



SWAN VALLEY SCHOOL DIVISION

Educating and Inspiring All Learners



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WHO WE ARE

The Swan Valley School Division is situated in rural, western Manitoba, generally serving Census Division 20. With its division office located in the Town of Swan River, SVSD supports approximately 1,500 students from the valley and surrounding communities.

SVSD acknowledges that we are on Turtle Island, the ancestral lands of the (Neeyaway) nēhiyawak (Cree), Anihsināpek (Saulteaux), Nakota, Dakota, and Lakota Nations, as well as the homeland of the Red River Métis. These lands are the shared territory of diverse peoples, all bound by Treaty 4. We honor the Treaties, recognize historical and ongoing harms, and are committed to reconciliation, collaboration, and education with Indigenous Nations.

In addition to offering comprehensive K-12 programs in both English and French Immersion streams, SVSD provides high school programming for students from Sapotawayak Cree Nation and Wuskwi Sipihk First Nation, fostering diversity and inclusivity within its schools.

SVSD operates the following schools:

Benito School	K - 8
Bowsman School	K - 8
Minitonas School	K - 8
Heyes Elementary School	3 - 5
Taylor Elementary School	K - 2
Ecole Swan River South School	K - 8
Swan Valley Regional Secondary School	9 - 12
Northern Lights Institute of Trades & Technology	



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BASIC FACTS

Budget 21 million
K - 8 Mean Class Size 18.0
FTE Teachers 117
FTE Educational Assistants 106
Enrollment 1,500
Bus Routes 30
Starting Teacher Salary February 2026
- Class 5: \$75,121
- Class 6: \$79,774

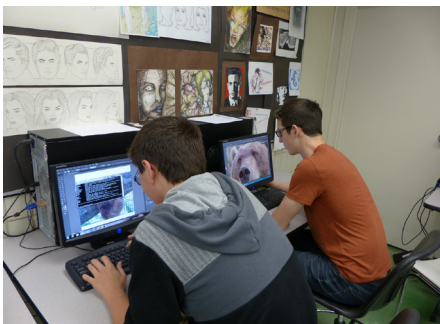
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Division actively supports educators through professional development (PD) opportunities. The Division PD Committee, primarily composed of teachers, plays a key role in shaping Divisional PD initiatives throughout the year.

SVSD is committed to supporting new teachers by offering dedicated training to navigate classroom management during their first year.

Ongoing professional growth is encouraged by participation in (PLC) Professional Learning Committees that focus on areas of student concern and promote collaboration among colleagues.

Additionally, staff are supported in exploring areas of personal growth, related to their position. This approach fosters a culture of lifelong learning among staff.

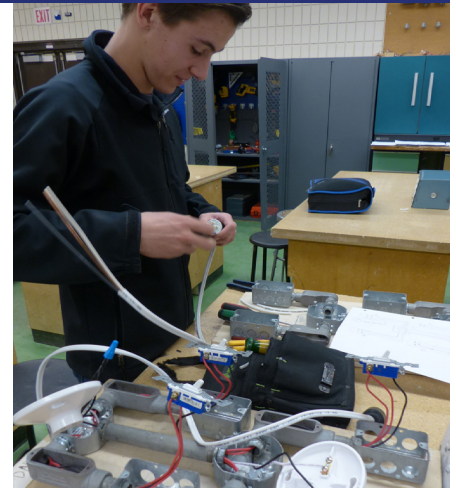


VOCATION PROGRAMMING

The School Division's Regional Secondary School offers a variety of technical-vocational programs that address the need for skills training. Students can receive level 1 pre-employment accreditation from Apprenticeship Manitoba in a number of vocational programs.

Northern Lights Institute of Trades and Technology (NITT), an initiative under the umbrella of SVSD, is designed to guide students from high school to job-ready skills and training. Our vision is to support both current and former students in gaining practical, workforce-ready skills that prepare them for today's job market. Similar to high school students, adult learners can earn level 1 Apprenticeship Manitoba accreditation without having to leave the Swan River Valley.

