



CHAMPLAIN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026

A safe and caring learning Community, Where Everyone Counts!

Champlain School is a nursery to Grade 6 elementary school nestled in Winnipeg's North End.

We are home to approximately 230 students, 40 staff (teachers, educational assistants, clerks, custodians, and clinicans), and parent/community volunteers.

We have eight grades 1-6 and three Nursery/Kindergarten classrooms.

We are also home to Champlain Community Child care Centre.



Dear Champlain families,

The start of the school year has been a busy month of getting back to the learning groove, battling the cold weather, and singing our school song! Wahkohtowin on Friday, January 16 brought us all together to listen, play and eat in cross-grade groups.. This day was enjoyed by all as we continue to build community in our school.

Our staff are working on building student understanding in additive reasoning with focused daily math learning activities. The MathUp Framework is helping our staff plan for student learning about mathematical problem solving. We will be hosting neighbouring schools on Wednesday, February 11 as we continue our learning together.

February is **I love to read month** which brings many exciting celebrations ! At Champlain, we are also honouring learning about Black History, Love & Kindness, Metis & French culture, and Inclusion. We are welcoming guest readers and performers, highlighted special books in our school library, Stop Drop and Read, games throughout the month, and a Family read afternoon. We will also serve some festive snacks throughout the month.

Winter weather is still here and we remind all families to send their children with warm clothing. If students do not bring warm clothing, we will provide alternate options or the child will remain inside. Thanks for your support!

Alternate indoor recess activities like karaoke, colouring, pokeman, dance, Pokémon fusion club, and more have begun. Lunch clubs are also underway like chess, PowWow Fit, Arts and Crafts club, Auntie time, and Inner city soccer and basketball clubs. Thanks to all the staff that have volunteered their time to facilitate these opportunities for our students!

Our next Parent council meeting is **Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 10am**. We will be discussing WSD budget, Nutrition Program, fundraising, and more.

Sincerely,
Mr. Paulo Teixeira
Principal

Follow us on Instagram **@champlain_schoool_wsd**

Champlain is a PBIS school and we follow our 3 Beliefs:
We are Safe
We are Respectful,
We are Ready to Learn!

These beliefs help us to be a caring learning community by learning from our mistakes and reinforcing positive choices.

School Hours/Supervision of Students

8:50	1st Bell - Students line up on hard top
8:55	Students enter school
9:00	2nd Bell - School day begins
9:00 - 9:10	Morning Meetings
9:10 - 10:40	First Learning Block
10:40 - 10:55	Morning Nutrition Break
10:55 - 11:25	Morning Recess
11:25 - 12:55	Second Learning Block
1:00 - 1:55	Lunch hour
1:55	1st Bell - Students enter school
2:00 - 3:30	Third Learning Block
3:30	Dismissal

Playground supervision

The playground supervision in the morning only begins at 8:50am. Students may arrive at 8:30am for breakfast.



Playground supervision over the lunch hour is limited to lunch program students. If your child does not stay for lunch at school, please do not send them to play on the playground as there is no supervision. Please do not send your children before 1:55 PM.

After school, we clear the playground and ask that all children to "check in" with home before staying to play. Our desire is for all students to be safe.

WHY ARE PATROLS IMPORTANT?

Champlain Patrols...

- Help students get home safely
- Signal the cars to stop so students can cross the street safely
- Protect the students
- Are a visual signal to drivers that students are around
- Are role models who represent our school

Patrols can save lives!

Champlain patrols are safe, respectful and responsible



Students being street smart

Does your child know how to be **street smart**? It's something we talk about in our classrooms because the safety of our students is very important. It's also a good thing to talk about at home as a regular reminder for your child.

Being street smart means knowing how to keep safe from strangers when we're alone or with other kids. Walking to school, the bus, the playground or riding your bike in your neighborhood, being street smart helps you stay **safe**.

Our school takes it very seriously when a student reports a suspicious person. In most cases, a police report is made and, sometimes, police are able to quickly interview the "suspicious" person and determine that it was a misunderstanding. At other times, however, police are required to conduct a bigger investigation of a more serious threat. We will let you know if we make a report of a suspicious person to police on behalf of one of our students because we believe that an informed community is a safer community.

Parents are encouraged to go to the *winnipegsd.ca website and click on Parents – Safe Schools* to find a link called "Be Street Smart". Here you will find a list of topics to share with your child to help them be street smart and safe, including knowing:

Who are strangers?

Who needs to know where I am and why?

Why should I stick with a friend?

What are my safe spots?

What are the places that aren't safe for me?

What should I do if a stranger asks me for help?

Champlain School Code of Conduct

Input provided by:
Champlain staff, students and families



Who Am I ?

