



December 2023 Newsletter

As we approach the dawn of a new year, it brings me immense joy to reflect on the remarkable gifts and wishes our students have shared with the school community. Our students are not only bright academically but also possess a wealth of unique talents and passions that contribute to the vibrant tapestry of our school. From dazzling artistic endeavors to inspiring athletic achievements, each student brings something special to our community.

In the spirit of the season, students have shared their heartfelt wishes for the upcoming year. These wishes range from personal aspirations to collective hopes for a more connected and compassionate world. It's heartening to witness the genuine care and thoughtfulness our students extend towards one another and the broader community. Their dreams and aspirations serve as a reminder that, collectively, we can build a future filled with positivity, understanding, and shared success.

We appreciate everyone who made the effort to attend the Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences in November, including parents, guardians, and children. In order to schedule a meeting with your child's teacher if you were unable to attend the parent-teacher interviews, please email the teacher or call the school. Report cards for the first term were made available online.

As we bid farewell to the current year and step into the new one, let us celebrate the diversity of talents and dreams within our school community. May the coming year be a canvas for our students to paint their aspirations and achieve new heights. From all of us at Isaac Newton School, we wish each student a New Year filled with joy, success, and the fulfillment of their dearest wishes. Together, let us embark on a journey of growth, learning, and shared achievements in the coming year.

I am departing from my role as principal of Isaac Newton School to embark on a new educational journey. The WSD will begin the process of selecting a new principal for the new year.

The Isaac Newton staff would like to wish each and every one of our families a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Best Wishes!



Sincerely,

Ms. Batzel (Principal)



Ms. Popke (Vice Principal)



Remembrance Day Ceremony



In November, students participated in the Remembrance Day ceremony, a solemn and reflective occasion dedicated to honouring the sacrifices made by veterans. Under the thoughtful guidance of **Mr. Liewicki** and **Ms. Bourbonais**, the event was a reminder of the importance of remembering and expressing gratitude for those who have served their country. Students not only gained a deeper understanding of the historical context but also developed a profound appreciation for the courage and sacrifice of those who have defended our freedoms.

Head Secretary



My name is **Mr. Edward**, and I am the **new head secretary** at Isaac Newton School. I started at Isaac in August and have been with the Winnipeg School Division for 2 years, working for various roles in the Board Office, specifically at the Secretary Treasurers department as a receptionist and as a printing clerk at Central Print Services. As a graduate of Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute and Technical Vocational High School (Culinary Arts), I am proud to have the Winnipeg School Division as my alma mater. Upon arriving in Canada, the division provided me with a sense of community, giving me the opportunity to interact with people of all backgrounds and nationalities. I thrived both personally and professionally. It is with great pleasure that I continue my career at Isaac Newton School. My office is in Room 23 during the mornings, and I am available at the front office in the afternoons. You are all welcome to come by to chat!



Parents Attend Free Photography Class!

Mr. Dhalla arranged an evening photography session for parents during the month of November. The intention was to offer essential photography skills, covering the evolution of digital cameras and the art of capturing moments. The session explored the history of digital cameras, emphasizing the transformative journey from traditional film to modern technology, including DSLRs. Participants had the opportunity to gain insights into technological advancements and milestones, broadening their creative abilities and enabling them to capture photographs of a more professional quality. The workshop focused on portrait photography, teaching parents composition, lighting techniques, and effective communication to capture the essence of their subjects. Additionally, parents learned digital image manipulation, allowing them to personalize their narratives through background replacements using photo editing software.



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Before



After



Mr. Dhalla (left) with parent attendees!



Community Support



My name is **Ti-Oluwani Friesen**, and I am the **community support worker** for Isaac Newton School.

My role is to provide support to parents, guardians, students, and the community. Part of my role is advocating for and connecting families with available community resources, agencies, and organizations. Such as assistance with housing, rent, food, clothing, counseling, and transportation. As well as facilitating the Parent Advisory Committee.

I will be at the school every Wednesday and Friday.

My contact information:

Email: tfriesen@wsd1.org

Phone: (204) 586-9606 -Ex 575

Halloween

Students had the chance to participate in the **Halloween dance** held at our school as well as other enjoyable events organized throughout the building. Some amazing costumes that students came dressed in are shown here. We appreciate the student council and **Mr. Edinborough** for planning this event. Thank you to our very own **DJ Santos!**





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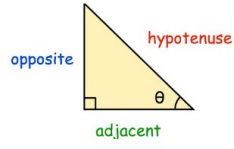


PARENT-CHILD OPPORTUNITY

Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce a special opportunity for you and your children to brush up on your math skills, especially trigonometry, together! I will be offering a **free math workshop** on **Monday, December 18, 2023**, at Isaac Newton School in Room 7. The workshop will take place from **5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

Trigonometry



$$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{Opposite}}{\text{Adjacent}}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{Opposite}}{\text{Hypotenuse}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\text{Adjacent}}{\text{Hypotenuse}}$$

Understanding the importance of mathematics in our daily lives, I believe this workshop provides a fantastic chance for both parents and children to enhance their math skills collaboratively. This class offers a unique opportunity for family bonding and learning, as parents and children can take the workshop together. However, parents are more than welcome to attend alone if their children are unable to join. I believe that strengthening math skills not only benefits academic success but also fosters a positive and supportive learning environment at home.

