

# Wildcat

Engaging Minds and Creating Opportunities



September 2025

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Welcome Back to School 2024!

We hope everyone had a fabulous summer full of making memories! We are in full swing with classes and lots of volleyball, cross country running, golf and of course learning happening at MJS!

We have a new policy at MJS that we want to communicate to parents and students. **All the school doors will be locked at all times except for first thing in the morning, at recesses and at noon hour. This includes the office door.** If you are picking students up during class time or using the library please ring the doorbell that is to the upper right of the office door. This new BTPS policy is to ensure the safety of our students at all times as much as possible.

Our gym floor was refurbished with a new look and our gym was painted over the summer and it looks great. We are asking everyone to not wear outside shoes into the gym. Elementary students can wear their inside shoes and Jr/Sr High students can wear their gym shoes. For events like the Christmas concert and Grad we will have the mat down. We are hosting some large sporting events this year and we would like to keep the gym floor in the best condition as possible.

Also, just a friendly reminder that for all students K-12 if they are leaving the school during a regular scheduled class we need a note/email or a phone call at the office from a guardian/parent that the child is able to leave.

Fuel Good Day is on **Sept 16th**- We will be serving up burgers and a pop for \$5 at the North Co-op Gas bar and 100% of the proceeds go to our MJS school breakfast program. Come out on the 16th and support our breakfast program! The breakfast program will start up in October.

I hope all our families have a great start to all the kids' activities for the year and enjoy all the nice weather we can while it lasts and a safe harvest for our farming community!

Sandra Mouland

### **Welcome returning MJS Staff!**

**Mrs. Murray will be teaching Grade 8-12 Math**

**Mrs. Glessing will teach Grade 6 LA and 6/7 Math**



**You are invited! Muffin Morning on Sept 9th at 8 am. Come enjoy muffins and juice and meet school staff. And sneak a peek at our new gym floor- it looks fantastic.**

### **1. SCHOOL COUNCIL**

I would like to encourage our parents/guardians to be part of our school council for MJS.

At the school council we discuss what is happening about events or news in the school and we also get a report from the BTPS school board about policy changes and current changes with AB Ed. Please attend!



Next meeting - Oct 2025 (we will communicate the date TBD)

### **2. SCHOOL DOORS**

Just a reminder that the doors are not opened till 8:40 each morning. . If your child is late coming to school they will need to come in the front doors of the school and ring the doorbell as the front door will be locked. All outside doors are locked when the bus supervisors come in from outside to secure our building.

### **3. HANDICAPPED PARKING**

We do have students who require these parking spots daily so we please ask if you do not have the proper permit to park in the handicapped spot to please park in the south parking lot. Thank you!

### **4. REPORT CARDS**

Marwayne Jubilee is paperless with reporting. Student marks are available all the time through the parent portal and at any point throughout the school year (including traditional reporting dates) parents/guardians can print off paper copies from a desktop computer. The powerschool app for your phone is very easy to use and a convenient way to check marks and comments. **If you are not currently signed onto the parent portal please contact Marina Stafford at the school or your students homeroom teacher. 780-847-3930**

### **5. SOCIAL EMOTIONAL COACH**

JoAnne Flath is our returning SEC at MJS. She is a Certified Life Skills Coach and has worked as a counselor in the past. The last couple of years she has been facilitating Life Skills Programs for both organizations and individuals. JoAnne has a passion for helping others, especially in our local area. Parents can use this google request form:

<https://forms.gle/5ih9gYzZjQUjJ2pm9>



### **6. VIBE**

We have a VIBE coach at MJS on Wednesdays- Brooklyn Nelson, our returning VIBE coach!

### **7. OUTDOOR CLOTHING Grade K-6**

Many students are out at recess in t-shirts and not bringing a coat to school- Please send your elementary students with coats as the weather is cooling off and especially since the mornings can be quite cool. Thank you!

## 8. TERRY FOX RUN

MJS is proud to take part in this year's 45th annual Terry Fox Run to raise money for cancer research Marathon of Hope.

We will be running/walking the perimeter of the school yard for the Terry Fox Run on Sept 25th!



# **IMPORTANT SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER CALENDAR DATES:**

Every Thursday: Pizza Day - \$3 a slice and \$1 a dip. **Pizza will be starting Sept 11th**



Sept 5th and 6th Sr Girls Volleyball at MEGA in Vermilion

Sept 9th- Muffin Morning at 8:00 am - 8:40 am

Sept 16th - East Lloydminster CO-OP BBQ Fundraiser for MJS 4-7 pm

Sept 19th- Vermilion Cross Country Meet

Sept 23rd- Riverdale Cross Country Meet

Sept 25th - Terry Fox Run/Walk

Sept 29th - Orange Shirt Day - Wear an orange shirt to school to display empathy for Indigenous people who attended Residential Schools and the continuous effort for reconciliation.

Sept 26th and 27th- - Junior Girls Home Volleyball tournament- Both teams have a tournament at home so come out and cheer on our Wildcats!

Sept 30th - NO SCHOOL - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Oct 11-13th - Thanksgiving weekend - No school on Monday

October 9th - PICTURE DAY

October 10th is the Jr/Sr Awards Assembly for the 2024/25 school year.