Peace
I will:

- accept others as they are and welcome everyone
- seek help and support for myself and others when needed
- work to resolve conflicts peacefully and contribute to a positive school environment

Land and Environmental Care
I will:

- recognize our school is on traditional Indigenous territories
- care for the land
- care for the land and environment and am aware of environmental issues

**Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be Ready to learn**

Online Safety
I will:

- adhere to the Winnipeg School Division online safety policy and am aware of digital and online safety strategies
- demonstrate responsibility, respect, and care in all my online and social media activities

Where do I come from?

Equity

I recognize that:

- each of us have different identities, strengths, abilities, and needs
- this school provides me with opportunities to enhance my strengths and abilities to meet my needs
- support and assistance is available to all

Rights and Responsibilities

I have the right to:

- ask for help and the responsibility to get help
- have the opportunities and desire to succeed
- make my own decisions and accept the consequences to those actions

Sharing and Respect
I understand that:

I share this school with students, staff, parents and community members from diverse backgrounds and social identities

- I am to respect students, staff, and all community members and I am worthy of their respects

Courage
I know:

- when and how to respectfully stand up for myself and others
- I must report wrongful acts such as: bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, assault, and words or actions motivated by hate, bias or discrimination

Truth
I know:

- how to be true to myself and others and to tell the truth
- that my actions can either have a positive or negative impact
- how to take responsibility for my own words, thoughts, and actions

Why am I here?



Champlain school follows the Winnipeg School Division's Code of Conduct for safe and caring schools.

Where am I going?

What You Can Do to Fight the Flu



1. Cover your coughs and sneezes.



2. Wash your hands a lot.



3. Get a flu shot.



4. Stay home and call your doctor if you are sick.



5. Go to the doctor or hospital right away if you get worse or have trouble breathing.

For more information about the flu, call Health Links-Info Santé at 788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257.



Cover Your Cough and Sneeze



- Cover your mouth and nose using your upper sleeve or elbow.

OR



- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue.
- Throw used tissue in the garbage.
- Wash your hands with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, hand sanitizer can be used.



Housing and I.D.

Resource Event

**February 12, 2026, 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.
R. B. Russell Vocational High School
364 Dufferin Avenue**

Winnipeg School Division and End Homelessness Winnipeg are hosting events to help our community members get income and housing supports they qualify for. Join us to receive on-site sign-up services and information on available resources for individuals and families.

To sign up for services you will need some ID such as:

- Manitoba Health Card
- Government Issued Photo ID
- Proof of Income/Option C
- Current Tenancy Agreement
- Direct Deposit/Banking Information
- EIA Budget Letter
- Proof of Status/Residency
- Completed Guarantor Form

If you are unsure of which documents you will need to bring, or if you require assistance in filling out forms please contact:

Kasia (Katarzyna) Guzzi
Community Support Program
Coordinator
kguzzi@wsd1.org
204-788-0203





Wahkohtowin

The process of becoming family/relatives

In the Cree language meaning the process of becoming family/relatives.

We could also use the word Kinship, beyond just human family, it also encompasses the interconnectedness of *all things—people, animals, plants, land, and spirit—within a shared web of existence*



On Friday, January 16

Champlain community came together for learning, fun and sharing together





I Love to Read Month



Feb. 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 No school	3 I love to read assembly	4	5 TiBert Storytelling Performance 2:15PM	6	7
Black History Week						
8	9 Guest Reader: Ngozi At Monday Morning Assembly	10 Guest readers at 11:30	11	12	13	14 HAPPY Valentine's DAY
Love & Kindness Week						
15	16 No School Louis Riel Day	17	18	19 Family read day 2:30 - 3:30	20	21
French & Metis Cultural Week						
22	23 Wear a shirt with words Guest Reader: Dr. Izabella	24 Character day - design a mask at school Guest Reader: Francis Sinclair-Kaspick	25 PINK SHIRT DAY	26 We read all month. Wear red!	27 PJ / Comfy clothes day	28
Diversity & Inclusion Week						

Stop, Drop & Read all month long!



Monday February 23	Tuesday February 24	Wednesday February 25	Thursday February 26	Friday February 27
Wear a shirt with words 	Character Day - Create a mask at school 	PINK SHIRT DAY 	We read all month. Wear red! 	PJ/Comfy clothes day

Alternate recess activities

Champlain students have alternate indoor recess options

Students check-in with their teachers daily



	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
Gym	Sports Club-Mr. Law			Pokemon Club - Mr. Law	volleyball/basketball- Ms. Celestino	
MPR	KARAOKE/CHOIR- Ms. ESTHER		DANCE-ESTHER		CLOSED	
Library		Colouring Club- Ms. Celestino		Drawing- Ms. Black (any grade)	Book/Reading Club - Ms. Mira (any grade)	Drawing- Ms. Black (any grade)
other	Yarn Weaving Club - Ms. Carvalho (Any grade) in Room 215		Lord of the Rings/Hobbit Club Room 212 (grades 3 and up) Mr. Eccles Reading Club Ms. Siller Any grade (207)			



Coloring Club



Champlain Library



The library is a welcoming space where learning and imagination grow.