Your participation in this workshop also contributes to the sense of community involvement at Isaac Newton School. By coming together to learn and grow, we can create a more enriching educational experience for our children. I look forward to seeing you at the free math workshop and appreciate your commitment to your child's education.

Date: Monday, December 18, 2023

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Venue: Isaac Newton School Rm 7

I kindly request that you RSVP at nvdhalla@wsd1.org to secure your spot, as seats are limited.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Mr. N. Dhalla (Math, Science, and Technology Teacher)



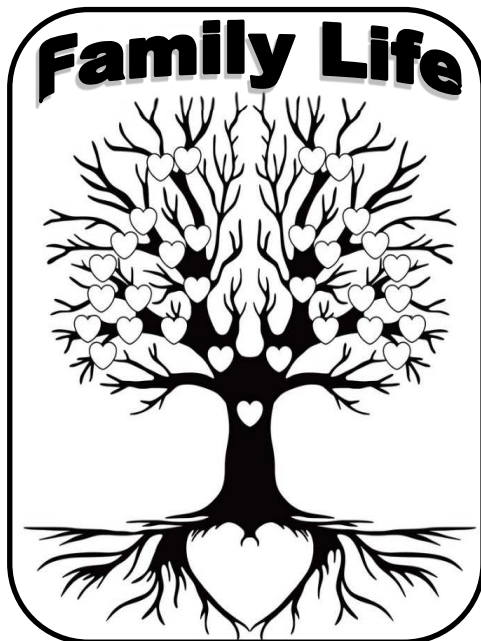


Guest Teacher

I'm **Ms. Celestino**, a guest teacher. I've been filling in for Mr. Pillay as a grade 9 sub for math, science, and culinary subjects for more than a month. I recently earned a double bachelor of arts degree in psychology and geography from the University of Winnipeg in addition to a bachelor's degree in education. I adore the vibe and warmth that Isaac Newton School radiates! I'm happy to be here.



We will provide **family life education for Grade 7, 8, and 9** students over the course of the school year. Family life education is one area of study in the Health Education Curriculum.



The teachers responsible for providing family life education to your child have all received training in this area.

Some topic areas that will be addressed include:

- Family Relationships
- Human Growth and Development
- Dilemmas and issues affecting adolescents

Family life education involves the teaching of facts as well as skills such as decision-making, problem-solving, and refusal. It encourages the development of attitudes that lead to self-understanding and healthy interpersonal relationships. There is an emphasis on developing attitudes, skills, and behaviours that promote healthy lifestyle practices.

If you have any questions about the Family Life Program, please feel free to contact your child's health teacher.



January Night of the Arts Evening (Mr. Vander hout)

This year's Winter Night of the Arts concert will take place on **January 18, 2024, at 7 p.m.** in the gym. Grade 7, 8, and 9 bands will be performing, as well as the jazz band and the guitar class. There will be a **matinée at 1:30 p.m.** for parents and guardians who wish to attend as well.



New Clerk



My name is **Cathryn Mikus**, and I am a **new clerk** here at Isaac Newton School.

This is my first year with the Winnipeg School Division, and it has been a pleasure working with all the students, parents, families, and staff so far! I look forward to each and every day being a learning experience for myself so I can help everyone else's day be better, safer, and run smoothly and effectively.

BBC 100 Women 2023: Who is on the list this year?

After her sister went missing in 2008, **Bernadette Smith (an Isaac Newton alumni)** became a prominent advocate for families of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls in Canada. In her pursuit of answers, she established a coalition and co-founded Drag the Red, an initiative dedicated to searching Winnipeg's Red River for missing persons or evidence. Smith, now serving her third term, has made history as one of two First Nation women appointed as cabinet ministers in Manitoba, currently holding the position of minister of housing, addictions, and homelessness.





As the winter season unfolds, it's **crucial** to prioritize safety on icy roads and sidewalks. Icy surfaces pose potential hazards, and we want to ensure everyone stays safe and sound during their daily routines. When walking on icy sidewalks, take shorter steps, walk flat-footed, and use designated walkways whenever possible. It's also essential to wear appropriate footwear with good traction. When navigating icy roads, allow extra time for travel, maintain a safe distance from other vehicles, and avoid sudden maneuvers. By staying vigilant and taking precautionary measures, we can all contribute to a safer winter for ourselves and our community. Let's make this season one filled with **warmth and well-being**.



Safe walking!

