

Welcome to MBCI 2026 - 2027!



There's a lot that goes into getting a school ready for students—and we've been busy! And busier than usual because there are some very cool spaces that most of us have never seen before! As MBCI continues to expand, we have new spaces to discover, and new places to gather, learn, create, and connect that will become part of the life and story of our school.

It's not just our building that will look different. There will be new students to befriend and, new teachers and staff to get to know.

Of course, not everything about a new year will be easy. There will be challenges to face and times that will stretch us beyond what we expected. But we're part of a community where there are people to help along the way.

As we step into this new year, we invite our students to bring these "items" along with them:

- An openness to the opportunities God has for you.
- The courage to explore something new.
- The willingness to ask for help - and to offer help when needed.
- A willingness to take care of the spaces and people around you.
- The understanding that you are part of this crew—there are no passengers!

This year, we get to experience a new chapter in a place with a long history. And by the time we reach the end of the year, the places that feel new at the start will be filled with memories, stories, laughter, and learning. It's almost go-time, MBCI. Let's do this!



Jessica Boese - Assistant Principal

September has always felt more like the start of a new year to me than January 1st does. A new school year brings dreams to chase and memories to make, for some the last year of something, for others the very first. New classrooms, new supplies, new goals.

It's a joy to introduce myself as MBCI's incoming Assistant Principal, in a community I have grown to be a part of and highly respect. For almost twenty years, education has been my calling. Now, stepping into this new role, I'm excited for my own fresh start, and even more excited for yours.

This year's theme, *Be Still*, feels like a beautiful way to begin. Psalm 46:10 reminds us, "Be still, and know that I am God." I hold onto the comfort of knowing God has called me here, and my prayer is that students feel that same comfort. Wherever you find yourself this year, may you feel the quiet comfort of belonging, knowing you are exactly where you're meant to be.

Be Still is also a chance to notice and seek God's presence in the everyday. I've already seen how our staff pour into every student, their devotion to learning, well-being, character, and faith. I hope you feel that support as deeply as I do, and extend it to one another. We are a community in Christ, carrying each other through the year ahead.

Sometimes *Be Still* is simply pausing. A school year moves fast, and it's the moments between the lessons, the friendships, the school gatherings, that I remember most from my own school years. Sign up for the musical, try out for a sports team, join a club, worship and praise in chapel, and get involved.

I cannot wait to meet you. Here's to a fresh start, and to being still enough to notice all of God's blessings along the way.



Catherine David, Assistant Principal

I have always loved the feeling of back-to-school. As a student myself, I enjoyed choosing my favourite pens and notebooks, packing my backpack, finding new classrooms, and meeting my new teachers. I was always filled with a mixture of nerves and excitement as I thought about the possibilities of the year ahead.

As an Assistant Principal, the back-to-school season continues to bring me great joy. I still enjoy picking out my favourite stationery for the year alongside the work of preparing teachers and classrooms to be ready to welcome our students. A new school year brings new students, new classes, and new opportunities to learn and grow together. While we don't exactly know what the year ahead will bring, we know we will grow and learn alongside one another.

Students, whether this September marks your first year at MBCI, or your last, we are excited to welcome you. As your MBCI staff, we are preparing for another year of meaningful learning experiences. We are praying for you and our school community, and we look forward to the first days of school where we can welcome each of you.

So, enjoy the final weeks of your summer break. We look forward to seeing you all in September.



Janessa Sequeira, Assistant Principal & Director of Learning

Schedule for September 8 - 11

Orientation Week/Start of Classes

Please note dismissal times for each day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 - STAFF IN-SERVICE - NO CLASSES - OFFICE IS CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
ORIENTATION FOR ALL NEW STUDENTS GRADES 5 - 12
1:00 - 2:30 pm
(Returning MBCI students are not at school on Wednesday)

- 12:45 - 1:00 pm Check-in by grade in the plaza (outside the Jubilee Place entrance)
- 1:00 pm Welcome Assembly & Orientation
- 2:30 pm dismissal. Vehicle pick up in the front loop or on Riverton. Students will be dismissed to meet parents in the JP plaza or foyer.

Parents are welcome to remain for the Assembly and Parent/Guardian "Meet & Greet".

Please note that the MBCI Transportation Program is not running this day. Full service begins Thursday, September 10.

