

# CHAMPLAIN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2023



### STAFF 2022-23

**Principal** Mr. Paulo Teixeira  
**Secretary** Ms. Shelley Brezinsky

#### Classroom Teachers

Nursery/Kindergarten	Ms. Hughes
Grade 1	Ms. Rempel
Grade 1/2	Ms. Samson
Grade 2/3	Ms. Husarewycz
Grade 3	Ms. Hermann
Grade 4	Mr. Eccles
Grade 4/5	Ms. Bedard
Grade 5/6	Mr. Clearwater
Grade 6	Ms. Siller

#### Support Staff

Phys Ed	Mr. Law
Computer/Library	Ms. Olver
Resource/IERT	Mrs. Mira
Resource/IERT	Ms. Mancusi
Guidance	Mr. Claassen
Performing Arts	Mr. Shymko
Literacy Support	Ms. Grant

#### Educational Assistants

Ms. Johnson	Ms. Starr
Ms. Pollock	Ms. Giroux
Ms. Kopychanski	Ms. Benjamin
Ms. Mlodzinski	Ms. Ramalloza
Ms. Dinglasan	Ms. Minenko
Ms. Thomson	Ms. Stewart

#### Clinical Support Services

Area Support Director	Ms. Johnson
Reading Clinician	Ms. Normandean
School Social Work	Ms. Mcrae
School Psychologist	Ms. Holt
Speech-Language Pathologist	Ms. Peterson

#### School Support Worker

Ms. Thomson

#### Custodial Staff

Mr. Kreger - Days  
Mr. Barry—Evenings  
Ms. Mendes—cleaner

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*"A safe and caring learning community"*  
*Where Everyone Counts!*

Dear Champlain families,

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a peaceful holiday season and is excited to be back at school. January to March is a great time to re-establish learning goals and classroom expectations. Getting back into routine of sleep, regular meals and a regular learning cycle can be a challenge. We continue to support our students as they adjust post holidays.

As we set targets for student learning, everyone is reminded of the importance regular daily attendance. Gains in reading, writing, mathematics and social emotional development are made when students attend regularly. If your family needs support with regular attendance, please contact Mr. Claassen at the school.

Thanks to the Winter Concert committee and all the other staff and students that helped prepare for the event. We are so proud of all your hard work! A special thanks to parents, extended family members, guardians and friends that came out to support our students, we appreciate your cheerleading!

Other school events in December included: the Santa Breakfast, Grandmother's breakfast, and spirit week. All of these events were a great way for students, families and staff to celebrate together. We would like to honour our volunteers that coordinated these events and look forward to further more to come.

As winter weather takes hold, we remind everyone to dress in layers, bring toques, warm jackets, boots, and mittens. If your child needs access to warm clothing, please connect with our School Community Support Worker, Ms. Elizabeth.

Swimming Counts begins this month with an inschool presentation on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Our grade 4 students will be travelling to Bonivital Pool three times this winter to participate in water safety lessons.

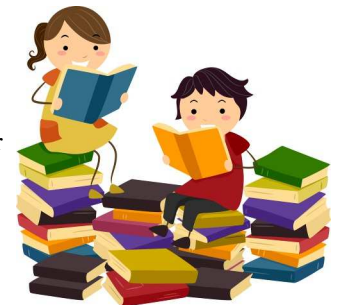
We welcome Ms. Hermann, our new new teacher in rm 215. She began on January 5th, 2023. Ms. Grant will be working as a Literacy Support teacher until June 30th, 2023. Congratulation to both teachers on their new positions.

This month, our Safe and Caring committee will begin our learning on Generosity. We will start off with an assembly and present the initiative to create care packages. More information to come.

**Champlain School Breakfast Program.** All students are welcome to join us for breakfast! It is a free program starting at 8:30 every school day. Hot Breakfast will be served until 8:50. For those arriving later than 8:50, a grab and go breakfast will be provided. Please do not send your child before 8:30 as there is no supervision on the playground.

