

Churchill High School

Community Report

2016-2017

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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.



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Highlights

- Four of our Leadership students attended the National Canadian Leadership Conference in Windsor Ontario. The Leadership students invited the Riverview community to a coffee house to raise money for refugees. They also hosted a student leadership conference attended by students from five City of Winnipeg Schools.
- The Churchill High School Alumni, “We are Rougers”, hosted a football homecoming game and social to raise money for our sports programs and lunch program.
- Sixteen students were chosen to attend an all-expense paid trip to We Day in Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- Our Indigenous Youth Group held many events at the school including Orange Shirt day to remember and honour residential school survivors. They also coordinated a Metis Awareness day and facilitated the “Blanket Activity” for our staff members as well as students in other schools.
- We hosted the drama production, “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee”, that was well attended by our families and community
- One of our students received a Manitoba Aboriginal Youth Leadership Award for leadership
- One of our students was a member of a Provincial Cultural Proficiency Conference where she introduced Key note speakers and facilitated a panel discussion
- Eighteen grade 9 and 10 students enjoyed a week- long trip to Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec City.
- Over 70 grade 7 and 8 students attended winter camp for two days.
- We are the Division Champions for girls and boys grade 7 -9 soccer.
- Our Hockey Skills Academy was very successful and will be growing next year to accommodate over 50 students in grades 7 and 8
- Over 80 students attended a Choral and Band competition in Minneapolis and received numerous awards of excellence
- The creation of a junior varsity football team is helping our students prepare for the varsity competition
- We fielded over 36 sports teams at the school



Priorities for 2016-2017

Strengthen instructional and assessment strategies.

Examples:

- 1) Students are using vertical learning in Math to enhance collaboration and understanding of math concepts
- 2) ELA Teachers are using common assessment rubric and language for all grade levels

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

Examples:

- 1) Inclusion of students with special needs in option classes as well as school activities continues to rise
- 2) Mindfulness used daily in middle schools classrooms

Strengthen and enhance Education for Sustainable Development.

Examples:

- 1) 16 students attended the WeDay event in Halifax, Nova Scotia
- 2) Our Indigenous Youth Group hosted an Orange Shirt Day to remember residential school survivors and held a Metis Day to educate staff and students about the Metis

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 2017-18

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
- 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' understanding and application of experimental design.

Literacy:

- ELA teachers meet in a professional learning community to further develop common writing practices and assessment in grades 7 – 12
- Pilot a reading assessment with the Winnipeg School Division to aid teachers in understanding next steps for students' learning
- Teach strategies for annotating text when reading
- Provide supports to the new students in our LAL (Literacy, Academics and Language) program

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
- Increase the use of mindfulness into high school programs
- 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
- Churchill Alumni hosted a homecoming game and social to raise money for our sports teams and lunch program
- Red Eagle Drum Group
- YMCA After-School program for our students with special needs
- Safe Grad Parent Committee
- Community attended our Leadership Coffee House to raise funds for our local refugees
- IPSA program parent BBQ and Winter Feast
- 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

Student and School Initiatives

- Meet the Teacher BBQ
- Families attended our third annual athletic banquet
- Student Leaders volunteer at Riverview and Lord Roberts Schools
- Aboriginal Grad Feast hosted over 50 family and community members to honour our 14 Indigenous Grads
- Various fundraising initiatives including Christmas Cheer Board, Winnipeg Harvest, Siloam Mission
- Churchill High School Open House



- Drama Production of the "25th Annual Putman County Spelling Bee"
- Fine Arts Night showcased our students art work and our bands 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
- Grade 6 Parent information evening