School Closure For Severe Weather

In the event it is necessary to close the schools on a given day because of severe weather conditions, in accordance with School Board Policy, the following procedures will apply:

The decision to close the schools will be made by the Chief Superintendent in consultation with the Chair of the Board

Students, staff and parents are requested to listen carefully to the following radio for the announcement:

Additional information is available through the Winnipeg School Division

on-line at: www.wsd1.org

CBC Radio	92 CITI FM	99.9 BOB FM	1290 CFRW
CJOB	FAB 94.3	CBC - French	102.3 Clear FM
QX 104FM	Energy 106	Virgin 103FM	CKJR Power 97
CTV News	Global TV	CityTV	Wpg Free Press website



Do not Walk, Skate, or Play on Frozen Retention Ponds

Retention ponds are never safe to use for winter recreation activities. Ice conditions can change quickly without warning, and falling through the ice can be deadly. Remind your children to stay away from frozen retention ponds. Keep dogs on leashes when walking near a retention pond so they don't run onto the ice.



Do not walk, skate, or play on frozen retention ponds. Talk to your children about staying away from the ice.



Do not place hockey nets, benches, light structures, or any other items on a frozen retention pond. To report a structure or item on a retention pond, contact 311.



If you see someone on a retention pond, call 911.

Water from snowmelt or nearby water main breaks can drain into retention ponds. This water is often mixed with street salts, which can cause ice to melt and thin unevenly. This water enters retention ponds from underneath the ice, resulting in thinning of ice that can't be seen from the surface.



Student Teacher Spotlight



Hi, my name is **John**! At Isaac Newton School, I am one of five student teachers from the University of Winnipeg. I consider myself fortunate to be here. With the assistance and direction of Mr. Dhalla, I will be teaching math to the eighth grade in Rooms 7 and 8 for the upcoming month.

Fridays

★ Lunch
★ Hour

Activity
&
Games

Club

Library

Come play
board
games, card
games, or
do an
activity!



Fun with Student Teachers!



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OPPORTUNITY FOR WELL-BEING

Dear Parents of Isaac Newton School,

I am writing to inform you about an exciting opportunity for your child to participate in a fitness club at Isaac Newton School. Starting on **November 28, 2023**, I will be coaching a fitness club **every Tuesday from 12:00 to 12:40** in the fitness center. This club aims to highlight the importance of exercise in relation to academics and socialization with fellow students.



Regular exercise has been shown to have numerous benefits, not only for physical health but also for cognitive function. Engaging in physical activity can improve concentration, enhance memory, and boost mental alertness. By incorporating exercise into their routine, students can experience improved academic performance and better overall well-being.

Furthermore, the fitness club will provide an excellent opportunity for students to build social connections with their peers from different grade levels. It encourages teamwork, cooperation, and healthy competition, fostering positive relationships and enhancing social skills. Participating in group activities helps students develop communication abilities, empathy, and a sense of belonging within the school community.

To ensure a safe and effective experience, I request that students come prepared with **appropriate gym clothes**. This includes wearing athletic shoes and comfortable attire that allows for free movement. It is important for students to have a **nutritious lunch** prior to exercising. This will provide the necessary energy to engage in physical activities and maximize the benefits of the fitness club.

During the club sessions, students will have access to a variety of equipment, such as weights, chest press, dumbbells, barbells, etc. While we have implemented safety measures and will closely supervise the fitness club, **accidents can happen** even in controlled environments. Therefore, it is essential that parents provide permission for their children to participate. This will allow us to ensure that the activities are suitable for each individual and that the necessary precautions are taken to minimize any potential risks.

Thank you for your attention, and I look forward to welcoming your child to the fitness club.

Sincerely,

Mr. N. Dhalla (*Math, Science, and Technology Teacher*)

My child, _____ in Room _____,

has permission to take part in the fitness club. My child will **review and follow the safety procedures** with Mr. Dhalla.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____










ISAAC NEWTON JUNIOR HIGH

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text
December 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Day 3	2
					All Grade Activity Day	
3	4 Day 4	5 Day 5	6 Day 6	7 Day 1	8 Day 2	9
10	11 Day 3	12 Day 4	13 Day 5	14 Day 6	15 Day 1	16
					10:50 Skills Manitoba Grade 9's in Library	
17	18 Day 2 Free Parent and Child Math Workshop, 5-7 pm Mr.Dhalla	19 Day 3	20 Day 4	21 Day 5	22 Day 6	23
					LAST DAY OF SCHOOL HAPPY HOLIDAYS!	
24	25 	26 	27 	28 	29 	30

SCHOOL REOPENS on School Day 01, January 8, 2024.
We'll see you in the New Year, and have a great winter break!

SAFE ARRIVAL ABSENCE REPORTING

Please report your child's absence **BEFORE** 9:00am on the day of absence
 Call **1-855-278-4513** or by visiting <http://wsd.schoolconnects.com>