Additionally, we collaborate with colleges and universities to offer post-secondary programs locally, allowing our students to earn recognized job-ready credentials within their community.



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Swan Valley School Division is located on Treaty 4 territory, the traditional land of the Cree, Oji-Cree, Anishinaabeg, and Assiniboine Peoples. We acknowledge it is located on the Homeland of the Métis.

First Nation Communities which are located close to Swan River are Sapotawayak Cree Nation, Wuskwi Sipihk First Nation and Pine Creek First Nation. High school students from all three communities attend Swan Valley Regional Secondary School.

The Division has an Indigenous Curriculum Facilitator. The role of the facilitator is to help staff build Indigenous Excellence into all curricula.



The Division remains committed to advancing the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.

FRENCH IMMERSION

The Division offers a K-12 French Immersion Program. The K-8 portion of the program is located at Ecole Swan River South School and the 9-12 program is located at Swan Valley Regional Secondary School. The Division is part of the northern French Immersion Consortium. The consortium works to offer a variety of French Immersion high school courses. Some of these courses are offered by the local school within the Division and some are accessible via IITV from partner high schools. The French Immersion Program has existed for more than 20 years.



MUSIC PROGRAM

The Division is a strong supporter of music. Schools in the Division offer middle years band, choral and fiddle programs. The high school offers a performing arts and band program. These groups perform at local functions as well as provincial competitions. The state of the art SVSD Cultural and Performing Arts Centre added to the SVRSS in 2025, enhances and fosters growth in the arts.



SPORTS PROGRAMS

The Division has a history of providing strong sports programming in all of its schools. At the middle school level students compete in a variety of interschool sporting events such as volleyball, soccer, badminton, track and field, baseball and basketball. The high school has teams that compete in a number of sports such as soccer, basketball, football, baseball, volleyball, track and field, golf, crosscountry, hockey, curling and rugby. The community is a very strong supporter of the sports programs.



SWAN VALLEY REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

School Motto: Make a difference today for tomorrow.

School Logo: Our logo is a flaming torch formed from the stylized acronym of our school name. As light from the flaming torch, learning illuminates the journey of life. Throughout the journey, we nurture the flame and pass it on with the pride to illuminate future generations.

School Mascot: Tiger

Basic Facts:

Enrollment: 529

Teachers: 40

Support staff: 41



Programs:

Gr. 9 - 12 students are empowered to choose from three distinct streams of study, each designed to provide pathways to success:

Regular English Program: A robust academic curriculum that builds foundational skills and prepares students for post-secondary education or direct entry into the workforce.

Technical-Vocational Program: Hands-on, career-oriented training in various trades, offering industry-recognized certifications and a head start in the workforce. Available areas: Automotive Technology, Applied Commerce, Carpentry, Culinary Arts, Electrical Trades Technology, Human Ecology (Family Studies), Hairstyling, Health Care Aide, Heavy Duty Equipment Technician, Motion Picture Arts, Resources and Environmental Management, Graphic Design, Welding

French Immersion Program: An enriching bilingual education that enhances cultural understanding and opens doors to opportunities in a globalized world.



SWAN VALLEY REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

About us:

SVRSS is a vibrant and inclusive learning community, centrally located in Swan River. SVRSS is the heart of secondary education in the region and the sole high school catering to the diverse needs of Swan Valley's youth. SVRSS is a place where every student is valued, and diversity is celebrated. Approximately 55% of our student population identify as First Nation, Inuit, or Métis, and we are proud to incorporate Indigenous perspectives into our programs and school culture. This commitment fosters a sense of belonging and pride in heritage while contributing to the spirit of reconciliation.

We believe in amplifying student voice and encouraging active participation in shaping the school experience. Whether through leadership opportunities, extracurricular activities, or academic projects, students are inspired to share their ideas and perspectives.

