

APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR

St. Maurice School Kindergarten to Grade 6

Additional Application Information is required for:

- International Students
- Students with Special Needs Please visit the school's website (www.stmaurice.mb.ca) or request a copy from the school office.

Each applicant will be required to:

- a) Submit a completed St. Maurice School **Application Form** for each individual student applying.
- b) Submit a non-refundable **Application Fee** per individual student applying.
 - The application fee for Kindergarten is \$75.00
 - The application fee for Grades 1 through 6 is \$50.00

Fee payments may be made in cash to a school office, by cheque made payable to "St. Maurice School", or by e-Transfer to <u>office@stmaurice.mb.ca</u>. If paying by e-Transfer, please include this information in the message box: "Application Fee for {Child's Full Name} for Grade {?}"

- c) Provide a copy of the child's official **Birth Certificate**. If the child was born outside of Canada, a copy of their Permanent Residency in Canada or Canadian Citizenship is required for the student to be considered for admission as a Manitoba resident.
- d) International students (all those who are not already Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents) must also complete the school's Proof of Status in Canada Form and supply the required supporting documentation. Please be sure to check the box for "International Student" at the top of the Application form. Applications for international students will only be considered for students who are already attending an English program school, and whose fluency in the English language is comparable to a chronological-age peer studying in Manitoba. Please note that some international student VISA situations permit the student to be approved for provincial funding (and thus the Manitoba Resident tuition rates apply), while other VISAs are not eligible for provincial funding, and the parent/guardian is required to pay the International Tuition rate for St. Maurice School. Applicants who are Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents have priority eligibility for available seats.
- e) Provide a copy of the student's Catholic baptismal certificate this is *required* if the child is indicated as being Catholic on the application form.
- f) Provide a copy of the student's **most recent Report Card** (except for applications for Kindergarten). If the application is submitted prior to February 15th for a September entry into St. Maurice School, parents are asked to submit an updated report card as this becomes available in the spring from the applicant's current school.
- g) Have a **Sending School Questionnaire (SSQ)** completed and returned to St. Maurice School by the student's current school Principal* or delegate. The parent or guardian of the student must sign as indicated near the top of this form to permit the current Principal to release the requested information (as required by FIPPA, the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba). The parent or guardian of the applicant is responsible for providing this signed form to the Principal of the applicant's current school. The Principal is asked to have this Sending School Questionnaire form completed and faxed directly to St. Maurice School (fax: 204-452-4050), or emailed to the School at office@stmaurice.mb.ca *For Kindergarten applicants, this form should be completed by the child's Daycare/Nursery School Coordinator
- i) **Personal Interview:** Applicants will be notified by phone or by email of their interview appointment time.
 - Kindergarten Applicants: Applicants will be contacted to book an interview time for the parent(s) and the child with a St. Maurice School administrator, resource teacher and/or counsellor.
 - Interviews for other levels (Grades 1 to 6) may be requested by the School, often due to special
 circumstances such as for students coming from out of province, from home-schooling, applying
 for Grade 1 but who are not already attending a school's Kindergarten program, etc.

APPLICATIONS FOR 2026-2027 WILL BE ACCEPTED BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025

Please note that there is no first-come first-served prioritizing; all **complete** applications received by the priority deadline will be considered in one pool of new applicants for each grade level.

Your son or daughter's application will only be processed and considered once the application fee and ALL of the required documentation have been received by St. Maurice School.

Join us for our PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE for KINDERGARTEN ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14^{TH} , 2026 AT 6:30 PM

Location: St. Maurice School main campus Gymnasium.

Enter using the blue doors from our parking lot which is accessed from Manahan Avenue.

After a general presentation in the gym of the main campus, the evening will continue with tours of the Kindergarten classrooms, which are located on the second floor of 1619 Pembina Highway.

Join us for our PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE for GRADES 1 TO 12 ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 15th, 2026 AT 6:30 PM

Location: St. Maurice School main campus Gymnasium.

Enter using the blue doors from our parking lot which is accessed from Manahan Avenue.

THE PRIORITY DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, 2026

It is strongly recommended that the school office receive your complete application on or before the priority deadline above - some grade levels will become full with the initial intake. Applications submitted after the priority deadline will need to be placed on a waiting list.

- **Kindergarten:** Children must be five years old on or before December 31, 2026 in order to register for Kindergarten at St. Maurice School for school year 2026-2027.
- Applicants currently registered in a home-schooling program will be required to supply additional information and documentation regarding the curriculum/program followed, assessments conducted and outcomes attained.
- Applications for International Students: Such applications require additional documentation and are subject to various conditions outlined in the Proof of Status in Canada Form, available from the St. Maurice School website. Note: Applicants who are already Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents have priority eligibility for available seats.
- Applications for Students with Special Needs (Level II or Level III exceptionalities): Please obtain the Application Information Sheets for Students with Level II or Level III Disabilities. Such applications require additional documentation and must be submitted on or before the last school day of February 2026 for consideration for the 2026-2027 school year.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ST. MAURICE SCHOOL

Address: 1639 Pembina Highway (enter from Manahan Ave.), Winnipeg, MB, R3T 2G6

Telephone: 204-452-2873 or 204-453-4020 Fax: 204-452-4050

Email: office@stmaurice.mb.ca Website: www.stmaurice.mb.ca

St. Maurice Daycare: 204-475-4045 and the Daycare's Before and After School Program for K-6: 204-284-0881

ADMISSION POLICY, Kindergarten and Grades 1 to 6

St. Maurice School's acceptance process sets out to match the needs of individual applicants with the educational setting and Catholic atmosphere of St. Maurice School.