Students do not need to bring school supplies until September 10.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS GRADES 5 - 12
8:30 am - 2:30 pm (please note early dismissal time)

MBCI Transportation Program begins. Please see separate transportation emails for details.

- 8:30 am - All students, both new and returning, should check in by grade in the plaza outside of Jubilee Place and proceed to their crew location. Crew location is also available on Edsby as "Homeroom".
- Orientation and Welcome Assembly.
- All-school hotdog BBQ lunch provided. (hot dog/chips/drink/treat provided. Some students may want to add a snack from home)
- Students will follow an adjusted class schedule for the day to accommodate the assembly, orientation time, and early dismissal.
- MBCI Transportation Program will transport students according to early dismissal time at 2:30. The library is open this day with regular hours of 8:00 to 4:30 pm.

For a vegetarian, gluten-free or dairy-free lunch option for your child at the all-school BBQ, please contact [Sarah Goethals](#).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
REGULAR CLASSES FOR ALL STUDENTS - DAY 3
8:30 am - 2:30 pm (Friday Schedule)

Welcoming Some New Additions to Our Team!

Janelle Braun - Supply Teacher
Chelsea Dyck - Administrative Assistant/Reception
Matthew Dyck - Business Teacher & Basketball Program Development
Tejal Friesen - Supply Teacher
Natasha Purificacion - High School Science Teacher
Steven Schapansky - Grade 5 Teacher
Stacy Swanson - High School Science and French Teacher
Monica Ulrich - Resource Teacher
Stephanie Wilson - Band Teacher

Getting Ready for September

Student Schedules

Classes will be live in Edsby after 4:00 pm on Tuesday, September 1.

To view while on a desktop device, a list of classes for the first semester shows up along the left side of the screen under "classes". To see when those classes are scheduled, look to the top right corner of the screen where you see the current date. Click the forward arrow to advance the date until Wednesday, September 9 and onward. All students will receive a paper copy of their schedule the first week of school.

Families new to MBCI will receive an email on September 1 with instructions for setting up an Edsby account. If you have any questions please call the office.

Students in Grades 11 & 12 will note that Phys Ed is written in during the lunch break as a placeholder for that course. Grade 11 & 12 students complete this credit with independent Phys Ed hours and Health Education days.

Course Changes

We are not able to accept course change forms or process requests until September 10 and after.

To request a change, students should pick up a course change form in the office, fill it out along with a parent/guardian and have it signed, and then submit the form to Ms. Goertz in Student Services.

Students will be notified if/when the change is made, and should continue to follow their existing schedule until given a new schedule. The final date to

School Hours

The **school office** is open daily from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the summer until September 3. Office is closed September 4, 7, 8. Please let us know if you have any questions. 204-667-8210 or info@mbci.mb.ca.

The **library** is open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Parents needing regular after-school accommodation in the library until 4:30 should contact [Jennifer Wohlgemut](#) for more information.

Students should head home by 4:30 unless they are waiting for a scheduled after-school co-curricular. All students should wait in the Red Gym hallway if they remain at school after 4:30 pm.

Class Hours and Friday Schedule

- 8:30 am - 3:30 pm Monday - Thursday
- 8:30 am - 2:30 pm on Friday with Chapel held each Friday morning

Morning Door Access

- The main office entrance doors will be open 7:15 am to 8:45 am
- The library entrance doors will be open 8:00 to 8:45 am

Following 8:45 am please ring the doorbell at the main office doors for entry.

Student Vehicles

All students that drive to school are asked to register their vehicle in the office. Students will receive an MBCI parking pass to display at all times when parked at school.

Lockers

Students in grades 6 - 12 will be assigned lockers during orientation sessions. Locks are provided by the school.

make course changes for first semester is September 18 for non-Math courses and September 25 for Math courses.

Supply Lists

[Grade 5](#)

[Grade 6](#)

[Grade 7](#)

[Grade 8](#)

[Grade 9](#)

[Grade 10 - 12](#)

Important Dates in September

Sept 8 - Staff PD. No Classes

Sept 9 - New Student Orientation

Sept 10 - All Students with Dismissal at 2:30 pm

Sept 14 - Photo Day

Sept 16 - 18 - Gr 8 Retreat

Sept 18 - Course Change Deadline

Sept 23 - 26 - Canoe Trip Gr. 11/12

Sept 24 - 25 - Gr 9 Retreat

Sept 25 - Math Course Change Deadline

Sept 30 - Truth & Reconciliation Day. No school and office is closed.

