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WELCOME TO  
**GOD'S LAKE  
NARROWS**

God's Lake Narrows is home to over 2,000 residents and one of the best fishing spots in North America. With a brand new school opening soon and other promising projects on the way, God's Lake Narrows is an exciting community to be a part of.



**TREATY 5 TERRITORY**

Located in Treaty 5 Territory, God's Lake Narrows is 547 kilometres northeast of Winnipeg, Manitoba.



# MFNERC

## VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre Inc. is guided by the following vision and mission statements:

### VISION

Support First Nations to develop and implement a comprehensive holistic educational system inclusive of First Nations languages, world views, values, beliefs, and traditions with exemplary academic standards, under First Nation jurisdiction.

### MISSION

To help First Nations improve education for all learners to achieve the good life (mino-pimatisiwin).

*Cree, Ojibwe, Ojibwe-Cree*

To help First Nations improve education for all learners to achieve the good life (honso aynai).

*Dene*

To help First Nations improve education for all learners to achieve the good life (tokadakiya wichoni washte).

*Dakota*



# WELCOME



**Chief Clarence Easter**  
Chairperson | Board of Directors

On behalf of the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre (MFNERC) Board of Directors, I am pleased to present you with this God's Lake Narrows First Nation School information package. I extend my appreciation to everyone involved in gathering and providing information to make this project possible.

Teaching at God's Lake Narrows First Nation School will provide you with a unique and valuable career, as well as many new life opportunities. The Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Center is excited to work with you as you begin a new journey in your teaching career.

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On behalf of the MFNERC and MFNSS, we are excited to share this information package with teachers who are interested in joining us to work with First Nations students in Manitoba.

This information package aims to connect motivated and knowledgeable teachers to our First Nations schools. This particular package highlights the many benefits of working with the community of God's Lake Narrows First Nation and the opportunities available at God's Lake Narrows First Nation School.

We hope to hear from you soon, and look forward to answering any questions you have about the exciting career opportunities available.

Ekosani



**Charles Cochrane**  
Executive Director | MFNERC



# GODS LAKE NARROWS FIRST NATION SCHOOL

## TESTIMONIALS

"The community members are very friendly. They're welcoming and they interact with our community. Once a worker comes into our community, they're considered family."

- *Teacher at God's Lake Narrows First Nation School*

"Within the last five years, we've seen two new housing developments, a new school, and a new health clinic. The whole community is excited."

- *Administration at God's Lake Narrows First Nation School*

"The community is very friendly and welcoming to anybody that comes to the reserve. Your surroundings and everything else that's around here--it's very beautiful and the lakes are awesome; fish and animals are even better."

- *Teacher at God's Lake Narrows First Nation School*

"The community has really evolved. Technology has been so much better now and with all the teachers coming and staying longer, it's making it so much better."

- *Teacher at God's Lake Narrows First Nation School*

"The people here are awesome. They're very understanding and they're very helpful. When it comes to somebody needing help, the whole community comes together regardless of who you are or who you know. That's just the one thing I love about God's Lake Narrows."

