



# Isaac Brock School

Newsletter

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Principal: C. Goring

Vice-Principal: A. Pelletier

## Message from Administration

At Isaac Brock School, we follow a Code of Conduct that emphasizes Positive Behavior Interventions Supports (PBIS) with an emphasis on restorative practices. Our school beliefs and values are rooted in safe, respectful and responsible expectations. The sacred teachings of Respect, Bravery, Humility, Honesty, Wisdom, Truth and Love also serve as a guide in school behavior and social emotional learning outcomes.

As per Winnipeg School Division policy, our school's Code of Conduct is to be shared with as many stakeholders as possible; this includes all staff, Parent Council, Student Council and all students in age appropriate language. I have consulted with Parent Council (October meeting) and staff on numerous occasions. To date, all groups have collaborated and reflected on our current code of conduct and were supportive of it. The success of all students in developing healthy relationships is the support of parents/guardians. Students must demonstrate safe, respectful and responsible behaviour to be successful in school. Teachers will assist students in setting goals and problem solving and support staff will become involved as needed.

The Winnipeg School Division is implementing new attendance improvement plans. These are to be used when a student has 10% or more unexcused absences per month (5 days or more unexcused per month).

Many of our students and their families have excellent attendance and this needs to be celebrated. Some families are struggling with regular attendance or being late to class. Our school data gives us reason to develop strategies that focus on both celebrating attendance successes, and improving student absenteeism and late arrivals to school. Research indicates that missing more than 5 days of school each year, regardless of the cause, affects student academic performance and starts shaping attitudes about school. Therefore, we must realize that excused absences and unexcused absences have similar impact on student academic performance.

## Introducing Isaac Brock School's NEW school logo!

Meet our new logo... The Isaac Brock Chargers!

We are so excited to launch Isaac Brock's new logo this year, as it has been in the process for over half a year. Student Council members were in charge of recreating the logo as our school has grown and developed over the years, and we wanted to reflect that in a special way. Student Council decided to propose a logo challenge to all students, where students of Isaac Brock were asked to redesign the logo and prepare an explanation for their idea. Once we had our submissions, we had a whole school voting process, and in the end, it was Geniveve St. Godard's design that won! Geniveve worked with our Winnipeg School Division's Graphic and Web Designer to create what is now our school logo!

We are very excited for this new chapter in our school's history, and we will present it and share the new logo design during a whole school assembly on Monday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:50 am in the gym.

Go Isaac Brock Chargers!



# Greetings from Room 9 & 11

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Hello Families,

What a great first 2 months we had! I was so impressed! Everyone played kindly, listened well, shared with others and used their words. There were some tears for a few friends on our first week when saying goodbye to family members and guardians, but they quickly dried once inside the classroom. It was very busy and everyday we did lots of exploring.

A reminder that we encourage parents to please pack a healthy snacks every day. As the weather gets colder and wetter, students need to have the following items: winter hat, mittens/ gloves, scarf/ neck warmer, winter boots, snow pants and a proper winter jacket (please label everything). Despite the cold weather, we will be going to play outside unless there is a weather advisory stating that we cannot go outside. Thank you for your cooperation!



Our first 2 months focussed on listening, following directions and building teacher/student and student/student relationships. We set expectations for learning and reinforced routines. We learned how to scrub those germs away by washing our hands often and how important this good habit is, especially now that we are in the flu season. We are working on letters and sounds, counting, writing and recognizing our names and developing our fine motor skills to strengthen our hand muscles.

In Cree / Ojibwe, our students have begun to acquire an ear for the sounds in conversation like greeting one another. We are working on counting, naming our family members, rhymes/songs and naming our body parts using our second language.

Keep up the great work room 9 and 11!  
- Ms. Flores





## Important Reminders

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- With the weather changing, please ensure you send your child to school with indoor AND outdoor shoes. Children who do not have proper footwear will be unable to participate in Phys. Ed. class due to their safety and maintaining floor care.
- If your child is getting picked up instead of taking the school bus home, please ensure you let the school know no later than **3PM**.
- Report cards will be **EMAILED** home unless otherwise requested. If you would prefer a hard copy of the report card instead, and have not already informed the Office, please let us know ASAP. Report Cards will be distributed on Wednesday, November 15th.
- Our Parent-Teacher scheduling will now take place through the "School Interviews App"- More information will be provided soon.
- With winter upon us, please remember to send your child with the appropriate winter clothing and footwear. The school has limited extra items to give at the moment. (clothing donations are always welcomed!)

