

Churchill High School

Community Report

2014-2015

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School Mission Statement

Vision

Our vision is to empower students to become responsible, productive, global citizens in the 21st century.

Mission

As a UNESCO school, we will ensure that peace is at the core of all that we do as a community by using the four pillars of learning: learning to know, learning to do, learning to be and learning to live together.



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION



About Our School

Churchill High School is nestled in the leafy neighbourhood of Riverview in south Winnipeg. We provide comprehensive programming for our 460 grade 7 – 12 students in a caring, secure learning environment which maximizes the aspirations, achievements and abilities of all students.

As a UNESCO designated school, we foster a strong sense of community and this is evident in the many programs and extra-curricular initiatives that are available to our students. We have exceptional visual and performing arts

programs and athletic programs. We also provide an apprenticeship program, student leadership courses and numerous Education for Sustainable Development opportunities.

Our school motto is “Pride and Tradition” and we are certainly proud of our little school that can.





Priorities for 2014-15

Strengthen instructional and assessment strategies for all students using all available resources including the integration of technology.

Examples:

- 1) Teachers used an on-line reading assessment tool (SRI) to identify next steps for student learning.
- 2) Middle Years teachers developed assessment tools for ELA (Writing) and Math.
- 3) Teachers began using BYOD (bring your own devices) to enhance student learning and understanding.

Improve academic and behavior support services for students with special needs.

Examples:

- 1) Middle Years established Positive Behaviour Intervention Supports for common areas in the school.
- 2) Student leaders are working with Special Education students as mentors to develop social skills and learning skills.

Strengthen and enhance Education for Sustainable Development initiatives that address environmental, social and economic issues world-wide.

Examples:

- 1) Social justice groups continue to contribute to local and global initiatives.
- 2) CHS was recognized by UNESCO as a member school for its on-going commitment to address ESD issues.

Further improve school attendance and graduation rates through the exploration of additional programs and strategies.

Examples:

- 1) Parent Council members hosted an evening on anxiety in students
- 2) Health and Wellness week addressed issues of self-respect and self-worth
- 3) There is an increase of students who are accessing our High School Apprenticeship Program

Priorities for 2015-16

Strengthen instructional and assessment strategies for all students using all available resources including the integration of technology.

Examples:

- 1) Provide opportunities for cross-curricular learning in grades 9-12 using ELA as the foundational course

Improve academic and behavior support services for students with special needs.

Examples:

- 1) Middle years teachers will be bringing the principles of PBIS into their classrooms
- 2) Restructuring of CAP program to improve services to students

Strengthen and enhance Education for Sustainable Development initiatives that address environmental, social and economic issues world-wide.

Examples:

- 1) Department /Teams connected their goals to the UNESCO four pillars of learning and essential understandings

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Examples:

- 1) Develop plans and processes for the transition grades of 7 & 9

Parent and Community Involvement

Parent and Community Initiatives

- Active Parent Advisory Council
- Churchill Bulldog Football Alumni Hall of Fame Dinner
- Many coaches for all of our sports teams are former students of Churchill
- Parent drivers for sports programs
- Red Eagle Drum Group
- Health and Wellness Week guest speakers included John Robertson, Robert Falcon Ouellette, and MLA James Allum
- CHS Hockey players and coaches honoured by James Allum in the Manitoba Legislature
- Safe Grad Parent Committee
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Youth in school mentoring program at a local elementary school
- YMCA After-school program for our students with special needs
- MADD presentation
- Winnipeg Police Services School Resource officer
- Parent Advisory Council workshop on Student Anxiety

Student and School Initiatives

- Meet the Teacher BBQ
- Student Leaders volunteer at Riverview and Lord Roberts School
- Parents attended our first annual Athletic Banquet in June
- IPSA Program parent BBQ
- Global Issues Class “Santa’s Village” visit to Lord Roberts School
- Aboriginal Feast to honour our graduates



- Various fundraising for local charities including Siloam Mission, Winnipeg Harvest, Koats for Kids
- Churchill High School Open House
- Grade 6 Parent Information Evening
- The Performing Arts programs presented “Snow White” to local elementary schools and to our parent community
- Students joined students from University of Manitoba to clean up the Riverview neighbourhood

Highlights

- Churchill High School was recognized as a UNESCO AspNet School, an international designation that recognizes our school's commitment to peace
- Grade 7 & 8 staff and students became a PBIS school (Positive Behaviour Intervention Supports)
- Students in grades 9—11 participated in various Science programs including the Verna J. Kirkness Science and Engineering Program and the St. Boniface Research Centre Youth BIOlab workshops
- Our Aboriginal Student Group beaded earrings to recognize the missing and murdered Aboriginal females in Canada
- Students wore orange to remember and honour residential school survivors
- We hosted our first annual sports banquet to recognize our student athletes
- We established a cardio room for students and staff members
- Our senior and junior gymnasiums are open at lunch hours for students to participate in various sports and activities
- The Bulldog Hockey team were semi-finalists
- The girl's rugby team, in their first year of play, won their division
- Our concert and Jazz bands and our choirs won in five categories at a festival in Minneapolis
- Our Visual Arts students were featured in our community newspaper for the helmets and sculptures they created to represent social justice issues



- We hosted a Health and Wellness Week that was led by students in the school
- Students in our Foods/Nutrition classes visited with a McGregor elementary school to share recipes, food and activities
- Middle Years winter camp and grade 9 trip to Quebec
- One of our graduates received the Schulich Scholarship, a prestigious academic award offered through the University of Manitoba