Important Dates Throughout the Year

You can find the year-long Cycle Day Calendar [here](#).

A more complete events calendar is available on the website [here](#)

Dropping Off / Picking Up Students & Parking Lot Safety and Courtesy

Please Drive Carefully! Be mindful at all times for students and staff walking in the parking lots.

If your schedule allows, consider arriving on campus 10 minutes past the end-of-day bell to help alleviate congestion.

Please observe the following guidelines:

- See [map](#) for requested flow of traffic.
- **Marked handicap parking stalls must remain open at all times unless you have a government-issued parking pass.** Please do not park in these spaces while waiting for students even if you are waiting in the vehicle.

- All numbered stalls around the perimeter of the parking lots are reserved for staff and must be kept open at all times between 8:00 and 3:30.
- Park in any other available stall in the JP or Red Gym parking lot while you wait - if no open stalls are available, please continue in a loop until your student is waiting on Riverton ready for a drive-by pick up.

Please be respectful of our neighbours and do not park in the back lane of Mighton Avenue while you wait since this blocks access to those homes.

The back of Jubilee Place is a fire lane and must remain open to traffic flow.

In the front Middle School loop, do not park in places that prohibit traffic movement through the loop and that back up traffic on Talbot.

Athletics

New Fall Basketball Programming Information

Mr. Matthew Dyck will be starting his role as Basketball Development Lead at MBCI this fall alongside teaching. The first initiative that we are looking to get started is fall season basketball club teams for students in grade 9-12, both boys and girls. These teams will give opportunities for athletes who are planning to try out for the school team but did not commit to playing club for another team. There will be a cost to cover the league fee, and the amount will depend on how many students are interested. The plan is to practice twice a week where gym time permits.

If you are interested, please send an Edsby message as soon as possible to MBCI Athletics Director Mr. Ratuszniak. There will be more information to follow about all basketball development opportunities.

Open Volleyball Team Selections

High School and Middle School open try-outs will begin after the start of classes. More information will be distributed soon. All Athletics Schedule information will be posted in an Edsby group called: 2026-27 MBCI Hawks Athletics Schedule.

Open Cross-Country Team Selections

Cross-Country Running try-outs will also happen after the start of classes. More information to come. All Athletics Schedule information will be posted in an Edsby group called: 2026-27 MBCI Hawks Athletics Schedule.

MBCI Golf Team Selections

The KPAC Golf Championships are on Tuesday September 15. If you are interested in participating and representing MBCI at the tournament, please reach out to Mr. Ratuszniak on Edsby as soon as possible.

Good to Know!

MBCI Student Handbook

Early in September, parents/guardians will receive a copy, via email, of the MBCI Student Handbook.

Please read through carefully with your student(s) and reply to the

Attendance

MBCI's attendance policy for absences, lates, and family vacations is outlined in the Student Handbook.

Options for reporting an absence:

- Edsby - absences can be easily entered in Edsby on a day to day basis for appointments or illness, or in advance for planned absences.
- Contact our attendance line at 204-667-8210 and press 1 to leave a message or email

Permission Click request acknowledgment that you have read and agree with the guidelines.

attendance@mbci.mb.ca.

Students should sign in at the office if arriving late to school.

Co-curriculars

Being involved in co-curricular activities is an important part of student life at MBCI. We encourage all students to find an activity they can be part of. Whether it's a group that meets at lunch or joining an athletics team, there are many options to choose from. Watch the *News from the Nest* for more information.



Our Cafeteria Food Services are open every day from 7:30 am - 2:30 pm with **service beginning Thursday, September 10**. Walk-up service is available at any time during open hours and pre-order is available. **The link to pre-order will be available Monday, September 14**. Please be sure to include student name in "special instructions" when you are placing an online order.

Student Use of Cell Phones and Digital Devices (Earbuds/Smartwatches)

MBCI is committed to promoting positive social interactions between students, including an atmosphere of collaborative learning. The detailed policy is found in the Student Handbook. Please read the whole policy, carefully, with your student(s).

Students in Grades 5 - 8 have an "Away for the Day" policy and are not permitted to use personal cell phones / digital devices upon arrival at school until the end of classes. Cell phones / devices are to be left at home or kept in lockers at all times. This includes break and lunch time. Staff will monitor students to reinforce these expectations.