## Walk-A-Thon Success!

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WOW!! Once again, Isaac Brock students and Community, you have outdone yourselves!! The numbers are in and we are excited to announce that we collected **\$8,529.60** during this year's annual Walk-A-Thon fundraiser!

Thank you so much to all the students who hustled and brought in donations for our school. A big thank you also goes to our amazing community for supporting our school... every last cent from the fundraiser goes straight to our students! We are so lucky to have your support!





## Room 17 Visits the Public Library!

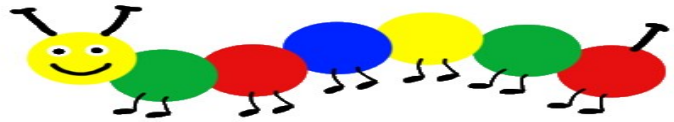
Students in room 17 went on a community walk to the Harvey Smith Library. During our visit, we listened to stories read by Ms. Barbara, signed books out on our cards and either read or drew with friends. We are scheduled to visit the library again on November 3<sup>rd</sup> in the afternoon.



## Isaac Brock Spirit Week November 6-10

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Logo Day!	Twin Day!	Mix-Up Day!	Jersey Day!	Dress-Up or Down Day!
Wear white, red, and black	Dress up the same as a friend or staff member	Wear mismatched socks, inside out clothing, wacky hair, etc.	Wear your favorite Jersey or sport team gear	Formal wear Vs. Pajamas

# Parent Council



Hello November!

We've got some big plans for the month! We will start off our first fundraiser of the school year by helping you get ready for the holidays! Just like last year, we are pairing our Peak of the Market Veggie fundraiser with the Fundscrip Gift Card fundraiser to help make your holiday shopping a little easier! Orders will be due on the 24th of November and order pick-up is scheduled for December 14th. More details will be coming home soon and will be found on our social media pages.

Also in November, we will be hosting our Scholastic Book Fair! From November 13th to the 17th, your children and their classrooms will get a chance to preview the book fair during the school day. We will have options to make purchases at lunch as well as for families to make purchases during parent-teacher conference days. More details to follow closer to the week of the fair!

Our next meeting will be November 8th, 2023 at 630pm in the school library. There will be free childcare and snack! Please email us if you would like to attend so we can get you the documents required for the meeting since we are trying to go as paperless as possible.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or inquiries by email. Or maybe you would like to volunteer? Email [ibparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ibparentcouncil@gmail.com). Check out our Facebook and Instagram pages [@isaacbrockparentcouncil](#) for updates and other useful information!

Cheers!  
Sindy A. Stratton  
Parent Council Chair

VALOUR COMMUNITY CENTRE'S  
*Handmade Market*  
CALLING VENDORS!  
VCC Clifton site  
1315 Strathcona St.  
Saturday December  
2nd, 2023  
10am to 3pm.  
Contact Liz to book a table  
for \$35:  
[ejackimec@gmail.com](mailto:ejackimec@gmail.com)  
204.298.6741  
*Made with love*



# Absence Reporting

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If your child is going to be absent, late, departing early, or going on vacation we encourage all families to use the absence reporting system below to help decrease the volume of calls in the morning. If you wish to use the app, please ensure your email is up to date on your child's school file otherwise it won't work.



**School Messenger** allows parents/guardians to report student absences, late arrivals, early departures and vacations by phone, web or smartphone app. Parents/ guardians will report all absences through School Messenger **before 9:00 AM** and will not receive a phone call from the school.

For safety reasons, in the event of an unexplained student absence, the system will communicate with parents in a timely manner.

There are three ways to report an absence:



### Phone:

Parents/guardians can call the toll free number **1-855-278-4513**; listen carefully to all the options, choose the appropriate absence and reason; wait for confirmation number.



### Internet:

Parents/guardians can log into the website: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> and sign up using the email address on file at Isaac Brock School and a password of your choosing. Absences, late arrivals, early departures and vacations can be reported.



### iPhone or Android device:

If you would like to use an app on your smart phone: Download the free app through the App Store or Google Play; search **School Messenger**; install the blue app and sign up using the email address on file at Isaac Brock School and a password of your choosing. Absences, late arrivals, early departures and vacations can be reported.



**Absences must be reported to School Messenger no later than 9:00 am on the day of the absence.**



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### Hiring – Community Engagement Coordinator

We are putting caring and inclusive approaches to community safety into action in the West End of Winnipeg, while reflecting on what we do and documenting the process to share with other communities.

This project is a partnership between South Valour Residents Association (SVRA) and researchers in Urban and Inner-City Studies at the University of Winnipeg. SVRA is a volunteer-run, non-profit organization in the area bounded by Ellice and Portage Avenues to the north and south, and Erin Street and Denson Place to the east and west.