The next **Parent Council meeting is at 10am on Wednesday, January 18th, 2023** in the parent room. There will be coffee, snacks and prizes. Come join us! RSVP by calling school or email [ethomson@wsd1.org](mailto:ethomson@wsd1.org) or email [champlainparentcouncil204@gmail.com](mailto:champlainparentcouncil204@gmail.com)

*Kindly,*  
Mr. Paulo Teixeira  
Principal



## School Hours/Supervision of Students

8:50	1 <sup>st</sup> Bell - Students line up on hard top
8:55	Students enter school
9:00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bell - Announcements, School begins
10:15	Individual Gr 1-6 Classroom Recesses
11:30	N/K (a.m.) - dismissal
12:00	Lunch hour dismissal
12:55	1 <sup>st</sup> Bell - Students enter school
1:00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bell - Afternoon classes begin
2:15	All Grade 1-6 Classrooms recess
3:30	Dismissal

## Champlain School

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### LUNCH PROGRAM

Parent council run lunch program is in place to ensure our students have a safe place to eat their lunch during the school year. We would like to thank all families for making the effort to pay their lunch fees in a timely manner this month. Thank you for your support. Champlain Parent Council.

## Road safety



## ATTENTION

### PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Drop-off and pick-up at school has been busy. Please drive slowly through the back lane or park on the street.

THANK YOU

## 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

## Playground supervision

The 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 12:55 PM as they are asked to sit on a bench until the bell rings. If you would like your child to play on the field or play structure over the lunch hour, you are welcome to come with them and supervise.

After school, we clear the playground and ask that all children go home or to the place you have designated for them in order to “check in” with an adult. Our desire is for all students to be safe.

Let’s remember our three beliefs.

**Be Safe**  
**Be Respectful**  
**Be Ready to Learn**



## 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 [winnipeg.ca](http://winnipeg.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?



We’re proud to work with you in keeping our community and children safe!

## Safe Arrival call back system.

Reporting your child's absence? Make sure you call our Safe Arrival line  
If you have already activated an account you must make the following changes

If your child is ill, or you know your child will be away for various reasons, you ***must*** report it by 9:00 AM through our automated system. There are various ways to do this:

1. call into an automated interactive telephone system via a toll free number (1-855-278-4513),
2. use the School Messenger app
3. through the Safe Arrival website.

Safe Arrival web site for parents to report absences will be [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca). \*\*\*  
 The toll free number for parents to report absences will remain as 1-855-278-4513.

The system will be available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week, but you must report the absence by 9:00 AM. Future absences can be reported at any time.

By reporting your child absent in advance using SafeArrival, you will NOT receive a call.

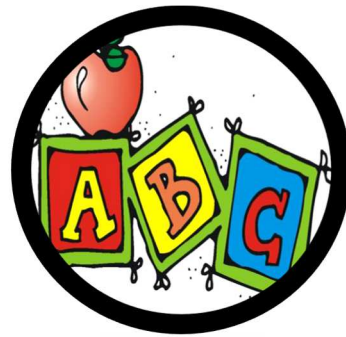
Please remember, you MUST wait until the end of the call to get your confirmation number, or the system will call you.

### Winnipeg School Division Cold Weather Guidelines



Here are some guidelines in order to help you during the winter season when your child is getting ready for school. Check the wind chill before going outdoors in the winter, and individuals are to make sure they are well prepared for the weather. Even moderate wind chill values can be dangerous if individuals are outside for long periods.

<u>Wind Chill</u>	<u>Risk of Frostbite</u>	<u>Other Health concerns</u>	<u>What to Do</u>
0-9	LOW	Slight increase in discomfort	Dress warmly, with the outside temperature in mind Stay dry.
-10 to -2	LOW	Uncomfortable Risk of hypothermia if outside for long periods without adequate protection.	Dress in layers of warm clothing with an outer layer that is wind resistant. <b>Wear a hat, mittens or insulated gloves, a scarf or neck warmer and waterproof footwear</b>
<b>-28-39</b> <b>INDOOR RECESS</b>	<b>RISK: Exposed skin can freeze in 10-30 minutes.</b>	Risk of frostbite Risk of hypothermia	Dress in layers of warm clothing with an outer layer that is wind resistant. <b>Wear a hat, mittens or insulated gloves, a scarf or neck warmer and waterproof footwear. Stay active.</b>
<b>-40-47</b> <b>INDOOR RECESS</b>	<b>HIGH RISK: exposed skin can freeze in 5-10 minutes</b>	High risk of frostbite. Risk of hypothermia is outside for long periods of time without adequate clothing or shelter.	Dress in layers of warm clothing with an outer layer that is wind resistant. <b>Wear a hat, mittens or insulated gloves, a scarf or neck warmer and waterproof footwear. Stay active. Cover all exposed skin.</b>



Thank you to the Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba for their generous donation and thank you to Ms. Meriam and Ms. Elizabeth for preparing it for us, making sure we are able to enjoy it each day!



