

# Churchill High School

## Community Report

### 2017-2018

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#### Our Purpose

Winnipeg School Division provides a learning environment that fosters the growth of each student's potential and provides equitable opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills, and values necessary for meaningful participation in a global and diverse society.

#### Our Vision

Is for current and future people learning and working within Winnipeg School Division to be:  
**Engaged, Confident, Inspired, and Successful Learners.**



## 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 learning environment that maximizes the aspirations, abilities and achievements of all students.

As a UNESCO designated school, we foster a strong sense of community. 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 community.



# Highlights

- Six of our Leadership students attended the National Canadian Leadership Conference in Waterloo, Ontario. Nineteen Leadership Students attended the Horizons Leadership Conference in Winnipeg
- The Churchill High School Football Alumni hosted an annual fundraising dinner for our school's football program
- Our Indigenous Youth Group held many events including Orange Shirt day and an event to honour Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. They also facilitated the "Blanket Activity" for students at Churchill and across the Winnipeg School Division. They held workshops for our Middle Years students on Louis Reil
- Two of our students received Manitoba Aboriginal Youth Leadership Awards
- Over 50 grade 7 and 8 students attended Spring camp in May
- Members of our football team were awarded the following from the WHSFL: Jim Forbister Award, Currie Division Rookie of the Year, and two players represented our school in the 2018 Senior Bowl
- Our Varsity Boys Basketball team received 3 medals in three different tournaments this past season
- Our Hockey Skills Academy was very successful and will be growing next year to accommodate over 75 students at the grade 7 & 8 levels as well as expanding to host grade 9 boys hockey teams
- 43 students attended a Choral and Band competition in Brandon and our Senior Concert Band has been invited to Toronto next year to compete at a national festival
- Our drama students presented a shadow theatre performance during the Remembrance Day Service
- Our grade 11/12 drama students won recognition for their play on teen suicide at the Drama Festival in May
- A grade 11 Student was a SHAD recipient and will attend a month long STEM Learning Conference in Waterloo, Ontario in August
- We fielded over 36 sports teams at the school



## Priorities for 2017-2018

### Literacy and Numeracy

#### Examples:

- 1) Substantial gains made in numeracy skills due to focused skill development at all grade levels
- 2) Grade 12 ELA course now worth two credits to include an extensive persuasive essay component

### Addressing Barriers to Learning

#### Examples:

- 1) Inclusion of students with special needs in option classes as well as school activities continues to rise
- 2) Strategies in place to support students through anti-bullying, and Health and Wellness initiatives as well as breakfast and lunch programs

### Sustainability

#### Examples:

- 1) Our Indigenous Youth Group hosted an Orange Shirt Day to remember residential school survivors, facilitated the blanket activity for other schools and held a Metis Day to educate staff and students about the Metis
- 2) Our Leadership students held a coffee house to raise awareness and funds to honour murdered and missing Indigenous Women

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

#### Example:

- 1) Accessed resources including off-campus, YESS program and tutoring services to accommodate students' needs.



## Priorities for 2018-19

### Indigenous Education:

- Continue to infuse Aboriginal topics and themes into class instruction and school programs
- Continue to support initiatives by our active Indigenous Youth Group
- Develop a program for male Aboriginal students to support their academics as well as provide a welcoming space for Indigenous cultural learning.

### Numeracy:

- Continue to focus on developing number sense and problem solving skills with our Middle School students
- Math teachers meet in professional learning communities to ensure consistency with programming and assessment throughout grades
- New support program (Math Lab) to support high school students taking Applied and Pre-Cal math classes
- Practical Arts programs to support students' understanding and application of imperial and metric units of measurement

### Science:

- Focus will be on planning to enhance students' engagement in Science through a Middle Years Science Club and experimental design
- Build capacity in students to encourage them to take grade 11 and 12 Sciences

### Literacy:

- ELA teachers meet in a professional learning community to further develop common writing practices and assessment in grades 7 – 12
- ELA teachers will be "early adopters" of the new Provincial ELA Curriculum
- Teach strategies for annotating text when reading
- Provide supports to the new students in our LAL ( Literacy, Academics and Language) program and our International Students

### Addressing Barriers to Learning:

- Continue to provide breakfast and lunch programs
- Enhance our Physical Education program through a whole – school fitness program and student self-assessment of fitness level
- Continue to support inclusive practices in academics/option classes as well as activities within the school community

### Sustainability:

- Continue to infuse UNESCO's four pillars of learning into teaching practices and the various student-led staff and community led ESD initiatives

# Parent and Community Involvement

## Parent and Community Initiatives

- Active Parent Advisory Council
- YMCA After-School program for our students with special needs
- Safe Grad Parent Committee
- Community attended our Leadership Coffee House to raise funds for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
- Staff Appreciation Breakfast hosted by our PAC members
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters Youth in School Mentoring Program at local elementary schools
- Team coaches from community and alumni
- Churchill Football Alumni Hall of Fame Dinner
- Winnipeg Police Service presented to our grade 9 – 12 students information on fentanyl

## Student and School Initiatives

- Meet the Teacher BBQ
- School Talent Show and Winter Concerts in December
- Families attended our fourth Athletic BBQ Celebration
- Student Leaders volunteer at Riverview and Lord Roberts Schools
- Aboriginal Grad Feast hosted family and community members to honour our 11 Indigenous Grads
- Various fundraising initiatives including Christmas Cheer Board, Winnipeg Harvest, Main Street Project, Riverview Health Centre, North End Family Centre
- Churchill High School Open House
- Leadership volunteers at the TEDx Event in Winnipeg
- Community Clean-up
- Our student leaders hosted a coffee house and raised over \$1,100 in honour of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. Many of our community businesses contributed prizes and food for the event
- Grade 10 Foods students are pen pals with a rural elementary school and they met with each other to share food and friendship



- Student volunteers assisted at the Human Rights in Art Education Conference in May
- Fine Arts Nights showcased our students art work and our bands, drama students and choirs performed
- Grade 7 – 9 students participated in a community clean-up
- Our students in our CAP program continue to care for the flower and vegetable gardens in our courtyard
- Our UNESCO group planted fruit trees for the courtyard
- Grade 6 Parent information evening
- Day of Pink cupcake fundraiser for the Red Cross