- *Teacher at God's Lake Narrows First Nation School*

# SURROUNDING LAND

## WHERE IS GOD'S LAKE NARROWS?

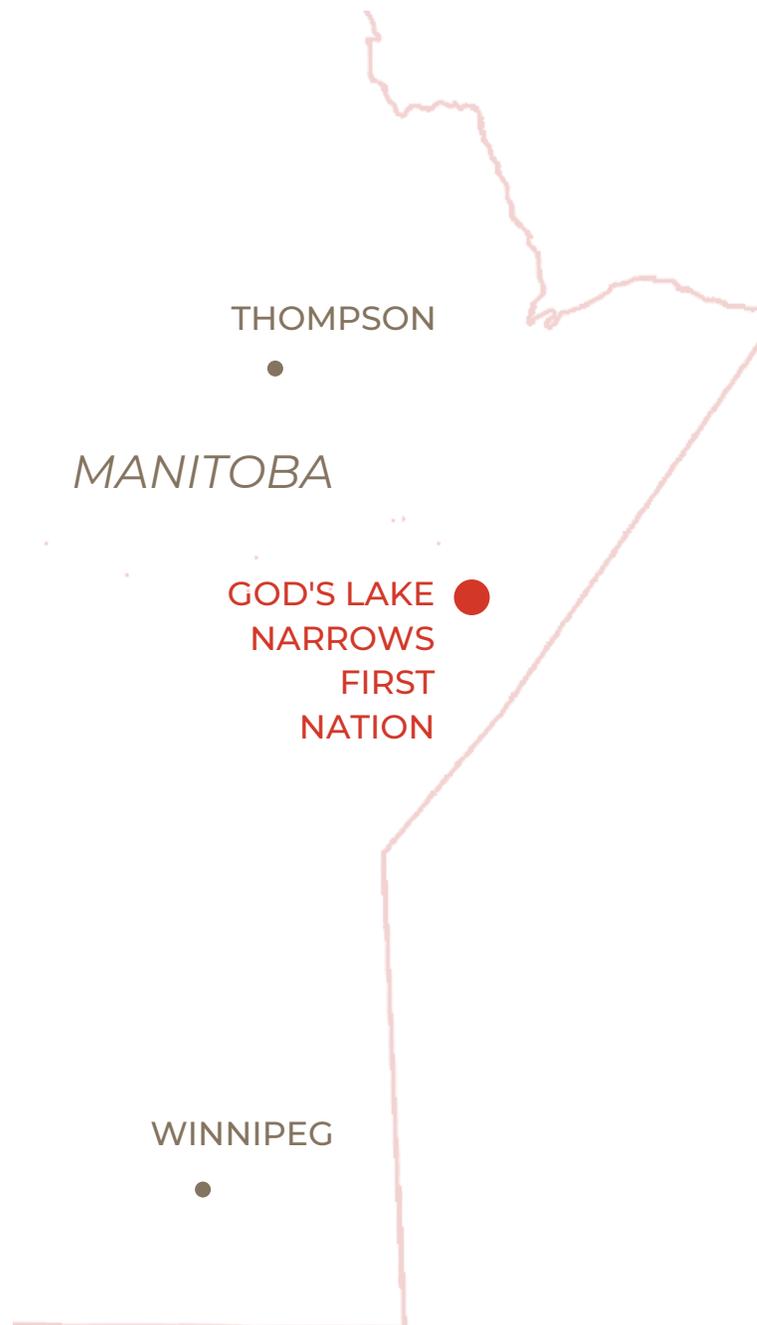
God's Lake Narrows is located on the shores of God's Lake, which is Manitoba's 7th largest lake. The community is 547km northeast of Winnipeg and 224km southeast of Thompson.

Powered by The Northwest Company, God's Lake is home to the Northern Store, among other retail and grocery stores, which supplies fresh produce and goods to its community members.

## SERVICE CENTRES & AMENITIES

God's Lake Narrows offers many services and amenities to ensure a comfortable stay. Some of these services include grocery and retail stores, a Canada Post office, a brand new nursing station, and much more.

God's Lake is also known for its great outdoor adventures, including summer and winter fishing derbies, rapids, and waterfalls.





# GOD'S LAKE NARROWS FIRST NATION SCHOOL

## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide the necessary skills to function in today's society while simultaneously helping our youth maintain their cultural identity.

## VISION STATEMENT

God's Lake Narrows strives to provide cultural experiences in a safe, holistic environment to ensure that every child is a successful learner.

## COUNCIL

God's Lake Narrows Chief and Council

*"If you're passionate about teaching & you want to combine a new opportunity & adventure, then our school is for you!"*

## GRADES

K4 (Nursery) - Grade 12

## DEMOGRAPHICS

Students: \*400+

Staff: \*84

\*Expected to increase when the new school opens

## SCHOOL TIME

8:00AM - 4:00PM (Teachers)

8:45AM - 3:10PM (Students)

## LANGUAGE

Cree and English

## TREATY

Treaty 5



# SCHOOL SPECIALTY AREAS

## SPECIAL CLASSES OFFERED

God's Lake Narrows First Nation School offers a variety of specialty classes, including land-based learning, survival skills, hunting, fishing, camping, traditional medicine, cooking, industrial arts, and Cree language. By combining traditional-based education with contemporary reading & writing, every student will be well equipped to succeed in today's economy while retaining their cultural identities.

## EVENTS

God's Lake School hosts many communal and cultural events to keep kids on the right path while bringing the community together. In both the fall and spring, God's Lake hosts a School Bazaar, a big community event with games and prizes to help raise money for the school. In the summer, God's Lake hosts Treaty Days and in May, there are Culture Days where the entire community comes together to learn about past and current traditions from Elders and Knowledge Keepers.

## COMPETITIONS

The school competes in volleyball, basketball, and hockey against neighbouring communities. God's Lake also hosts broomball tournaments, which is a sport with rules similar to hockey as it's played on ice, players use a stick, and their goal is to outscore their opponent. The key differences are that players wear shoes instead of skates and use a ball instead of a puck.

*"When visitors come here they always say 'God's Lake is very beautiful and the community is very friendly.' They always say they miss this place and some people think of God's Lake as their home."*



# FACILITIES

## STUDENT FACILITIES

God's Lake Narrows First Nation School has numerous classrooms, a library, computer lab, science lab, cooking room, and industrial arts room. The new school development will include a modern gym and fitness center, smartboards, laptops, a large cafeteria, a native studies room, art rooms, and more.

## TEACHER FACILITIES

Teachers have a staff lounge, where they can relax and socialize with other teachers. They also have access to all the student facilities.

## RENOVATIONS & SERVICES

Since 2016, God's Lake has invested in significant community upgrades, including two brand new housing developments, a health clinic, and a state-of-the-art high school, which is set to open in late 2021.