**Every Friday of the school year will be Hat Friday!!!**

**Volleyball Schedule (SO FAR)**



"You can tell Thanksgiving isn't like a regular dinner 'cause the table gets to be dressed up too."

**Girls Grade 8/9 team**

Wednesday League games

Sept 12th and 13th- Lloydminster

Sept 20- St J in Vermilion

Sept 27 and 28th- Home tourney

Oct 4th - Provost

Oct 25th - SPOOK at JRR in Vermilion

Date Unknown- Highway 16's

Nov 4th- BTPS Finals hopefully

**Girls Grade 6/7/8 team**

Sept 19th- St J in Vermilion

Sept 27th and 28th Home tournament

Oct 4th- Provost

Oct 24th- SPOOK at JRR in Vermilion

**Sr Girls Varsity Volleyball****Sept 5th and 6th- Mega in Vermilion**

Sept 13th and 14th - St Jeromes in Vermilion

Sept 26th and 27th- Provost

Oct 16/17th and 18th- Home tournament for Sr Girls and Sr Boys

**Sr Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball**

Sept 12&13- Hughendon

Oct 16/17th and 18th- Home tournament for Sr Girls and Sr Boys

Oct 24/25th- Irma

**Sr Boys and Jr Boys teams are in the process of coordinating coaches, games and tournaments.**



## **Support the MJS Breakfast Program**

**Sept 16th**

**4-7 PM**

**North Lloydminster CO-OP GAS BAR**

**100% of the proceeds of sales goes to our  
Breakfast Program**

**\$5 for a burger  
and a pop!**

**Come have  
supper on Sept  
16th and support  
our MJS  
Breakfast  
Program.**

**Volunteers  
needed to  
serve burgers-  
if you can help  
please let Mrs.  
Mouland or  
Mrs. Stafford  
know at  
780-847-3930**





# Marwayne Skating Club



## **Registration Night**

**Monday September 8, 2025**

**7:00 pm at the Marwayne Arena**

Looking to start skating? The CanSkate program is Skate Canada's official learn-to-skate program for all ages and abilities, focusing on developing balance, control, and agility skills in a fun, motivational environment.

Have a young child just wanting to skate on their own? Marwayne Skating Club offers programs like Pre-CanSkate for younger children (ages 3-5).

Looking to improve skating skills for hockey and referee? CanSkate is a great way to work on those skills!

Already registered for hockey? Arena fees are already covered for skating plus you get an additional 2 days of ice time per week!

Already a figure skater and want to continue to develop those fundamental figure skating skills? Come check us out and see what we can offer!

Any questions please contact: [marwayneskatingclub@gmail.com](mailto:marwayneskatingclub@gmail.com) or Teresa 780-808-9162.





## Monitor Screen Time

Screen time includes use of computers, TVs, video games, smartphones, and tablets. Help kids build healthy habits by limiting screen time and teaching safe, smart media use.

Keep devices in a shared space, like the kitchen, and create screen-free zones during meals, bedtime, and family time.

### Canadian Pediatric Society Guidelines:

- **Under 2 years:** No screen time
- **Ages 2–4:** Less than 1 hour per day
- **Older children:** Less than 2 hours per day

## Balance Screen Time with Other Activities

### Ideas:

- **Indoor:** Reading, arts and crafts, board games, puzzles, cooking, imaginative play
- **Outdoor:** Biking, sports, nature walks, playground time, sidewalk chalk
- **Family:** Game nights, dance parties, DIY projects, visiting the library or local events

## Why Limit Screen Time?

- Too much screen time—whether TV, tablets, phones, or games—can affect kids' sleep, schoolwork, and relationships.
- It can lead to more frequently choosing highly processed foods and fewer nutritious choices.
- It may reduce physical activity.
- Try to balance screen use with habits like outdoor play, reading, and family time.

## Use Screen Time to Learn

Help your child learn by viewing and talking about TV and other media together.

### Choose TV shows that:

- Repeat ideas to help kids learn
- Pause and ask kids to join in
- Teach only one message at a time
- Model good media use to teach children to use screen time mindfully

## MORE RESOURCES, visit:

[Media Smarts.ca](https://www.media-smarts.ca)

- **Search: Screen Time**

[myhealth.alberta.ca](https://myhealth.alberta.ca)

For information on mental health, community supports, programs and services in your area:



Cornerstone Co-op & The Vermilion Wellness Coalition



# VIBE GRAFFITI WALL



## STUDENTS GRADES 3 TO 12

Join VIBE at the Skate Board Park starting at  
3:30 until all the letters are done to help us  
spray paint the graffiti wall!



## SEPT. 11, 2025





A slice of pepperoni pizza is on the left, and several churros are on the right. There are also two yellow stars and one red star near the top left of the main title.

# TEEN NIGHT

**Pizza and Games**

Eat, play outdoor games, and play games with the addiction goggles!

**YOUTHS GRADE 6 - 12**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17**

**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**HERITAGE PARK**

**FREE!**

**Pizza, Hot Dogs,  
Churros & Watermelon**