

FAQ

École Sage Creek School - Transitioning Grades 7 and 8 Students Parent Survey - October 2018

Transportation

- Q What is the proposed school bus schedule? When will the school bus schedule be available? Will there be stops, or will the students need to be transported to one location? Where is the nearest school bus stop?**
- A** *The school bus will begin at approximately 7:45am. There will be designated stops (4 to 6 stops in Sage Creek). There will be a North run and a South run. Details of stop locations and exact times will be available in April 2019.*
- Q Will you provide a pick up/drop off at ESCS for grades 7 and 8 students?**
- A** *The return school bus will include an ESCS stop for both buses (North & South), permitting students to get off and meet younger siblings at the end of the school day at ESCS. Students will need to walk home from the school as the buses will not wait for additional pick ups. The AM school bus departs too early to warrant a stop at ESCS (start time at Collège Béliveau and Windsor Park Collegiate is 8:30am).*
- Q Will there be additional transportation provided for extra-curricular activities?**
- A** *There will not be transportation provided for extra-curricular activities. The Division does not provide this for any students.*
- Q Will Louis Riel School Division advocate for better Winnipeg Transit Service for the Sage Creek area?**
- A** *Louis Riel School Division will work with Winnipeg Transit to promote improved service as the Sage Creek population continues to expand and ridership pressures and needs increase.*
- Q Will parents of Sage Creek students in grades 9 to 12 have the option of purchasing a seat on the school bus?**
- A** *Once bus ridership has been confirmed and finalized any unassigned seats would be made available on a first-come-first-served basis for fee-for-service (paid seats). It is important to note that the schedule for high school students differs from those in grades 7 and 8. The high school dismissal is at 3:45pm making the return to Sage Creek by school bus unavailable for high school students.*
- Q Are all classes being held at Collège Béliveau? If not, will transportation be provided to grades 7 and 8 students, if they have to attend classes outside of the school?**
- A** *Our long-term goal is to have students attend classes at Collège Béliveau and Windsor Park Collegiate. Currently Collège Béliveau students attend some Practical Arts classes at Glenlawn Collegiate. It is not possible to confirm a change at this time, however we are working towards having Practical Arts at locations that are closer to Collège Béliveau. In the event that the Practical Arts schedule cannot be changed students will need to use public transit to get to and from Glenlawn Collegiate.*

ESCS

- Q Will there be childcare in place at ESCS for families with younger siblings attending ESCS who depend on older siblings for childcare?**
- A** *There are no planned changes for ESCS before and after school programming. Students attending Collège Béliveau and Windsor Park Collegiate will be returning to Sage Creek by 3:30pm on the school bus and ESCS will be a designated drop off should older siblings be required to meet younger siblings at the end of the school day.*
- Q With a second school being built in Sage Creek, are the plans for this new school to accommodate grades 7 to 12 students? If so, would the current group starting Collège Béliveau and Windsor Park Collegiate next year be required to switch back (again) to the new high school in Sage Creek during their last couple of years?**
- A** *The proposed second school in Sage Creek would be designated a kindergarten to grade 8 school. When the new school is opened, both schools in Sage Creek would transition to accommodate kindergarten to grade 7 students in the first year and kindergarten to grade 8 students in the second year. In the first year of opening the new school, the grade 8 students would remain at Collège Béliveau and Windsor Park Collegiate. Therefore, Collège Béliveau and Windsor Park Collegiate would return to grades 9 to 12 high schools in the second year of the opening of the second school in Sage Creek.*
- Q Is the plan for this future school in Sage Creek to be another kindergarten to grade 6 school, making one school French Immersion and one English? Or is the plan for a High School to be built?**
- A** *Once the proposed second school in Sage Creek is built, one school would be designated an English only school and the other school would be designated a French Immersion school. Both schools would be designated kindergarten to grade 8 elementary schools (kindergarten to grade 7 for year one and kindergarten to grade 8 the next year). It has not been determined at this time which school would house which program.*
- Q Is there a plan to build a High School near or in the Sage Creek neighbourhood?**
- A** *There is no plan at this time to build a new high school in the Sage Creek neighbourhood. Louis Riel School Division does recognize that in the future it will need to solicit the provincial government for the construction of a new high school to serve new and growing neighbourhoods of the division. It is important to note that Sage Creek has only two designated school areas. Both will be kindergarten to grade 8.*
- Q Will School of Choice be available for students who previously attended another school in the area before 2017? When do we have to contact the school of our choice to register for 2019-2020 school year?**
- A** *School of Choice is available for all families in Manitoba. Applications are accepted after February 1 of the upcoming school year. Applications are processed after May 15 and are approved based on specific criteria. LRSD continues to see increased enrollment year after year, available spaces in many schools are extremely limited.*
- NB** *Any student approved for a School of Choice at any school other than Collège Béliveau or Windsor Park Collegiate will not be eligible for Louis Riel School Division transportation to that school.*