In 2022 we developed a report to guide our work: <https://mra-mb.ca/publication/grassroots-anti-oppressive-approaches-to-safety/> Our caring and inclusive approach to safety includes building relationships, acknowledging and valuing people who are most vulnerable to harm, creating opportunities to see and connect with the full diversity of neighbourhood residents, and inclusion and equity.

What the community engagement coordinator will do:

- Attend and take an active role in South Valour Safety Committee meetings
- Identify, reach out and connect with community members who have not been part of SVRA's organizing so far
- Identify and build relationships with other organizations doing safety work
- Help plan community events and activities with Safety Committee members
- Help document and reflect on our collective action
- Contribute to a toolkit based on our work together

The coordinator(s) will be supported by the South Valour Safety Committee, and supervised by the academic research assistant and lead researcher. Working hours are flexible and there will be opportunities for training and mentorship.

#### Qualifications

- Resident of West End Winnipeg (ideally of South Valour or surrounding area)
- Familiarity with the neighbourhood and local community institutions and organizations
- Demonstrated interest in neighbourhood issues
- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- Proactive and adaptable, with a willingness to try new things and a good attention to detail
- Proficient with technology
- Ability to commit to the project term (to May 2025)



# COMMUNITY FEAST & AGM

SAT, NOV. 25  
**2023**  
11:30AM-2PM

**MAIN MEAL PROVIDED**

Please bring your favourite treat to share for a

**DESSERT POTLUCK**

COMMUNITY **MAPPING** ACTIVITY

Fun, interactive event!

**VALOUR COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
CLIFTON SITE  
1315 STRATHCONA

**FREE EVENT!**



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## BE THE INSPIRATION

Winnipeg School Division is hiring

When our students see themselves in the people around them, they are inspired to succeed.

Be part of our community of inspiration.

**JOIN US**



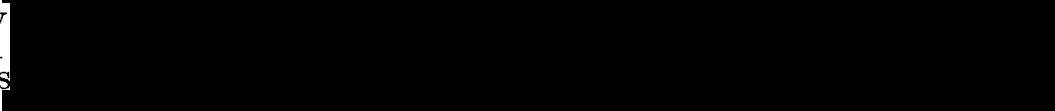
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# SPELLING BEE OF CANADA | 37th EDITION - 2024 ANNUAL PROGRAM



PACKAGE OPTIONS	WHAT'S INCLUDED?	VALUE
<b>1 PACKAGE A</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SBOC Study Guide (2024 Edition)</li> <li>Participation in regional Spelling Bee Competition</li> <li>Certificate of Participation</li> <li>Competition Overview Webinar</li> </ul>	\$55.00 CAD
<b>2 PACKAGE B</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes the <b>Package A</b> features plus:</li> <li>Access to SBOC's Online Learning Platform (OLP), which features the following:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Study Section (auditory and visual learning)</li> <li>Self-test (practice for the competition)</li> <li>Activities (educational word games)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	\$70.00 CAD

### 3 COACHING



For coaching details please visit our website at:

[spellingbeeofcanada.ca/coaching](https://spellingbeeofcanada.ca/coaching)



## REGISTRATION DETAILS

Contestants must be the following ages, as of December 31, 2023

PRIMARY	JUNIOR	INTERMEDIATE
6-8	9-11	12-14
Born: 2015-2017	Born: 2012-2014	Born: 2009-2011

### KEY DATES

- Chapter Spelling Bee Competitions in person: March - April 2024
- Championship Competition (In-Person at Toronto) May 26, 2024\*
- \* Subject to change to the virtual format and is contingent on Health Canada

### PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Improve your English skills in spelling, comprehension, creativity and communication.
- Build self-confidence interacting with peers.
- Experience public speaking & critical thinking.

### PAYMENT OPTIONS


- Parent/Guardian visit: [www.spellingbeeofcanada.ca/registration](https://www.spellingbeeofcanada.ca/registration).
- Parent/Guardian completes the registration steps as outlined on the website.
- Accepted payment methods online include Visa, Mastercard, Paypal and Debit.

Please note that if you cannot pay by the above options, please contact SBOC headquarters at [info@spellingbeeofcanada.ca](mailto:info@spellingbeeofcanada.ca) or call 416-746-0072 to make alternative arrangements.