### **NURSERY/KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

***Just a reminder, registrations for Nursery and Kindergarten for 2022-23 school year are available at the office.***

***If your child was born in 2018, you may register them for Nursery.***

***If your child was born in 2017, then you may register them for Kindergarten.***

***Winnipeg School Division offers Nursery School free of charge to all residents of the Winnipeg School Division.***

***Residency is determined by where the parent/legal guardian lives. We will require a copy of your Manitoba Health card with your current address along with either a property tax bill, Child tax credit assessment, or tenant/rental agreement. Also, please make sure you provide a birth certificate for your child.***



## WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

November 28, 2022

Dear Parent or Caregiver:

On November 22, Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's Chief Public Health Officer, and Dr. Elisabete Doyle, head of pediatric medicine at HSC's Children's Hospital, held a town hall to talk about the high number of RSV and influenza A among children.

We are providing some excerpts from the town hall below to help you be informed and give you support if your child is experiencing illness this winter.

### **How can I protect my child this flu season?**

**Dr. Roussin:** There are multiple layers that we can take to protect ourselves. You can make sure vaccines are up to date, stay home when ill, wash your hands, proper cough hygiene (cough or sneeze into your elbow), and you can wear a mask in indoor public places.

### **When should my child be vaccinated?**

**Dr. Roussin:** People should get vaccinated (for COVID 19 or Influenza) as soon as possible and, if they are sick, wait to recover and then talk to your health-care provider about the best course of action.

### **When should my child stay home from school or daycare?**

**Dr. Roussin:** As soon as symptoms develop, children should be staying home. If it's a respiratory virus that we have no diagnosis for, then children should stay home until they are improving, which means no fever, and other symptoms clearly improving for a couple of days.

Specifically for COVID, people should wait for at least five days after testing positive or the onset of symptoms before returning to school or daycare.

### **When should I take my child to the hospital?**

**Dr. Doyle:** Anytime you see your child having difficulty breathing, so that may mean your child's nostrils are flaring, they may be sucking in between their ribs, they may be engaging their tummy muscles. If their colour is poor, if they're having pauses in breathing, especially with young infants, that's a reason to go to the emergency department.

In addition, if your child isn't drinking enough, if they are sleepy and won't wake up and if an infant less than three months old has a fever, those are also reasons to go to the ER.

### **My child has a high fever, what should I do?**

**Dr. Doyle:** There are many ways to manage a fever, such as giving them fluids and running a fan to cool down the child. Unless the child is an infant under three months, a high fever shouldn't be a reason to go to the ER. It may be difficult to find children's medication for fever due to the supply chain issues. Parents can take their adult medication like Tylenol and ibuprofen to a pharmacist and they can properly divide it up into the right dose for children.

If you have questions about your child's health you can find more information on the Sharedhealth website: <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/patient-care/where-to-go/children-and-teens/> or you can call Health Links at 204-788-8200.

We hope you have found this information to be helpful and wish you and your family the best of health this winter season.

# CREATIVE CLUB



October saw the start of Creative Club. On Fridays, during the lunch hour, Room 209 was transformed into a flurry of students creating various forms of art. This group was led by the 7 teacher candidates who are doing their placement at Champlain this year.

For grade 1's, 2's, and 3's, the club ran for 5 weeks. Some activities that students participated in were creating leaves for a tree, meeting Mr. Brown, drawing, movement, and watching a magic show. The crafts turned out beautiful and it was wonderful to watch the students enjoy and express themselves through their creativity. We have all enjoyed having the primary students be a part of Creative Club. The primaries had their last club on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

We have transitioned to leading it for the grade 4's, 5's, and 6's. While there has only been one club for this group so far, we are excited to spend our Fridays, until February 10<sup>th</sup>, exploring various forms of creativity with them.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in and supported Creative Club.





# Winter Concert

The Winter Concert Committee would like to thank the students and staff for all their hard work leading up to the winter concert! We are very proud of the dedication and commitment the students showed during their practices and rehearsals for both singing and acting. It was truly a team effort that made the “**Story of Rainbow Crow**” such an entertaining success after missing the last two years of concerts. We would also like to thank the families and friends for supporting the students with an appreciative and enthusiastic packed house! All the best in the New Year!