School Priorities/Goals:

- *Improving learning outcomes for all students
- *Strengthening pathways between and among secondary school, post-secondary education and work
- *Promote the development of wellness and healthy school environments
- *Strengthening community relationships to support learning
- *Incorporating indigenous perspectives throughout the curriculum
- *Education for sustainable development

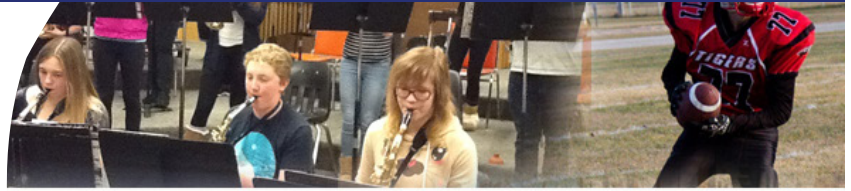
Our Code of Conduct provides a broad framework of behavioral expectations for students. It is expected that all members of the school community will uphold the underlying beliefs of the school code which include the following:

Learning, Respect, Responsibility and Safety.

Extracurricular Activities:

Sports- X-country, Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Badminton, Track & field, Football, Rugby, Softball, Curling, Hockey, Golf

Clubs- Drama, Intramural Sports, Youth Voice, Envirothon, Interscholastic Sports, TADD, Executive Challenge, Skills Manitoba, Yearbook, Youth in Philanthropy, Student Council.



About our Community:

The Swan River Valley, located between the Duck Mountains and Porcupine Hills in west-central Manitoba, is home to the town of Swan River, which serves as the hub for surrounding communities. With a population of around 9,500, the area is known for its strong sense of community, natural beauty, and outdoor recreational opportunities.

The valley combines agricultural, Indigenous, and local industries, creating a vibrant, inclusive environment where people from diverse backgrounds come together to build a prosperous future. It's an ideal place for families and individuals seeking a connected, balanced lifestyle.

What is unique about our school?

Built in 1972 with a forward thinking vision, SVRSS has consistently received strong community support, earning a reputation for its unique blend of academic excellence and hands-on technical training. The school is equipped with specialized facilities, including state-of-the-art science labs, Building Trades and Heavy Duty Shops, as well as the Growcer project, providing students with practical skills for high-demand careers. The addition of a Performing Arts and Cultural Centre further enhances students' creative experiences, enriching the cultural fabric of the community. This well-rounded approach ensures SVRSS students are prepared for success in a variety of fields.. To date, SVRSS has graduated over 7,200 students, many of whom have gone on to pursue further studies and successful careers, often returning as professionals to contribute to the Swan River Valley.



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BENITO SCHOOL

School Motto: Stimulate, Educate, Empower

School Mascot: Cobra



Basic Facts:

Enrolment: 73

Teachers: 6

Support staff: 8

Programs:

K-8 ELA, math, ICT, science, social studies, health, physical education, visual arts, snack program, K-4 music, Gr. 5-8 band, full time Kindergarten, daily intramurals, Gr. 3/5/7 receive swimming lessons

Extracurricular Activities:

Sports- x-country running, soccer, volleyball, basketball, badminton, and track and field

Clubs- strings (with trip), choir and student leadership, band trip

School Priorities/Goals:

Strengthening parent and community relationships

Whole school approach to discipline

K-4 Literacy intervention with UFLI

Gr. 5-8 Numeracy with NAP

Indigenous Education - understanding of treaties and how we are all treaty people



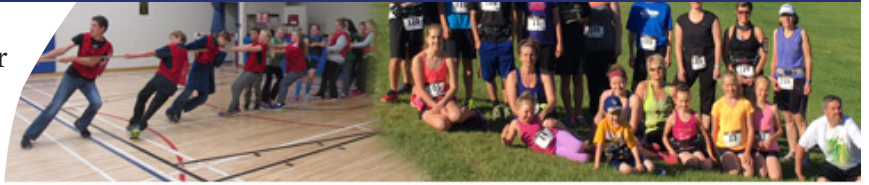
About Us:

Benito School serves students from Kindergarten to Grade 8, offering small class sizes and strong teacher-student interactions. We embrace multi-grade classrooms, valuing the benefits they bring. Students and teachers often work together for at least two years, fostering meaningful relationships that enhance learning.