High School

Q Correspondence and information – will the incoming grades 7 and 8 students be under ESCS Administration?

A *Grades 7 and 8 students leaving ESCS will no longer be students of ESCS. They will be Barracudas – Collège Béliveau or Royals – Windsor Park Collegiate beginning in September of 2019.*

Q Will registration to High School be automatic, or will additional registration process be required?

A *ESCS students leaving in September 2019 (current grades 6, 7 and 8 students) will have their information transferred automatically via the electronic student information system to their new school. Windsor Park Collegiate for English programming, Collège Béliveau for French Immersion programming. Students entering into grade 9 will be required to select their option courses. Students in grades 7 and 8 may be required to choose music (guitar, band) and art electives.*

Q Why did you choose Windsor Park Collegiate as opposed to other schools in the area?

A *Collège Béliveau and Windsor Park Collegiate were selected as intended school sites as they currently have space to accommodate the additional influx of students and they are both the respective designated high schools for the Sage Creek Community. Parents indicated the stress of additional transitions and having listened, Louis Riel School Division believes that this move requires only one final transition to their future high school.*

Q Will there be transition plans (transportation and new school environment) for students with special requirements?

A *Transition planning is an important process for all students who move from one school to another. Receiving school teams meet with departing school teams to ensure planned transitions. Students on adapted or individualized plans often have individual transition meetings to ensure a successful move from one school to the other. These planning meetings occur in the spring of the current school year.*

Q What protections will be implemented to safeguard grades 7 and 8 students in the high school setting? Will there be staggered entry into the school for different grade levels? Is supervision provided?

A *Grades 7 and 8 students attending Collège Béliveau and Windsor Park Collegiate will be transported to and from Sage Creek. The school bus arrival is timed with the start of the school day allowing students time to enter immediately and make their way to class. The students in grades 7 and 8 at both Collège Béliveau and Windsor Park Collegiate will have their classes located in a designated area of the school.*

Grades 7 and 8 students will end their day at 3:05pm 40 minutes prior to the end of the high school day. In order to accommodate the needs of all students, the grades 7 and 8 lunch hour will be staggered from the high school lunch hour. As in any school, adult supervision is a regular part of the school day. However, it is hoped that high school and junior high students will also share moments together via common assemblies, attending sports events, high school students coaching junior high teams, school plays and performances among other possibilities.

All schools in Louis Riel School Division have a defined Code of Conduct that outlines expectations regarding student behaviour and appropriate attire.

Procedural questions

Q Lunch hour - Explain how the lunch hour will function:

A *Collège Béliveau and Windsor Park Collegiate have the grades 7 and 8 lunch hour occur at a different time from the grades 9 to 12 lunch hour. This will permit the grades 7 and 8 students to access the school cafeteria during the first 30 minutes of their lunch hour. As in all schools, supervision will be provided during the lunch hour.*

Q What about extra-curricular activities and elective courses?

A *Collège Béliveau and Windsor Park Collegiate both offer band, guitar and art electives in their schools. It is anticipated that grades 7 and 8 students will select from these options.*

Extra-curricular options in both schools are dependent upon student interest and their ability to find adults willing to take on these activities. There are a variety of clubs that occur during the lunch hour as well as drama productions, sports teams (X country, track & field, basketball, volleyball & badminton) and other opportunities available throughout the year.

School Facilities

Q Will the students have access to the school's facilities?

A *All students will have access to the many facilities that exist in the school. As an example, Collège Béliveau and Windsor Park Collegiate both have dedicated science labs, workout rooms, cafeterias, etc.*