottle
- a pair of earbuds / earphones
- Grades K-6 a pair of indoor runners
- Grades 3-9 Physical Education: drawstring bag, one pair of gym shorts, one t-shirt

## **Lunch Program / Nutrition Break / Breakfast Program**

- Nutrition Break will occur at 10:20. Please send a healthy snack for this break.
- There will be supervised eating and outdoor times for classrooms.
- Lunch program registration forms will be emailed via Permission Click during the first week of September.
- Lunch hour will occur as follows:
  - 12:45 - 1:15 Grade 1-9 students eat lunch in their classroom
  - 1:15 - 1:45 Grade 1-9 students outside
- The sharing of food/snacks is prohibited.
- Students not attending General Byng's Lunch Program must be off school grounds from 12:45-1:45.
- Breakfast Program information will be sent through email the first week of September.
- General Byng is a peanut and nut aware school. Please attempt to provide lunches and snacks that are nut free.

## **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](#)

## **COVID Update**

COVID restrictions that we have experienced for the past 2 years have been lifted. Please refer to the Pembina Trails' Return to School page on the Covid-19 portion of the Pembina Trails website which has been updated and will continue to be as needed.

<https://www.pembinatrails.ca/page/802/covid-19>