## WI-FI/CELLULAR SERVICE

In 2019, the community received 4G LTE cell service with free access to Wi-Fi at the school and teacherages.

*"For new teaching graduates, it's a very good opportunity to start a career in education."*



## AVERAGE DAY

### 8:00 AM

Meet the students and start the day.

### 8:55 AM

Morning announcements and prayers. Teaching begins.

### 10:30 AM

Short recess in the morning.

### 12:00 PM

Lunch break.

### 2:00 PM

Afternoon recess.

### 3:10 PM

End of school day.

*\* Up until and including grade 8, each teacher is responsible to teach multiple subjects*

*\*From grade 9 and up, teachers are responsible for one subject (on a five (5) block system)*

## WHAT IS GOD'S LAKE NARROWS LOOKING FOR IN A TEACHER?

Interested teachers must be eligible to teach in Manitoba and have obtained Manitoban certification so the students can be accredited. Beyond that, we hope our teachers are compassionate, friendly, outgoing, respectful of Indigenous culture, and willing to participate in community events with students, residents, & Elders.

## OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

Teachers are expected to take part in extracurricular activities and help tutor students if needed. Volunteering is always welcomed to help develop stronger relationships with the residents.

*"When you do activities with the children, they seem to connect with you more. Our students are hands-on learners, so when you do activities with them, they seem to learn better."*



# TEACHER ACCOMMODATIONS

## TEACHERAGE RENTALS

Teacherages are available for rent. They are regularly maintained to ensure they stay in good shape and are protected by security.

## AMENITIES

Teachers have access to a washer, dryer, bathroom, kitchen, heating, hot water, stove, oven, refrigerator, television, microwave, bed, and couch. Tenants are responsible for bringing their own kitchen utensils, toiletries, and bedsheets.

## WI-FI/CELLULAR SERVICE

High-speed internet is accessible from the teacherages and the school. 4G LTE cellular service is also available.

*"Once a worker comes into our community, they're considered family"*

## RENT

Rent is subsidized and ranges from \$200 - \$300/month for a one to three-bedroom teacherage.

## PET-FRIENDLY

Yes

## DISTANCE FROM THE SCHOOL

The teacherages are right beside the school and just a few minutes away by foot.

## TEMPERATURE RANGE

Average Summer: 18.5°C  
Average Winter: -22°C  
(windchill can make it feel -30°C). Having appropriate outdoor winter clothing is necessary.

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# COMMUNITY LIFE

## HIGHLIGHTS

With flights every day, and sometimes twice a day, there is year-round access to God's Lake Narrows. One of the advantages of teaching and living in the community is having access to Thompson, Red Sucker Lake, and Oxford House -- all with the amenities they provide. Whatever you can't find in God's Lake Narrows, you'll surely find it nearby.

From its beauty to the hunting, the land near God's Lake Narrows has so much to offer. This is truly a chance to reconnect with nature and everything it provides. There are endless opportunities for fishing and hunting excursions. The community is surrounded by many bodies of water, including God's River, so you'll also have plenty of time to snow-shoe, cross-country ski, and fish during the summer and winter seasons.

If you're keen to immerse yourself within nature and God's Lake neighbouring communities, Thompson is only 45 minutes away and there are plenty of lakes and hiking opportunities to explore nearby. This truly is a beautiful place with great land, where you can hike, sightsee, animal watch, practice photography, and much more.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

The people of God's Lake Narrows are very friendly and welcoming. Teachers are always welcomed into the community and are embraced from day one. Residents often partake in outdoor activities, including hiking, exploring waterfalls and rapids, fishing, and hunting.

When venturing outside of the community, residents may visit Pisew Falls Provincial Park, which boasts beautiful views, hikes, rugged trails, and rapids -- creating the ultimate camping experience. Residents may also travel to Pink Lake to watch the waterfalls at an elevation of nearly 1,100 feet.

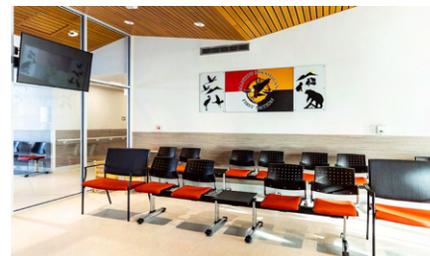
*"There are places you can go snowshoeing in the wilderness, ski-doo rides, and in the summer you can go on boat rides. We also have three local resorts!"*

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## SERVICES

God's Lake Narrows has a new medical clinic, grocery stores, a gas station, a daycare centre, Healey's Lodge, an outdoor rink, an airport, Manitoba Hydro, high-speed internet, a band hall, RCMP station, and medical responders. Healthcare professionals include two nurses, a dental therapist, and two community workers.

The new school currently being built will also have a full workout facility and a modern gymnasium with new equipment.



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