CHAPTER PRIZES	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
PRIMARY	\$500	\$350	\$250
JUNIOR	\$500	\$350	\$250
INTERMEDIATE	\$500	\$350	\$250

CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZES	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
PRIMARY	\$1000	\$750	\$500
JUNIOR	\$1000	\$750	\$500
INTERMEDIATE	\$1000	\$750	\$500

 All winners will be awarded trophies

**WINNIPEG CHAPTER INFO**  
Co-Sponsor Healthy Muslim Families

Competition Date: April 27, 2024  
 Contact: Afsheen  
 Email: [spellingbee@healthymuslimfamilies.ca](mailto:spellingbee@healthymuslimfamilies.ca)  
 Web Site: <https://healthymuslimfamilies.ca/>



If you are 12-18 years of age



## **The Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps John Travers Cornwell VC**

Offers you the opportunity to experience  
**The Sea Cadet Challenge**  
while making lasting friendships, having fun and earning  
high school credits!

We are a co-educational, non-profit community organization sponsored by  
the Navy League of Canada Cornwell (Winnipeg) Branch and  
the Department of National Defence.

**This makes us a ~~FREE-TO-JOIN~~ program for young Canadians!**

You can be a part of the tradition and the ceremony of the Guard of Honour,  
Marching Band, Colour Party, or Drill Team!

Training includes: Sailing, Marksmanship, Communications, Seamanship, First  
Aid, Marine Navigation, Basic and Advanced Boat Handling, Biathlon, Rope  
Work, Sports, Snorkeling, Leadership, and MUCH, MUCH MORE!

Sea Cadets have the opportunity to cruise to foreign ports aboard  
His Majesty's Canadian Ships, Canadian Coast Guard Vessels, and tall ships!  
Summer camps across Canada offer Sea Cadets a variety of one, three, and  
six week courses in Music, Sailing, Athletics and MORE! International  
Exchanges are also available through the Sea Cadet Program, as are  
opportunities for full-time, paid summer employment.

**BE A ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADET!**

**BUILD FITNESS, LEADERSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP!**

**Come check us out!**

**Monday Evenings from 6:45 – 9:30 p.m.**

**H.M.C.S CHIPPAWA  
1 Navy Way  
Winnipeg, Manitoba**

**Accepting new Cadets from September to April**

**For more information,  
email us at [49sea@cadets.gc.ca](mailto:49sea@cadets.gc.ca)**



# November 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Coming up in December:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Friday, Dec. 1– NO CLASSES (Isaac Brock only)</b></li> <li>◆ <b>Dec. 22– Last Day of school before winter break</b></li> <li>◆ <b>Dec. 25-Jan 5– Winter Break</b></li> </ul>		1 Day 5	2 Day 6	3 Day 1
		<p>11:45– Gr. 6-9 Intramurals</p> <p>AM– Gr. 7/8 Shops</p>	<p>11:45– Gr. 4 Soccer</p> <p>PM– Gr. 9 Shops</p>	<p>Term 1 Ends</p> <p>PM– Rm. 17 Walk to Harvey Smith Library</p>
6 Day 2	7 Day 3	8 Day 4	9 Day 5	10 Day 6
<p><b>Logo Day</b></p> <p>Logo Launch Assembly @ 10:50</p> <p>11:45– Gr. 6-9 Girls Soccer</p> <p>4:00– JH Boys V-ball game @ IBK</p>	<p><b>Twin Day</b></p> <p>11:45– Gr. 4 Soccer</p>	<p><b>Mix-Up Day</b></p> <p>11:45– Gr. 6-9 Boys Soccer</p> <p>4:00– JH Boys V-ball game @ Isaac Newton</p> <p>6:30– Parent Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>Jersey Day</b></p> <p>AM– Gr. 7/8 Shops</p> <p>11:45– Gr. 6-9 Intramurals</p>	<p><b>Dress-up Day</b></p> <p>10:50– Remembrance Day Ceremony</p> <p>PM– Gr. 9 Shops</p>
13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 3	16 Day 4	17 Day 5
<p>11:45– Student Council Meeting</p>	<p>11:45– Gr. 6-9 Girls Soccer</p>	<p><b>Report Cards EMAILED home</b></p> <p>11:45– Gr. 4 Soccer</p>	<p><b>Picture Retakes</b></p> <p>11:45– Gr. 6-9 Boys Soccer</p> <p>Tri-Conferences in Evening</p>	<p><b>Tri-Conferences all day NO CLASSES</b></p> 
20 Day 6	21 Day 1	22 Day 2	23 Day 3	24 Day 4
<p>11:45– Gr. 4 Soccer</p> <p>PM– Gr. 9 Shops</p>		<p>11:45– Gr. 6-9 Girls Soccer</p>	<p>11:45– Gr. 4 Soccer</p>	<p>11:45– Gr. 6-9 Boys Soccer</p>
27 Day 5	28 Day 6	29 Day 1	30 Day 2	
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