Character education is a cornerstone of our approach. We prioritize who our students are becoming as much as what they learn academically. Our co-regulation room, led by a trained facilitator, supports students in managing emotions through strategies like calming techniques, positive thinking, and a growth mindset. A school counselor visits weekly to provide additional support, both to classes and individual students.

Restitution plays a key role in our school, helping students address their needs, make better choices, and restore relationships after conflicts. We are committed to ensuring everyone feels safe and empowered to learn.

Additional services include Better Beginnings, a weekly program for children from birth to school age, and the Benito Child Care Centre, which offers infant to school-age care and before-and-after-school services.



About our Community

Benito is a rural village of nearly 400 residents, surrounded by rolling hills, fertile farmland, and pristine nature. Known as the "Gateway to the Valley," Benito sits where the Duck Mountains meet the Swan River Valley. Agriculture is central to our economy, and our close-knit community values safety, recreation, and togetherness. Rich in Ukrainian heritage, Benito area offers traditions with Ukrainian Dance... we also love our perogies, cabbage rolls, and garlic sausage. Our multi-use recreation center serves Benito and its surrounding areas. It features an active curling club, a skating rink with free public skating twice a week, a playground, ball diamonds, a skate park, and coming soon...a splash park. Its concession and wing nights are local favorites.

Local attractions include: Shaker City Disk-Golf, Thunderhill Mountain Bike Trails and Ski & Snowboard Area, as well as Duck Mountain Provincial Park.

What is unique about our school?

Benito School is about our community. We love to find opportunities to host our school families and the greater community with events like: the Grandmothers Walk, the Terry Fox Walk, monthly assemblies, our Halloween Costume Parade, the Remembrance Day Service, Christmas Concert, Christmas turkey dinner, Spring Band Concert and BBQ. We also love to celebrate and enjoy food together at events like the K-grad and Gr.8 Farewell, and pancake breakfasts. We recently hosted the annual Benito Craft Sale, which was a fabulous fundraiser and fun community event. We have an active parent council that offers monthly hot lunches and supports the school. We believe parents are the most important partners in our student's success.

We have a strong strings program for the Gr. 5-8 students that choose to participate. Students get exposure to violins as early as Gr. 2 and progress to where they are playing confidently and then in middle school get to go on a bigger multi-day trip to perform, take in workshops, enjoy a concert and have some fun. Students also have the opportunity to gain exposure to the viola, cello and acoustic bass.



BENITO SCHOOL



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BOWSMAN SCHOOL

School Motto: Be Respectful,
Be Responsible, Be Safe

School Mascot: Bison



Basic Facts:

Enrolment: 90
Teachers : 8
Support staff: 13

Programs:

Kindergarten
Elementary (Grades 1-6)
Middle School (Grades 7 & 8)
Intramurals, Music, Early Literacy Support (K-2),
Healthy Snack Program, Cultural & Dramatic Arts, ICT,
Swimming, Sensory Gym, Monthly Hot Lunch, Co-Regulation Rooms

Extracurricular Activities:

Sports- Variety of Sports Teams

Clubs- Student Council, Tour Band, Beading, Crochet Club, Fitness/Running Club, Fishing

School Priorities/Goals:

- *Literacy & Numeracy
- *Strengthening community relationships to support learning
- *Promoting the development and wellness towards healthy school environments
- *Indigenous Education - understanding of treaties and how we are all treaty people

About Us:

We are a small school where there is a close feeling of family and connection to community. We have dedicated teachers and support staff that work together to provide many extra opportunities for students on a daily basis. We support school wide organized events like Winter Fun Day, BBQ lunches, pancake breakfasts, Thanksgiving lunch, and Tabloid day to class events like making gingerbread houses, pumpkin carving and so much more! We hold monthly assemblies to recognize our students and their achievements.



