



Isaac Brock School

Newsletter

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Message from Administration

Celebrating students learning unites students, families, and schools, reinforcing achievements, inspiring growth, and strengthening support systems for continued educational success and community connection. This year families are invited into our November Student Led Conferences on evening of November 21st from 4:00 – 8:00 and Friday November 22nd from 1:00-3:30.

The model of student-led conferences aligns well with the values of our school community in several They emphasize holistic learning, relationship-building, and community engagement. Student-led conferences are important and impactful because they actively involve students in their own learning journey, making them a central part of the conversation about their progress and goals. Student Led Conferences help strengthen relationships between students, families, and schools by supporting:

A Learner-Centered Approach - Learning is deeply personal and self-directed. Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning, which is reflected in the student-led conference model. In these conferences, students take charge of discussing their progress, goals, and areas of improvement, fostering a sense of agency and accountability that is central to all our family's core beliefs

Community and Relational Learning - Learning is not just for individual growth but for the well-being of the collective. Student-led conferences invite family and community members into the conversation, creating an opportunity for collaborative reflection on the student's learning journey. This reflects the relational aspect of education, where family and community are integral to the learning process.

Oral Tradition and Storytelling - Oral tradition and storytelling are fundamental aspects of Indigenous peoples' identities. Student-led conferences allow students to narrate their own learning journey, reflecting on their experiences, challenges, and growth. This process of sharing through narrative aligns with the storytelling traditions of Indigenous cultures, where knowledge is passed on through spoken word, personal stories, and reflective dialogue.

Holistic Development - Student-led conferences often encourage students to reflect on more than just academic achievements, addressing personal growth, emotional well-being, and future aspirations.

Respect for Diverse Learning Styles - Student-led conferences give students the opportunity to showcase their learning in ways that best suit their individual strengths and learning styles, whether through portfolios, presentations, or other means. This respect for multiple forms of expression and understanding is consistent with values found within our community.

Reciprocity and Shared Responsibility - Learning is often seen as reciprocal—students learn from others and contribute to the learning of the community. The model of student-led conferences supports this by creating a space where the student's voice is central, but also where the input of teachers and family members is valued, fostering a shared responsibility for the student's growth.

Overall, student-led conferences build a more engaged, supportive network around the student, which can improve academic performance, personal growth, and the relationship between students, families, and schools. Student-led conferences reinforce the idea that education is a collaborative effort. Families gain a clearer insight into how they can support their child at home, aligning their efforts with the school's objectives and creating a supportive environment for the student.

Sincerely,

Mr. Goring

Message from Parent Council

Happy November!

We are gearing up for our first fundraiser for the school year with our holiday season gift card fundraiser! We are once again partnering with Fundscrip during the month of November you can get a good chunk of your holiday shopping finished and help us raise money for the school at the same time! It's a win win! Orders will be due back November 29th. More details should be making their way to you shortly.

This is just a reminder that the Parent Council is no longer operating the lunch program within the school. It has been taken over by the school and division to offer our Isaac Brock families a FREE lunch program. This is an initiative by the Winnipeg School Division and superintendent Matt Henderson to eventually transition all schools within WSD to a school run lunch program. We were fortunate to be one of the first ones to transition and this is still all brand new as of September this year. Like all new programs, there are still kinks to work out and changes to navigate but your children are well cared for and things are operating well!

We welcome all parents and guardians from our Isaac Brock families to feel free to attend our Parent Council meetings. We aid the school in many ways and are representatives of the parental voice. The more voices we have at our meetings, the better representation we have of our school community. Our next meeting is December 2nd at 6pm in the school library. Please send us an email if you would like to attend so we can send you the documents required for the meeting. Child care is also available if you need it. We hope to see you there.

Please email ibparentcouncil@gmail.com if you could aid in any volunteer opportunities, become an active member of the parent council or just to find out more. Check out our Facebook and Instagram pages [@isaacbrockparentcouncil](#) for updates and other useful information!

Cheers!
Sindy A. Stratton
Parent Council Chair



Tri-Conferences will be taking place on November 21st in the evening and 22nd during the day.

Changes to Grade 9 Programming

Starting next school year 2025-2026 Isaac Brock will no longer be offering grade 9 programming.

After a thorough review it is evident that programming based on a Middle Years structure and philosophy would support students in Grade 7 and 8 by promoting and focusing on the development of early adolescence. Therefore at the completion of the 2024/2025 school year students registering for Grade 9 will attend either Daniel McIntyre, Tec Voc or Children of the Earth High Schools. These schools look forward to providing an enriching and successful Grade 9-12 Senior Years learning environment.

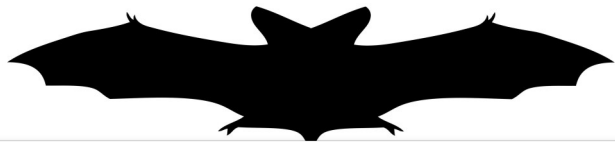
There will be an information session held Wednesday, November 6th at 6:30 pm for grade 8 families to discuss the upcoming changes to our Grade 9 programming and provide valuable information on the next steps for your child's education.

If your child is in Grade 8 this year and you have not RSVP'd yet please do so by calling the school at 204-772-9527.

Spooktacular Halloween

We really enjoyed seeing the children in their Halloween Costumes this year. Here are a few pictures of some of our students all dressed up for Halloween!







SCHOOLMESSENGER®

SAFE ARRIVAL ABSENCE REPORTING SYSTEM

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.**

November 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Day 6
				TERM 1 ENDS AM-Rm 17 & 18 Minto Armouries AM-Rm 16 Harvey Smith Library D&D @ Lunch PM-Gr 9 Shops 4-6 Intramurals
4 Day 1	5 Day 2	6 Day 3	7 Day 4	8 Day 5
4-6 Intramurals Choir @ Lunch 3:30 PM Cross Country Practice (Gr 7-9) Boys Soccer	8:00 AM Dynamic Yoga (Gr 4-9) D&D @ Lunch Boys Soccer Game at Lunch at Axworthy Rec Plex	8:00 AM Chill Yoga (Gr 4-9) 4-6 Intramurals Choir @ Lunch	AM-Rm 12&16 Minto Armouries AM-Rm 17 Harvey Smith Library D&D @ Lunch Girls Soccer Practice 12-12:40	Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:50 AM-Gr 7/8 Shops CANCELLED Choir @ Lunch Girls Soccer Game at Lunch at Axworthy Rec Plex
11	12 Day 6	13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 3
Remembrance Day  NO CLASSES	PM-Gr 9 Shops Girls Soccer Practice 12-12:40 D&D @ Lunch	Picture Retakes  4-6 Intramurals Choir @ Lunch	Boys Soccer Practice 12-12:40 D&D @ Lunch	4-6 Intramurals Choir @ Lunch
18 Day 4	19 Day 5	20 Day 6	21 Day 1	22 Day 2
4-6 Intramurals D&D @ Lunch	AM-Gr 7/8 Shops Girls Soccer Practice 12-12:40 Choir @ Lunch	Report Cards Emailed Home PM-Gr 9 Shops D&D @ Lunch 4-6 Intramurals 6:30 Parent Council Meeting	8:00 AM Hit Around (Gr 6-9 Badminton & Volleyball) Choir @ Lunch Boys Soccer Practice 12-12:40 Tri-Conferences Evening	Non-Instructional Day  NO CLASSES Tri-Conferences
25 Day 3	26 Day 4	27 Day 5	28 Day 6	29 Day 1
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