The Winter Concert Committee:  
Mr. Eccles, Ms. Sampson, Mr. Shymko



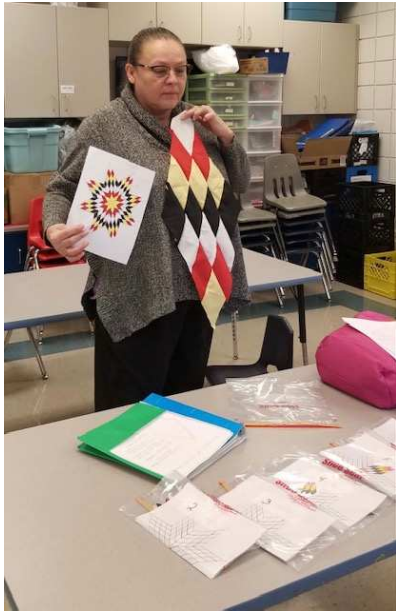


# Grandmother's breakfast



# Breakfast with Santa





# Parent Room



**CHAMPLAIN SCHOOL  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>
	Thursday, December 22, 2022— Wednesday, January 4, 2023	Winter Break — No Classes
3	Thursday, January 5, 2023	First Day back from Winter Break
6	Friday, February 3, 2023	Non-Instructional Day-No Classes
	Monday, February 20, 2023	Louis Riel Day—No Classes
5	<b>Tuesday, February 21, 2023</b>	<b>Celebration of Learning—5 P.M.</b>
1	Monday, March 13, 2023	Report cards go home
4	Thursday, March 16, 2023	Student-led conferences (4:30-8P.M.)
5	Friday, March 17, 2023	Student-led conferences Non-Instructional Day—No Classes
4	Friday, March 24, 2023	Last Day of Classes before Spring Break
	Monday, March 27-Friday, March 31, 2023	Spring Break—No Classes
5	Monday, April 3, 2023	School Reopens after Spring Break
	Friday, April 7, 2023	Good Friday—No Classes
1	Friday, April 14, 2023	Non-Instructional Day—No Classes
5	<b>Thursday, April 20, 2023</b>	<b>Celebration of Learning—5 P.M.</b>
6	Monday, May 1, 2023	Non-Instructional Day—No Classes
	Monday, May 22, 2023	Victoria Day—No Classes
4	<b>Wednesday, May 24, 2023</b>	<b>Celebration of Learning — 5 P.M.</b>
6	Monday, June 5, 2023	Non-Instructional Day — No Classes
2	<b>Thursday, June 15, 2023</b>	<b>End of year celebration feast—5 P.M.</b>
5	Wednesday, June 28, 2023	Grade 6 Farewell—1:15 P.M.
1	Friday, June 30, 2023	Last Day of Classes - Classes dismissed at 11:30AM

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>W i n t e r B r e a k</i>			<b>5</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 3</span>  <i>First Day of Classes after Winter Break</i>	<b>6</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 4</span>
<b>9</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 5</span>	<b>10</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span>	<b>11</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 1</span>	<b>12</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 2</span>  <i>Swimming Counts Presentation</i>	<b>13</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 3</span>
<b>16</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 4</span>	<b>17</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 5</span>  <i>Swimming Counts lesson</i>	<b>18</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span>  <i>Parent Council Meeting 10:00 am</i>	<b>19</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 1</span>	<b>20</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 2</span>
<b>23</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 3</span>	<b>24</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 4</span>  <i>Swimming Counts lesson</i>	<b>25</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 5</span>	<b>26</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span>	<b>27</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 1</span>
<b>30</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 2</span>	<b>31</b> <span style="float: right;">Day 3</span>  <i>Swimming Counts lesson</i>			

### ***Looking ahead.....***

*Thursday, January 5 . . . . . First Day of Classes after Winter Break*  
*Friday, February 3 . . . . . Non-Instructional Day / No Classes*  
*Monday, February 20 . . . . . Louis Riel Day / No Classes*  
*Monday, March 13 . . . . . Report Cards go home*  
*Thursday, March 16 . . . . . Student-led conferences 4:30-7PM*  
*Friday, March 17 . . . . . Student-led conferences/ No Classes*  
*Tuesday, April 11th, . . . . . Spring Photos Day*