Information regarding each Kindergarten to Grade 6 applicant is obtained through a process which includes the review of:

- a copy of the student's most recent Report Card (except for Kindergarten applicants)
- the Sending Daycare/School Questionnaire (SSQ)

For Kindergarten applicants, the process also includes:

• an interview for the parent(s) and child with a member of the St. Maurice School Administration and/or Student Support Services Team (e.g. administrator, resource teacher, school counsellor).

Note: Children must be five years old on or before December 31st of the year of entry into Kindergarten in order to register for Kindergarten at St. Maurice School for the September of that school year.

Note: Interviews with Grades 1 to 6 applicants may be requested by the school in some instances; for example: students from out of province, students coming from home-schooling, students entering Grade 1 who did not attend Kindergarten (which is optional in Manitoba), etc.

Note: Applicants currently registered in a home-schooling program will also be required to supply additional information and documentation regarding the curriculum/program followed, assessments conducted, and outcomes attained.

Criteria for Admissibility, Kindergarten to Grade 6

The information collected is used to determine if:

- all special staffing, programs, equipment, and/or physical facilities required by the student are available, (of particular note, an applicant child must be toilet trained and independent in the use of washroom facilities)
- the academic program offered by the school would provide an educational environment beneficial to the student's learning potential, and
- the student's behaviour and attitude are in keeping with the standards of St. Maurice School

Selection of Applicants for Admission

As St. Maurice is a Catholic School which exists to serve and assist Catholic families in the education and formation of their child/ren, priority will be given to Catholic applicants. Provided the criteria for admissibility are met, priority consideration for an available space will be given to a student applicant who has submitted a copy of their Catholic baptismal certificate with their application.

The selection of applicants is developed from a review and overall consideration of the data gathered per the interview, recent report card and Sending School Questionnaire (SSQ), as applicable to the grade level.

There are factors which negatively affect consideration:

- any tuition arrears/outstanding balances for the family's other current/former students
- past or current interactions with the applicant's parent(s) which pose concerns that the working relationship between the home and school will not be conducive to an education and programming which is truly in the child's best interests

SCHOOL HOURS

The school day runs from 8:30 am to 3:15 pm. No supervision is provided by St. Maurice School before 8:15 am or after 3:45 pm. St. Maurice School does not arrange transportation to and from school and does not offer a busing service. Parents interested in the Before and After School Program operated by St. Maurice Daycare may obtain more information by calling 204-284-0881. Placements into the Before and After School Program cannot be made until after the student has been officially accepted into St. Maurice School.

- A supervised lunch period is provided. K-6 Students eat their lunch in their classroom.
- Students must bring their lunch food and drink from home. The opportunity to pre-order prepaid lunches will be offered several times throughout the school year.
- K to 6 students are not permitted to go out for lunch unless the parents/guardians have informed the school in advance. The child must be picked up in person by the parent/guardian.

Students are to come prepared to be dressed for outdoor recess on all school days. Indoor recesses will only be held if it is raining significantly or if the Environment Canada temperature or wind chill at The Forks is -27 °C or colder.

ATTENDANCE

Regular and punctual attendance for all classes is required for a student to be successful in his/her academic endeavours. Parents are asked to contact the school or send notification through the school website attendance tab if a student is going to be late or absent. Siblings should not be reporting student absence to office staff. Parents will be contacted by the school in the event of an unexplained absence.

UNIFORMS

Please visit the school website at www.stmaurice.mb.ca to review the "Uniform Requirements" information sheet. Note that students new to St. Maurice may only place their order from our uniform supplier after receiving their official letter of acceptance.

REPORTING PERIODS

The K to 6 school year is divided into three formal reporting periods. Report cards or Grades 1 to 6 will be issued in November, March and June*. Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled upon request after the November and March reporting periods.

*Kindergarten reporting follows a slightly different schedule.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

All students attending St. Maurice School are required to respectfully take part in Religious Education and faith development activities. Catholic religion courses, attendance at Mass and participation in events such as religious retreats and other faith formation activities are an integral and compulsory part of the program. Non-Catholic students are called to develop an understanding of the Catholic Faith, while being encouraged to maintain and grow in their faith development according to their own religious tradition.

HOMEWORK

All learning does not take place in the classroom. To reinforce the learning process, some grade-appropriate homework can be expected to be assigned to all students throughout the course of the school year. Homework such as class assignments, projects and reviewing should take precedence over other activities.

TEXTBOOKS

School textbooks are provided free of charge. Lost or damaged textbooks or School Library books must be paid for by the student to whom they were assigned.

THE ST. MAURICE SCHOOL PROGRAMS ENRICHMENT FUND (PEF)

The collection for the St. Maurice School Programs Enrichment Fund has replaced the major fundraising drives formerly required of all families and will ensure that all families contribute equally towards the betterment of the programs at the school for all children in attendance. The PEF is a set amount, \$50, for all students attending St. Maurice, K-12, divided for collection over the nine months of the tuition payments schedule. This fund will be used to provide "enrichment" to such programs as religious activities and retreats, library, physical education, guest speakers and performances, subsidies for field trips, special events, classroom libraries, and to establish a reserve fund that can be used towards larger expenses that support existing school programs or create new programs.

Please note that organizations and groups within the school (Parent Guild, Student Council, Social Justice Committee, Graduation Committee, etc.) will still offer some small-scale fundraisers throughout the year in support of their causes and charities. However, students/parents/guardians will be under no obligation to purchase or sell the products offered. These small-scale fundraisers will thus continue to provide a convenience and a service to parents who would like to purchase the items offered for sale, (which can vary year to year), while also providing an opportunity for student groups to learn organizational and leadership skills. St. Maurice Daycare and the Before & After School Program operate fundraisers independently from St. Maurice School.