About our Community:

Our community gives opportunity for archery, dog sledding, skating and sliding.

We have many members of the community that enjoy coming to the school to support us for events like the pancake breakfast fundraisers, Christmas concerts, Remembrance Day service and/or fun day activities.

We have a daycare facility located in our school where some of our students can attend before and after school and our staff could enroll their own children.



What is unique about our school?

Our students come from many different communities in the area, including Mafeking, Birch River, Novra, Bellsite, and Bowsman.

Our school has begun a 'Cultural and Dramatic Arts' class. In this class students explore different cultures through various activities. We have had Elders come and visit and have partnered with outside sources, such as the Friendship Centre to help us deliver culturally rich experiences.

Because of our rural environment, students have the opportunity to experience many outdoor land-based educational adventures including ice fishing, spring time fishing, shelter building, swimming and overnight camping trips. We also are only a short walk to the local skating rink and have a fantastic sliding hill!



BOWSMAN SCHOOL



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ÉCOLE SWAN RIVER SOUTH SCHOOL

School Motto: Cooperate, Motivate,
Educate

School Mascot: Sabre

Basic Facts:

Enrollment: 260

Teachers: 22

Support staff: 17



Programs:

French Immersion - Kindergarten to Grade 8

English Program - Grade 6-8

Supportive Learning Program, Grades 7 and 8 Band,
Grades 7 and 8 Industrial Arts

Extracurricular Activities:

Sports- Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Track &
Field, Running Club

Clubs- Students That Care, Reading Club, School Choir, Student
Council, Intramurals

School Priorities/Goals:

*K-8 dual track school.

*French Immersion programming from K through Grade 8

*Addressing the needs of all learners is a major priority.

*We are a diverse school community developing excellence in learning and citizen-
ship within a safe and supportive environment.

*ÉSRSS has been working with Diane Gossen's "Restitution for Schools Curriculum."

*ÉSRSS is committed to becoming an RSD school.

About Us:

ÉSRSS has an enrollment of approximately 260 students and 40 staff members. ÉSRSS is staffed with a Learning Support Team consisting of a Principal, Vice-Principal, School Guidance Counsellor, and Resource Teacher. We have two parent councils. ÉSRSS PAC (Parent Advisory Council) and CPF (Canadian Parents for French). These parent councils lend support to all of our students and staff to enhance their school experience at ÉSRSS. We believe in honoring, celebrating, and supporting the cultural diversity of our school.



About our Community:

Swan River and the surrounding Swan Valley is a beautiful area with a lot to offer. The town of Swan River has many sporting venues including a skating rink with a Junior A team, curling rink, eighteen hole golf course, ball diamonds, and a newly constructed indoor pool. Swan River has a state of the art library as well as many service clubs including The Lions Club, Kinsmen Club and The Elks. Swan Valley is a popular destination for camping, fishing, boating, snowmobiling and downhill skiing/snowboarding.



What is unique about our school?

ÉSRSS has the second largest school enrollment in the Division. We are able to offer a variety of programming specific to our school and our students' needs including French Immersion, Industrial Arts for Grades 7 and 8, and a separate Grades 7 and Grade 8 band. Our large population in the Grades 7 and 8 area allows us to field both competitive and non-competitive athletic teams in multiple sports.



ÉCOLE SWAN RIVER SOUTH SCHOOL



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HEYES SCHOOL

School Motto: Respect for LEO (Learning, our Environment, Oneself and others)

School Mascot: Leo the Cat

Basic Facts:

Enrollment: 187
Teachers: 14 FTE
Support staff : 20

Programs:

Grade 3 to 5 - English Programming
English Language Arts, Math, Social Studies,
Science, Physical Education/Health, Music,
Visual Art, Basic French, Dance, and Drama.

Extracurricular Activities:

Sports - Inter-school sports
Clubs - Choir



School Priorities/Goals:

*Improving outcomes for all learners. We strive to reach all learning styles, interests, and aptitude so we can provide a broad and rich learning experience for everyone.