Each class has a library session in every school cycle usually. Students love coming to the library to explore books and enjoy reading.



They discover new stories, share favorite books with friends, and practice their reading skills. They learn how to use the library space, and when they need help finding their favorite books, the librarian is always ready to help.

We are excited to see such great readers!



PARENT ROOM

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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2	3 Journal with us. 10am. in the MPR	4	5 Parent Council meeting @ 10am in the MPR	6	7	8
9	Womens Sharing Circle with Ms. Stephanie. 10am.	10	11 Journal check in 9 Parent Chat 10am. BEHAVOUR	12	13 Journal check in 9 Parent Chat 10am PARENTv CHILD conversations.	14 15
16	NO SCHOOL	17	18 READ READ READ -bookmaking day. Come check it out in the MPR 10am.	19	20	21 22
23	24	25	26 Journal check in	27	28	

February in the Parent Spaces @ Champlain School.



Journal together throughout the month. All materials will be provided.

Journaling for mental health improves well-being by reducing stress, managing anxiety, and coping with depression through emotional release and increased self-awareness. By consistently recording thoughts and feelings, individuals can identify triggers, process emotions, and cultivate positive thinking.

Feb. 3rd – 11th – 13th – 26th

Women's Sharing Circle with Ms. Stephanie.....Feb. 9th

Sharing circle for women with a focus on Self Love/Self Care, connect and share. Please sign up to join us as we explore together how we can be our best. Self-care boosts resilience, allowing you to function better and show up more fully for others.

Parenting chat for all parents and caregivers

Parenting doesn't come with a how to guide... let's help each other out as we discuss our tips tricks and trials that come along with parenting. (10 am start time)

Feb. 11th ~~ Topic is Behaviour

Feb. 13th ~~Topic is Adult conversations v.s. Child conversations

Feb. 26th ~~Self reflection ~ Future parenting goals.



Day	Date	Item
5	Monday, January 5	First day back from winter break
6	Tuesday, January 6	Common Area Training
4	Monday, January 12	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
1	Monday, February 2	PD day non-instructional day
6	Monday, February 9	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
	Monday, February 16	Louis-Riel Day – No School
1	Thursday, February 19	Celebration of Learning – 5 to 7pm
2	Monday, March 2	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
6	Monday, March 16	Report cards go home
3	Thursday, March 19	Student-led conferences evening – 4:00 to 7:30 pm
4	Friday, March 20	Student-led conferences non-instructional day
3	Friday, March 27	Last day before spring break
4	Monday, April 6	First day back from spring break
5	Tuesday, April 7	Common Area Training
4	Tuesday, April 14	Bus Ridership
2	Friday, April 10	PD Day non-instructional day
3	Monday, April 13	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
5	Thursday, April 23	Family Night – 5 to 7pm
4	Thursday, April 30	Spring Photos
6	Monday, May 4	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
4	Friday, May 8	PD Day non-instructional day
	Monday, May 18	Victoria Day – No School
6	Thursday, May 21	Celebration of Learning – 5 to 7pm
1	Monday, June 1	Staff Meeting – 3:40pm
3	Thursday, June 11	Community Year End Gathering – 5 to 7pm
5	Monday June, 15	Admin Day non-instructional day
5	Tuesday, June 23	Grade 6 Farewell 11:00am
4	Tuesday, June 30	Last day of school – 11:30am dismissal

February 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Day 1 Non-Instructional Day No Classes 	3 Day 2	4 Day 3	5 Day 4	6 Day 5
9 Day 6 Staff Meeting - 3:40pm 	10 Day 1	11 Day 2	12 Day 3	13 Day 4
16 Louis Riel Day No School 	17 Day 5	18 Day 6	19 Day 1  Family Read 2:30-3:30pm	20 Day 2
23 Day 3	24 Day 4	25 Day 5	26 Day 6	27 Day 1 

Looking ahead.....

Monday, March 2 *Staff Meeting (3:40pm)*
 Monday, March 16 *Report Cards go Home*
 Thursday, March 19 *Student-led Conferences Evening 4:00 to 7:30 pm*
 Friday, March 20 *Student-led Conferences - Non-Instructional day*
 Friday, March 27 *Last day before Spring Break*