For High School students (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12) disciplined and appropriate use of personal cell phones/devices is expected while at school, including in the hallways and gathering areas. The use of personal cell phones/devices is NOT permitted in the classroom. Teachers will require phones, ear buds, and other wearable tech to be stored in a centralized and secure location for the duration of the class. MBCI recommends students do not wear AI glasses, smart watches, and other wearable tech to school.

If a cell phone/device is used without permission, or if a student misuses a device in such a way that is a distraction to learning or disregards the above policy, the teacher will confiscate the device and it will be held at the office until the end of the day. Should a student have a device confiscated a second time, the device will be released only to a parent/guardian. Continued disregard of the policy will result in further consequences, including suspension of the device for the remainder of the year.

Bring Your Own Device for Grades 9 - 12

Students in Grades 9 - 12 are asked to bring their own device to school each day. Please see the [requirement sheet and FAQ](#) for the variety of acceptable devices and note that personal cell phones do not provide the capabilities students require for learning.

As a school we remain committed to supporting students in developing productive/healthy technology habits. We will have guidelines and policies in place to support students in using their devices in a safe and responsible manner, not just during class time but throughout the day.

Communication

Edsby

Edsby is MBCI's primary platform for learning communication, and all students and families are asked to engage with this online tool. Edsby provides access to:

- schedules
- attendance reports
- interim marks during designated weeks when Edsby gradebooks are open
- report cards
- submitting assignments
- messaging teachers

Parents with students new to MBCI will receive an Edsby invitation by email. Please follow prompts to set up your account. New students will set up Edsby accounts in class. Call 204-667-8210 if you have any trouble.

Parents and Guardians should not allow students to access their login information.

News from the Nest

News from the Nest is a daily bulletin designed to communicate with students and includes announcements from teachers and administration. It is read aloud to students in period 2 each day and is also posted in Edsby in the River of News for student/parent reference. Watch for announcements from teachers and administration about important dates, co-curriculars, and school routines.

Emails & Upcoming

MBCI communicates regularly with families throughout the school year via email. We recommend that you add info@mbci.mb.ca to your address book to avoid any important communication landing in your junk mailbox. If your email address changes during the year, or if you are not receiving emails and you would like to, please contact [Danelle Kasdorf](#) to update your contact information. You may also update contact information through Edsby.

MBCI sends a weekly information newsletter called *Upcoming*, containing messages from school leadership and reminders and information about upcoming events. Watch for it!

Website

While most information relevant to current families will be sent via email or published through Edsby, the [MBCI website](#) does provide helpful information in a number of categories. The online calendar is found on the website, as well as the Hawks Shop, Supply Lists, and Transportation and Bursary Program information.

MBCI Transportation

Students registered for the MBCI Transportation Program receive information directly from transportation staff. You can learn more about the program [here](#). MBCI transportation begins Thursday, September 10.

Parent Options

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

The Parent Advisory Council meets three times a year and strives to be a welcoming place where parents and guardians can gain information and ask questions. With a mix of virtual and in-person meeting formats, a presentation and conversation time are a part of each event. All are welcome to attend.

Meetings begin at 7:00 PM and include a short message with prayer, school update with Principal, and then the feature topic with a speaker(s). Discussion and questions always encouraged.

The PAC meeting dates for 26-27 are:

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

Tuesday, February 23, 2027

Tuesday, May 4, 2027

Watch the weekly Upcoming newsletter for more information about topics for each meeting.

PAC also plays an important role at MBCI in sharing appreciation for staff on behalf of the parent/guardian community. Watch for more information throughout the year from Sharenda Wiebe, PAC Chair, with opportunities for getting involved.

Volunteering at MBCI

We value and appreciate parent volunteers! There are many ways to get involved, suited to your own interests, gifts, and availability. Please see our website [here](#) to learn more about volunteer opportunities and to sign up.

If you made it all the way to the end of this newsletter - THANK YOU!

We know there is a lot of information to take in at the start of the year, especially for families that are new to MBCI.

We do our best to cover the topics you will need to know for a successful start, and always welcome questions on anything that isn't yet clear. Please call the office at 204-667-8210 or contact us at info@mbci.mb.ca and we will do our best to help.

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