*Enhance community relations and parental involvement. We provide an inclusive and supportive environment.

*Promote lifelong learning. We promote physical and mental wellness including positive social interactions and problem solving skills.

*Create a working and learning environment where people are safe, happy, relaxed, and inspired.

About Us:

Heyes is a Gr. 3-5 school. We have three home rooms at each grade level. All classes have ample time allotments in Music and Physical Education classes as well. Our class sizes are currently about 20 students per class. This allows for the formation of strong relationships between students and staff.



We have a combination of kids from Swan River as well as the surrounding rural area, with nearly 190 in total.



About our Community:

Our school is located on the west side of Swan River. Outdoor activities like camping, golf, hunting, and fishing are easily accessible from here.



What is unique about our school?

We are the only school in SVSD that has a grade 3 to 5 configuration. Recess, play time, and intramural sports with so many same aged peers can be a lot of fun.

Our resource department, along with teaching and support staff work hard to meet the needs of all our students. This includes many student specific plans. In our comfortable class sizes, it is possible to get to know the students well.

All classes learn about mindfulness, brain health, and self regulation skills. We have a dedicated room for co-regulation, where a trained staff member helps students maintain a regulated state of mind that is optimal for learning. It is a goal for everyone at school to remain happy, relaxed, and engaged. There are other sensory spaces in the school where kids can engage in calming activities and rest.

We also have a developmental education class run by our resource team. In there, specific needs are addressed within an inclusive classroom setting.

HEYES SCHOOL



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MINITONAS SCHOOL

School Motto: To educate, inspire and respect each other

School Mascot: Mustang

Basic Facts:

Enrolment: 107
Teachers: 9
Support staff: 11

Programs:

English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Drama, Physical Education, Intramural Sports, Health, Dance, Visual Art, French, Music

Extracurricular Activities:

Clubs- Choir, Jazz Band

Sports- Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Track & Field

We believe in:

- *A supportive environment
- *Fairness for all
- *Dignity and respect
- *Being principle centered

School Priorities/Goals:

- *Create a school climate where there are high expectations for students and staff improving outcomes for learners.
- *Create a safe space a space where staff and students alike come to be inspired, create friendships, to learn and to have fun.
- *Promote physical activity and good nutrition practices, wellness and healthy school environments.



About our Community

The village of Minitonas itself is a vibrant community of about 600 people.

It is a beautiful little town where people are neighborly and caring, yards, homes and properties are well kept. Minitonas is the northern gateway to the beautiful Duck Mountain Park. The park, only 15 kilometers from Minitonas, offers excellent summer and winter recreational opportunities such as camping, fishing, hunting, mountain biking, hiking, swimming, water skiing, canoeing, snowmobiling and ATVing. This pristine wilderness has quite an array of wildlife, birds, spectacular scenery and an abundance of lakes for sport fishing.

Minitonas boasts many amenities including Sunflower Early Learning Centre, Minitonas Early Years and Minitonas Middle Years Schools, modern skating rink with artificial ice, four churches and some of the friendliest people in Manitoba.



About Us:

Safe, happy kids will learn.

Special Events: Terry Fox Walk, Sports Day events, Music Concerts, School Luncheons, Spirit Week, Outdoor Education trips, and various other field trips.

MINITONAS SCHOOL



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TAYLOR SCHOOL

School Motto: Children First

School Mascot: Top Dog

Basic Facts:

Enrolment: 200

Teachers: 14

Support staff: 20

Programs:

English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Music, Physical Education, Art, ELI, Resource.

Extracurricular Activities:

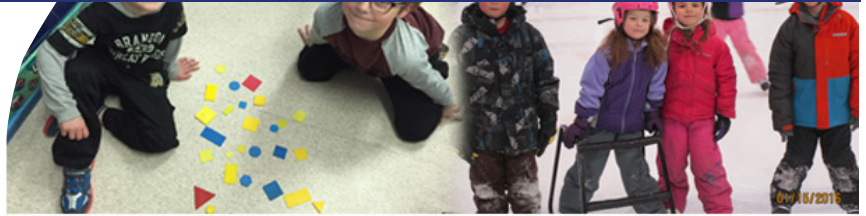
Skating, Swimming, Choir, Bowling, Recycling, Track and Field.

School Priorities/Goals:

*Literacy, Numeracy, Indigenous Excellence and Wellness

About Us:

We have a very devoted staff; we all pitch in and get things done. We also have a very proactive Parent Advisory Council (PAC), who helps us fund items like playground equipment, PAC lunches, and many other extras. We have an active and talented choir. We have an excellent Physical Education program in which students have the opportunity to snowshoe, bike, cross-country ski, skate, and swim. We also use the Legion park path to walk and hike, and sliding hill on the bordering property. In the spring, our students participate in an exciting Tabloid and Track and Field Day. Taylor School is fortunate to have excellent technology to support student learning such as LOFT systems (interactive technology), Streambooks, iPads, and many programs and apps. These are examples of the many community based activities that make Taylor School a caring, community centered, place for children!



About the Community:

The town of Swan River is located in Swan Valley. The Swan River meanders through town along the edge of two beautiful parks. Swan River has a full size pool and programs, a curling rink and arena, daycare and nursery school; it offers a movie theatre and a public library. The Elbert Chartrand Friendship Centre has many programs including Adult Education, and Head Start.



What is unique about our school?

Taylor School is having an exciting year! Taylor School was restructured to a K-2 school and currently has three classrooms per grade level. Our school backs onto the Legion Park. It is a wonderful collaboration. The park itself has a ballfield, outdoor stage, and trails with a view of the Swan River. We are very much a community hub for activities. We can go to Wellman Lake for conservation activities. We enjoy a well rounded, active and interesting program for the students!

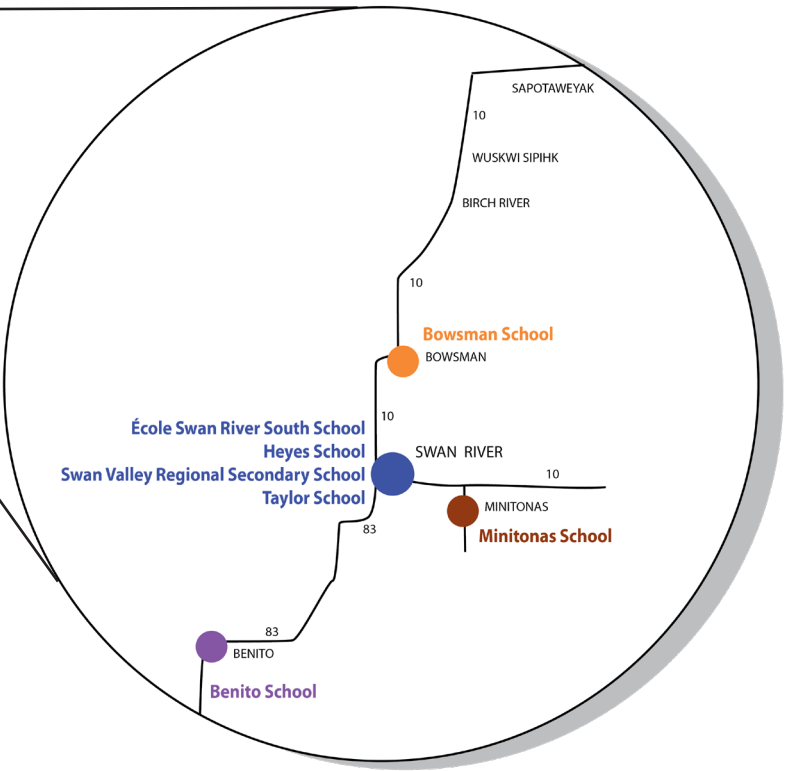


TAYLOR SCHOOL



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